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Special 2015 Post State Conference Edition

APRIL 24, 2015 – CONFERENCE DAY 3

The Editors of the CASCWA Intercom are pleased to bring to you this edition. We especially wish to thank CASCWA's "Bay Section" who made the 2015 State Conference a success!

In this edition you will find:

This edition contains a pictorial record of the third day of the 2015 CASCWA State Conference in Napa, California. They say a picture is worth a thousand words. If you attended the conference, this edition will bring back memories of time well spent. The goal of CASCWA's State Conferences is to bring important information to the professionals in the fields of student services. This year's conference truly delivered and was highly successful!

Southern Section is busy putting together the the plans for our April 2016 State Conference. A save the date flyer and call for presenters can be found on the CASCWA website:

PLEASE VISIT CASCWA'S WEBSITE AT WWW.CASCWA.ORG

Friday, April 24, 2015

General Session : 8:30 – 11:00

Silverado Ballroom

KEYNOTE

Jill Habig

Ms. Habig is a Special Assistant Attorney General in the Executive Office of California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris. As a member of the office's senior staff, she advises the Attorney General on key legal issues and policy initiatives. Her work emphasizes consumer fraud, health, education, human trafficking and civil rights, including issues related to gender and LGBT rights. Ms. Habig was previously a Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School and served on the Affirmative Litigation Task Force at the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, where she worked on the landmark trial challenging Proposition 8. Ms. Habig earned her J.D. from Yale Law School and her B.A. from Georgetown University.

Dramatic Presentation

New Conservatory Theatre / Youth Aware Education

A dramatic presentation of "Dis/Connected" is part of the theatre's Youth Aware Program presented at schools throughout Northern California. "Dis/Connected" looks at the dynamics of friendship, peer pressure, diversity, bullying and growing up in this highly technological age we live in. Is being connected really communicating with one another?

A BIG THANKS TO THE BAY SECTION CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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IN MEMORIAM

Frank Valadez

June 6, 1944 - October 26, 2014

Frank Valadez, a true child advocate and wonderful man, served the Gilroy community for 30 years as a counselor at Gilroy High School. A long-time CASCWA member, Frank served as Bay Section President and served on State SARB. He will be truly missed.

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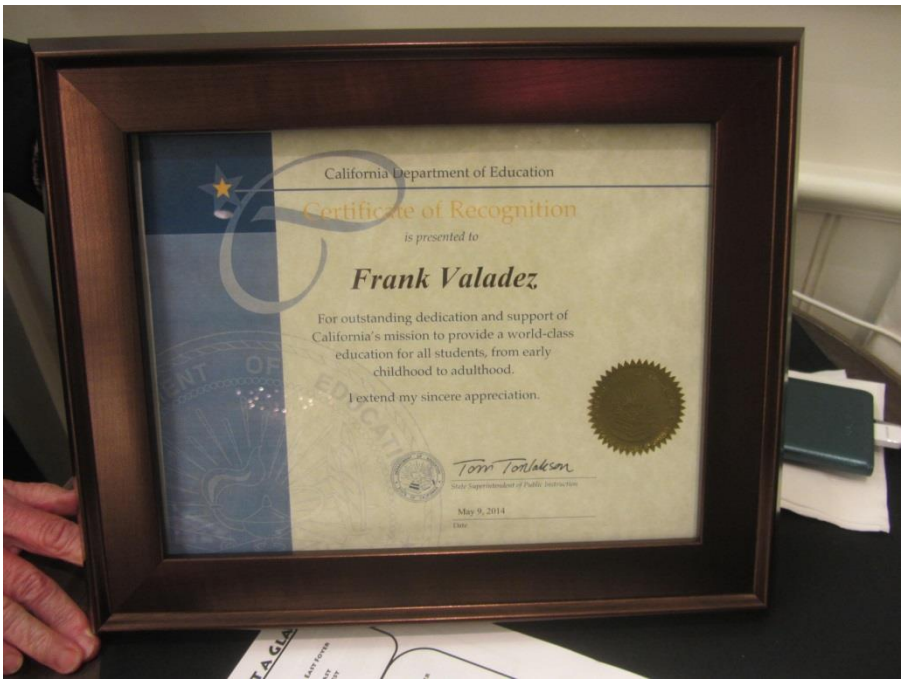
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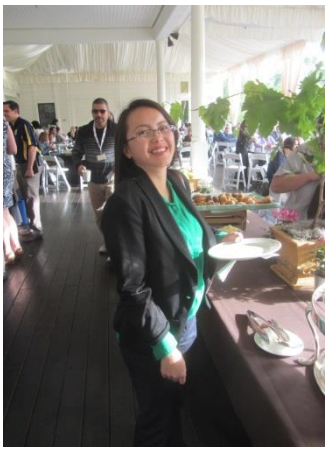
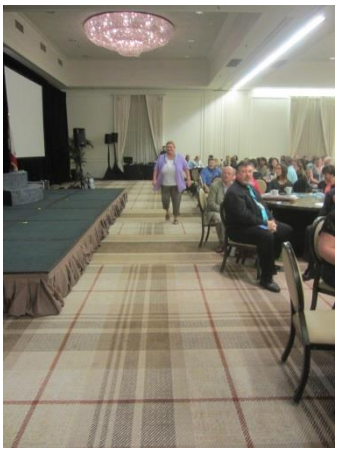
Certificate of Recognition
is presented to
Frank Valadez
For outstanding dedication and support of California's mission to provide a world-class education for all students, from early childhood to adulthood.
I extend my sincere appreciation.
Tom Torlakson
State Superintendent of Public Instruction
May 9, 2014
Date





