

CASCWA 2022 State Lee Lundberg Service Award



RICK RIEGEL

Rick Riegel is the Director of Child Welfare and Attendance for the Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District. He is a long-standing member of CASCWA and is a champion for the betterment of all children in the State of California!

Rick has been active in Southern Section for over a decade. He was "Southern Section's President" during the 2019-20 and the 2020-21 school years. He faced challenges that no other section president has ever had to face. He was within days of pulling the giving the go ahead for the 2019-20 CASCWA State Conference at the Bahia Hotel in San Diego when the covid crisis hit. He stepped right in and made several business decisions for the betterment of southern section and state CASCWA.

Rick then took over the challenges of creating a highly successful "CASCWA Zoom Conference" in April of 2020. Rick has incredible vision, passion and people skills that pulled together a CASCWA team that worked well together and delivered the ball over the end zone!

Rick is retiring at the end of the 2021-22 school year. He is currently our CASCWA State Vice-President. No matter where his future plans take him, he will always remain a giant in our field, a true professional and an impassioned child advocate.

The following are the words spoken at his presentation:

In this room, right now, are several of California's most important child advocates. And, hopefully within a few years, each of you will be enjoying a well-earned retirement.

Then one night, despite handling the situation well, you will wake up thinking about that one student, that one family or that one home visit and will say to yourself, I should have, could have done that better.

And for those of you who have been around CASCWA for some time and have gotten to know our organization's leadership, you will wake up in the middle of the night saying I should have been more like ...and then you will name one of our Lee Lundberg State CASCWA recipients. This is especially true this year!

Our 2022 recipient had a successful counseling career in the Centralia School District. He went on to be the Student Services Director for the Orange County Department of Education, and for the past several years, he has been in charge of student services for the Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District.

He is an honest man of faith, he has tremendous organizational skills, he is compassionate, he is well connected throughout the state, his professional leadership skills are exceptional, and his greatest attribute is that he is a true child advocate.

Here to announce the 2022 CASCWA's Lee Lundberg Award Recipient is Southern Section's President, Mr. Vicente Bravo.



Congratulations Rick! Thank you for all you do every day!