



INSPIRATION

From Ted Alejandre



County Superintendent's Monthly Message



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As we dive into 2022, this is our chance to put our best foot forward to transform lives through education.

Let's keep an open mind and vow to never stop learning. We must set our eyes on new goals to create more opportunities for our students and ignite a renewed appreciation for those around us.

As a community, let's come together and play off our strengths to provide equitable, engaging and innovative learning experiences for our students here in San Bernardino County.

Our students are showing incredible drive and talent as seen during a terrific season of the 40th Annual Mock Trial Competition and the 39th Annual Academic Decathlon Competition.

I want to commend all the students who participated. While winning a first-place title is a great accomplishment, I know many of the coaches have emphasized that winning is not what is most important. I know many students have expressed they've acquired a skillset

that instills confidence and poise, which they can use post-graduation. They found a sense of belonging and camaraderie with their teammates. These programs have provided unforgettable experiences for our students.

Please [watch](#) this month's Inspiration video newsletter to learn more about the collaborations and exciting milestones we've accomplished together.

Sincerely,

Ted Alejandre
County Superintendent of Schools



The Newsroom

Veterans Diploma Project Honors San Bernardino County Army Veteran



As part of Operation Recognition: Veterans Diploma Project, County Schools and the San Bernardino County Department of Veterans' Services award high school diplomas to veterans who were unable to complete high school because of service to our country.

On Jan. 13, United States Army Veteran James Kiyabu was awarded a high school diploma posthumously during a special ceremony. His son, Randy,

accepted the honor on his father's behalf, and several family members were in attendance.

The Kiyabu family described the ceremony as bittersweet and added if he were present, he would have tears in his eyes. It was the elder Kiyabu's dying wish to receive a high school diploma, and his family had promised they would follow through with his request.

Since the program's inception, nearly 300 diplomas have been presented to veterans who did not complete high school due to military service during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

To qualify, the applicants must be residents of San Bernardino County and service members must have been honorably discharged.

You may find the [application form here](#).

[Learn more.](#)

California School Boards Association Golden Bell Award Winners

2021 CSBA GOLDEN BELL AWARDS



What better way to kick off 2022 than to share the incredible programs and efforts from school districts within San Bernardino County!

You may have heard of the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Golden Bell Awards. Six school districts in our county were recognized for a total of seven Golden Bells. This is a prestigious honor bestowed upon our region's school districts and spotlights the incredible efforts they are making.

Throughout this month and next month's issue of *Inspiration*, I'd like to introduce you to the Golden Bell award winners in San Bernardino County.

Chaffey Joint Union High School District was recognized in the Special Education category for its annual Cougar Relays event, hosted by Rancho Cucamonga High School.

[Watch the video here.](#)



San Bernardino City Unified School District (SBCUSD) was awarded two Golden Bell awards.

In the Special Education category, the district was honored for Beyond Pathways: SBCUSD Continuum of Transition Services Program.

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SBCUSD's second Golden Bell award was for its Onboarding Program in the Professional Development and Teacher Recruitment/Retention category.

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SBCSS in the News

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