2015 State SARB Awards

California State S.A.R.B.

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Grossmont Union High School District

For Implementing a Model S.A.R.B. Program for the Purpose of Minimizing Student Dropouts and Promoting Student Success

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It is the intentions of the CASCWA Intercom Editors to focus on State SARB, the "Model SARB" selection process and the major points delivered in Special Attorney General Jill Habig's presentation to our CASCWA membership at the state conference ***in our next edition of the Intercom****. Both David Kopperud, California Department of Education, and Ms. Habig, (both pictured above), provided their business cards for follow-up contact. We are truly excited about this connection and the potential for the future!*

Words from David Kopperud on April 24, 2015 to our CASCWA membership:

State Supintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson, asked me to congratulate these eleven SARB's, which have been designated as models of attendance improvement and dropout prevention for the State of California.

"In California, we have a group of exceptional SARBs using data-driven strategies that are models for local control and accountability plans designed to improve overall attendance, reduce chronic absenteeism, and reduce dropout rates.

You can have the best facilities, the best teachers, and thebest standards-based curriculum in the world, but none of that will close the achievement gap of significant groups, if those groups are not in school.

Schools cannot succeed alone in assisting disadvantaged children. This is not about what great teachers or great schools can do by themselves, but what a multi-disciplinary team can do by analyzing district data and working together to assist disadvantaged children."

A special thank you to SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union for sponsoring these important awards!

2015 MODEL STATE SARB RECIPIENT:
ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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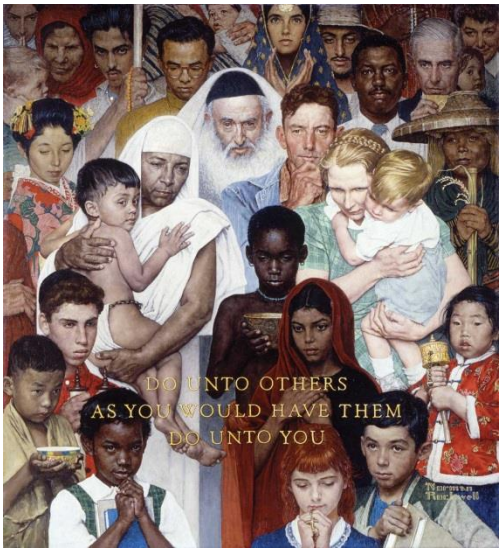
CASCWA State and Section Awards

CASCWA State President Sergio Mendoza

Past State President, Grace Espindola, presented Sergio Mendoza with the "President's Award." Sergio has provided leadership to each section and to the State's Executive Board. Sergio was responsible for the success of last year's State Conference hosted by the San Joaquin Section. Sergio works well with others and has been a true leader. He will now rotate into the position of "Past President." Dr. Ammar Saheli will now rotate into the position of our next state president.

