



COE News Roundup

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Two SCCOE programs garner Golden Bells

The SCCOE's Champions for Leadership program and Seal of Biliteracy and Pathway Awards Initiative have been chosen as two of this year's recipients of the prestigious Golden Bell Award. Presented by the California School Boards Association (CSBA), this award recognizes public school programs that focus on meeting the needs of all students, are innovative and sustainable, and have made a demonstrated difference in the classroom.

CFL is a leadership development program that matches staff with a mentor and professional development opportunities to deepen the impact of their work at the SCCOE, including a capstone project.

The Seal of Biliteracy and Pathway Awards Initiative encourages students to adopt a second language by presenting Pathway Awards to fifth-, sixth- and eighth-grade students who have made exceptional progress towards fluency, and the Seal of Biliteracy to graduating seniors who prove themselves functionally "biliterate."

"The Golden Bell Award is a worthy honor for both of these remarkable programs," said Superintendent Gundry. "They each represent great examples of our ongoing efforts... to ensure that our educators and students are among the best-served in the nation. I am tremendously proud of the efforts of our staff."

Both of the SCCOE's honorees will receive their awards at a recognition ceremony to be held on

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SCCOE represented in China

Hats off to SCCOE Science Coordinator Sandra Yellenberg, who recently returned from presenting with the Silicon Valley Corps of Science Educators in China. Sandi was selected for the program due to her leadership in the local STEAM education community, and she along with two teachers from Alum Rock SD traveled abroad to present at a special three day conference about American innovations in STEM and to see the sights.

While in China, Sandi visited school sites within the Haidian District, delivered two model lessons, and spoke on topics including virtual classrooms, STEM extracurricular opportunities, multimedia in the STEM classroom and effective assessment.

Sandi is the second member of the Curriculum & Instruction team to have been invited to speak abroad after Director Melissa Christie presented at a conference in the Philippines.

As a result of Sandi's successful trip, event organizers are currently planning an exchange opportunity for up to 200 Chinese students to visit Santa Clara County schools for a few days, and potentially participate in a

Tuesday, Dec. 16 at the CSBA's Annual Education Conference in San Francisco and will be honored by our Board of Education at the Dec. 10 meeting.



Inclusion Collaborative State Conference a success

The first annual [Inclusion Collaborative](#) State Conference hosted by the SCCOE and supported by the [California Department of Education's \(CDE\) Special Education Division](#) was held on Oct. 23 and 24. More than 260 individuals have attended the two-day conference held at the SCCOE's central office.

Nationally-recognized experts in the fields of special education and inclusion presented over the two day event, focusing on inclusive practices in the programs and communities of those involved in the care and education of children from birth to age 8 with and without disabilities.

Twenty-five virtual sites around the state also tuned in to connect with and learn from their peers during the course of the conference.

In addition to supporting the work of this signature program through this first of its kind conference, the CDE has also selected the Inclusion Collaborative to serve as a statewide technical assistance center for inclusionary practices, supporting districts in the expansion of inclusive programs, schools and communities.



Nominate the next Employee of the Month!

Do you have a coworker who turns ordinary service into extraordinary service? Who goes above and beyond their job duties to advance the goals of the SCCOE? Then don't wait another minute to nominate them as an Employee of the Month (EOM) today.

Log into the [Intranet](#) and submit the EOM nomination form located under My Input on the right side of the screen. The COE recognizes 10 employees each year

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Know your numbers and earn up to 3,300 Vitality points!

Knowing your health numbers is critical to maintaining health and preventing illness. Understand what your numbers say about your health, and what you can do about it.

Check the location and schedule for a [complimentary health screening](#) (Vitality Check) and learn about your most significant health indicators: total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and body mass index. This is a quick, confidential screening administered by BaySport Inc. and provided by the SCCOE. You don't even need to fast beforehand!

Staff will earn between 500 and 3,300 [Vitality Points](#) for completing a screening. Email wellness@sccoe.org for an appointment or contact [Tricia Zamora](#), Employee Wellness Specialist, at ext. 3616 for more information.



 **Don't forget to vote!** 

Election Day is upon us! If you haven't already, be sure to get out and exercise that franchise before polls close at 8 p.m. Not sure where to go? [Find your polling place.](#)



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