



SCCSBA May 2023 Newsletter

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SCCSBA President's Message - Bridget Watson

Hello Everyone,

Happy May! Testing is (hopefully) (mostly) over, and the awards, recognitions, and appreciations, as well as the countdown to promotions and graduations, have begun! Many of our campuses are holding open houses, field days, art shows, musical performances, and community events, and it's exciting and fun to see students, families, teachers, staff along with so much joy and celebration.

Thank you to everyone who attended our 39th Annual Glenn Hoffmann Awards at MetroEd last week! We had over 120 people attend to honor our outstanding Santa Clara programs this year. Special thanks to Isabel Jubes-Flamerich (Sunnyvale), Hoffmann Awards Chair and Jessica Speiser (Los Altos), Dinner Chair for this wonderful red carpet event. Thanks also to Bonnie Mace, our Executive Director, for all the behind-the-scenes work - event sign up, historian, nametags, and order of go! We'd also like to offer a huge thank you to Lindsey Wong from the Santa Clara County Office of Education to thank him for the amazing program videos. Finally, a shout-out to our sponsors and partners, and the students, teachers and staff at MetroEd for being such gracious hosts.

If you haven't been a reader for the Hoffmann's before, I encourage you to join the team for next year. It is not a huge time commitment, and you can review innovative, replicable, high-impact programs happening right here in our county! After we determine the finalists, the Hoffmann team forms small groups to visit one or two finalist sites each - and the experience is super engaging and thought-provoking. To get an idea of the programs honored over the past several years, the Hoffmann award program videos are posted on the SCCSBA website at sccoe.org/sccsba. Look/ listen for the all-call for readers in the fall!

Delegate Assembly is this coming weekend. This Spring-in-Sacramento gathering is an opportunity for our 12 delegates plus our Regional Director Devon Conley (Mountain View Whisman School District), our Director-At-Large Sylvia Leong (Cupertino), and our CSBA President Elect Albert Gonzalez (Santa Clara Unified) to bring our Santa Clara County perspectives, concerns, needs, and strengths to the state level at CSBA. The team will report out to our region after the weekend-long meeting.

A few weeks ago, Santa Clara County sent a relatively large federal advocacy delegation to Washington DC to participate in Coast2Coast with CSBA and ACSA. Attendees were:

Fremont Union HSD: Graham Clark (superintendent), Rosa Kim, Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto; **Los Altos SD:** Sandra McGonagle (superintendent), Jessica Speiser, Vaishali Sirkay; **Los Gatos Saratoga Union HSD:** Theresa Bond, **Luther Burbank SD:** Jesus Salazar; **Milpitas Unified:** Cheryl Jordan (superintendent), Minh Ngo, Chris Norwood; **Morgan Hill Unified:** John Horner, Adam Escoto; **Sunnyvale SD:** Eileen Le, Michelle Maginot

Thank you to Theresa Bond (Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District) for the brief summary of activities from this informative and inspiring trip, and thank you to everyone for your advocacy work!

Our last zoom lunch-and-learn with Dr. Dewan is this Thursday, May 18th at noon on zoom. Look for an invite from Bonnie Mace. Many trustees have found Dr. Dewan's news briefs - and the opportunity to connect with other trustees for a few minutes afterwards- helpful, so we are planning to continue these meetings next year. We will send out dates in the fall as we can secure them with her office.

I'm wishing you all the best in these last few weeks before summer - have an excellent time celebrating the end of this year and getting ready for next year with your students, families, and community!

Wishing you all the best,
Bridget

CSBA Spotlight (csba.org)

May Revision: What it means for K-12 education

Gov. Gavin Newsom's May Budget Revision, released on May 12, reveals a budget shortfall that has grown by \$9.5 billion from the Governor's proposed January Budget to \$31.5 billion. The Governor's proposal attempts to insulate schools from the fallout by protecting recent investments and providing an 8.22 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), which is appreciated. This seemingly good news is dampened by the \$4.3 billion in cuts to critical one-time grant programs that threatens to overshadow the \$3.4 billion COLA increase in the coming 2023–24 school year.

"As the budget process advances, CSBA will continue to advocate for restoration of this critical funding, as well as additional resources for academic interventions, supplemental services, mental health supports and infrastructure to help students rebound from the pandemic," said CSBA President Susan Markarian.

Read CSBA President Susan Markarian's full [statement](#) on the May Budget Revision.

CSBA's Governmental Relations team held a webinar on May 12 analyzing the May Budget Revision. A recording is available to view [here](#).