Thank you, Sergio, for all you have done for our organization.



Each year an award is given to five CASCWA members who provide noteworthy service to either their section or to the state executive board.

Several years ago, when the awards were being established, it was determined to place a print of Norman Rockwell's famous illustration of the "Golden Rule" in a picture frame to be given to the recipient. The state award is named after a past giant in the field of CWA, Mr. Lee Lundberg.

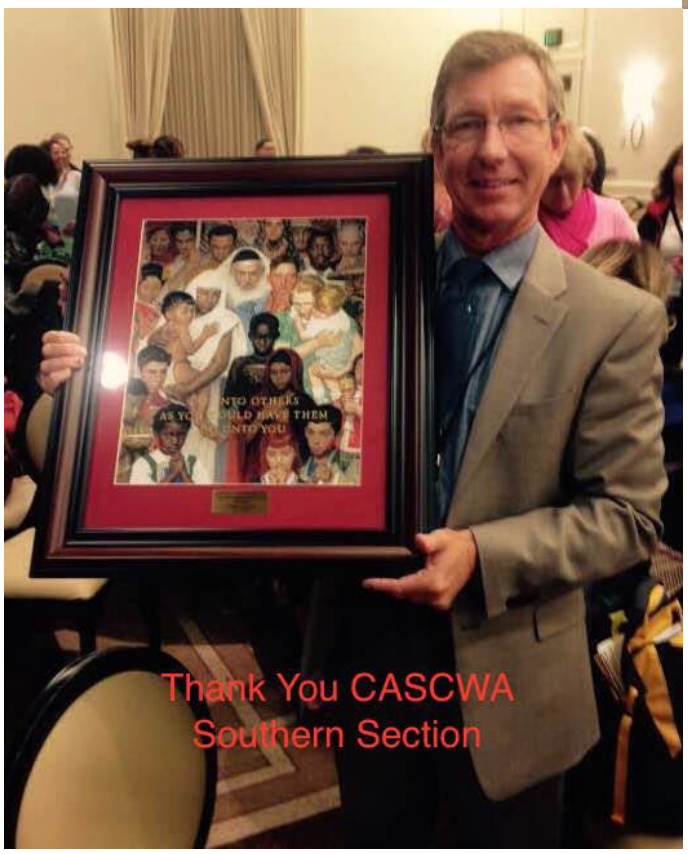
This print typifies what CASCWA stands for and each recipient is chosen by their peers. It is truly an honor and we commend the recipients of 2015.

CASCWA - LEE LUNDBERG
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
ALAN DEL SIMONE
2014 - 2015

CASCWA - BAY SECTION
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
SUSAN MAHONEY
2014 - 2015

CASCWA - DELTA SIERRA SECTION
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
GRICELDA CARDENAS
2014 - 2015

CASCWA - SAN JOAQUIN SECTION
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
BRIAN CHANDLER
2014 - 2015



CASCWA - SOUTHERN SECTION
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
TIM CATLIN
2014 - 2015

The 2015 CASCWA State Conference ended with an incredible performance by "The New Conservatory Theater/Youth Aware Education." They were awesome!

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2016 STATE CONFERENCE

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CASCWA became an organization in 1936 with Guy Holt as the first "State President." This year marks the 80th anniversary which is known as the "Oak Anniversary." The oak is a symbol of strength and endurance! We are proud of CASCWA and what it stands for in today's challenging times. Southern Section is planning on delivering a 2016 State Conference that will exceed the expectations of our CASCWA membership.

CASCWA is known statewide for never giving up on students and for being the number one organization for professionals in the field of student services.

The 2016 "State Conference" topics will include: Increasing ADA while reducing absences & truancy; School safety issues; Student discipline; Student records, Recent court decisions; Special education issues; Model State SARBs; Legal opinions, networking and much, much, much, much more!

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ONLY GROWING STRONGER!"

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