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Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Proceeds From the 10th Annual Lam Research Heart and Soles Run Support Youth Health and Wellness

On May 6, 2023, the 10th Annual Lam Research Heart and Soles Run recognized the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) as one of the beneficiaries. Over 2000 participants joined the annual 5K/10K race, helping raise funds for local youth health and wellness programs provided by the YMCA of Silicon Valley, the Boys and Girls Club of Silicon Valley, and the SCCOE.

With a team of 65 group members, the SCCOE won first place in the large companies category of this year's Heart and Soles Corporate Challenge. The corporate team included SCCOE employees, their family members, and students served through SCCOE programs.

"We are extremely grateful to be a beneficiary, so we can continue our work to expand wellness centers and mental health and wellness resources for students throughout Santa Clara County," said Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan.

A decade ago, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group Foundation in partnership with the SCCOE, the South Bay Labor Council, and the SJSV Chamber of Commerce, created the run/walk event to benefit children's health and wellness. In 2014 Lam Research lent its support as the Multi-Year Title Sponsor, naming the race "Lam Research Heart & Soles Run." Since then, the race has raised over \$800,000, benefiting organizations through funding for exercise programs, physical activity equipment, and mental health resources.

Funding from the Heart and Soles run will assist with the development and expansion of wellness centers throughout Santa Clara County. School wellness centers provide safe and supportive environments where students can connect with wellness staff. The wellness centers offer several opportunities for students to engage in group, individual, and family activities that support discussion on depression, grief, self-esteem, family life, stress, dating violence, sexual identity, and other health and wellness matters.

To learn more about the SCCOE Youth Health and Wellness and school wellness centers, visit <https://www.sccoe.org/yhw/wellness/Pages/default.aspx>.

School District Highlights

Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District

Los Gatos and Saratoga High School Students Honored as 2023 National and Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Award Winners



Four students from Los Gatos and Saratoga High Schools were among these select recipients to be honored as the 2023 National Scholastic Art & Writing Award Winners. With more than 400,000 teen entries from across the United States and Canada, this competition is hailed as the country's longest-running and most prestigious scholarship and recognition program for creative students in grades 7-12 in categories, including architecture, painting, flash fiction, poetry, printmaking, science fiction & fantasy, and more.

In addition, Samika Agarwal, a Senior at Saratoga High School was awarded the American Visions Medal for her photographic piece, "A Moment in Time," and Ashir Rao, a Junior at Los Gatos High School was awarded the American Voices Medal for his written work, "New APs Announced!". Both medals are only given to one nominee from each of the competition's regions.

Milpitas Unified School District

Milpitas HS students compete in national speech competition



Milpitas High School siblings Natalie (senior) and Ashton Chen (sophomore) competed at DECA's International Career and Development Conference along with the top 5 student competitors in each state for a variety of events.

Natalie Chen won second place in the national competition among more than 400 of the best competitors from every state in her event, Restaurant Food and Services Management, where participants were challenged to perform marketing and management functions and tasks in a full-service restaurant or a food-service business.

MetroEd

SVCTE Students Receive County, State Recognitions

There is no shortage of exceptional students at Metropolitan Education District (MetroED), which is evident in the many recognitions they garner throughout the year. We are proud to highlight the following individuals for their recent accomplishments:

Caleb Barefield

Each year, the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) recognizes 19 pre-K to adult students, one from each geographic region, for overcoming the odds and achieving success through the [Every Student Succeeding Program](#). [Silicon Valley Career Technical Education \(SVCTE\)](#) Culinary student

Caleb Barefield from Santa Teresa High School in [East Side Union High School District](#) received this recognition, and was celebrated at the Region 8 ACSA Awards dinner in April. He will also be honored in November at the Leadership Summit in Sacramento.

Quang Tang

The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department recently announced [Silicon Valley Career Technical Education \(SVCTE\) Film and Video Production](#) student Quang Tang from Piedmont High School in [East Side Union High School District](#) as the second place winner for their [2023 Viral Video Contest](#), in which high school students from across the county created original videos to educate their peers about safer sexual behavior, healthy relationships, and stigma about sexually transmitted infections (STIs). [Watch his video now](#). [Read more](#)



Cambrian School District

Price Middle School Wins Project Cornerstone Award

Cambrian School District's Price Middle School is the recipient of the 2023 Project Cornerstone Asset Champions Award in the Caring Middle School category. The award recognizes hard working, passionate and compassionate staff who consistently find ways to connect with their students socially, emotionally, and academically.

"I love Middle School students — I love their passion for justice, their quirky sense of humor, and their mercurial minds," said Price Principal Margaret Lavin. "It is truly a remarkable school full of positive, caring adults and young adults." Special thanks Angela Kochiyama, 6th and 8th grade math teacher and PBIS team leader, Jenn Dodge, 7th grade social studies teacher and leadership and yearbook teacher. Their contributions have improved the campus climate so middle schoolers can thrive.

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