



## A Message of Appreciation



I always look forward to celebrating our teachers and classified employees during this time of year. Teacher Appreciation Week occurs May 3-7 with National Teacher Appreciation Day being observed on May 4. Classified School Employee Week will be celebrated May 16-22.

These weeks are a great opportunity for staff and administrators to recognize the tireless dedication our teachers and classified employees provide our students on a daily basis. Day in and day out, you offer your talents and passion to those most in need. We know that fulfilling our greatest promise would not be possible without each of your contributions to our organization, and your continued efforts to serve all students in San Bernardino County.

I also want to sincerely thank each and every one of our teachers and classified employees for continuing this important work as we begin transitioning back to in-person instruction. Your commitment to our students has not wavered during this unprecedented year and your resilience is to be commended.

You are at the heart of our work to transform lives through education, thank you for all you do!

## AVID Senior Recognition Season is in Full Swing

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### Newsroom Spotlights

#### News & Events



Catch up on the latest news and events from San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

[Read more.](#)

### Register for The Southern Region Student Wellness Conference



We invite you to the 2021 Southern Region Student Wellness Conference where, in waves of change, we discover oceans of possibility! This year's virtual conference will showcase dynamic presentations from leaders who support innovative approaches for student success during changing times.

[Learn more.](#)

### Autism Awareness

It is that time of year to honor our Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) students and celebrate their hard work and success! Congratulations to the nearly 2,500 San Bernardino County AVID seniors who will be graduating from 55 county high schools.



Annually, a scholarship reception and senior recognition event is hosted by the AVID teams of Riverside, Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino (RIMS) counties to celebrate their graduating students. This year's class will be honored during a virtual ceremony on May 10 and May 13.

Of the students graduating this year, I am pleased to share 52 were recipients of the RIMS AVID scholarship. Each of these students earned a \$1,500 scholarship to help them pursue their dreams of a higher education. Overall, more than \$125,000 in scholarships were awarded to AVID students across the four-county region.

AVID's mission is to increase the college-going rates among diverse and underrepresented demographic groups. An impressive 86 percent of AVID graduates from our county are accepted to a 4-year college.

I would like to thank the coaches, teachers and site staff who have mentored and guided these students to each new level of academic excellence.

AVID provides a rigorous platform for students to grow and be successful as they continue to transform their lives through education. Best wishes to the AVID class of 2021!

## 2021 Virtual Spring Awards



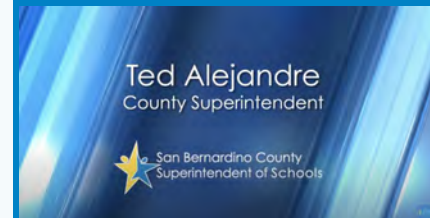
## Month Videos



April was observed as Autism Awareness month. Throughout that time, SBCSS special education teachers shared meaningful and heartfelt messages about their students.

[Watch the videos.](#)

## Watch County Superintendent Ted Alejandre's Most Recent Monthly Update



County Superintendent Ted Alejandre provides monthly updates regarding SBCSS and collective interagency COVID-19 response efforts.

[View the video message.](#)

## California Department of Education News



Latest developments, announcements, and statements from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction that include information on programs, test results, and assistance for



Since the inception of the countywide Education Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Award, recipients have inspired us with their personal stories and passion for supporting education in our region.

This year we were proud to recognize the incredible contributions made by the 2021 honorees during a virtual Spring Awards ceremony held on April 26. Due to COVID-19 constraints, we were unable to host the event in-person as in years past. Instead we offered a Youtube video premiere, as we understood the need to continue the important tradition of acknowledging these passionate, hardworking and dedicated individuals.

If you have not yet viewed the show, you can watch it [here](#). We hope you are able to share these amazing stories with family, friends and colleagues.

The 30th annual Education Medal of Honor recipients:

*Excellence in Education/Education Professional*  
Treg Painter  
San Bernardino City Unified School District

*Excellence in Education/Student Alumni*  
Tiffany Hampton (Bloomington High School Graduate)  
Colton Joint Unified School District

*Partners in Education/Corporation or Government Agency*  
Stephen Tyrrell/Mitsubishi Cement Corporation  
Mountain Desert Career Pathways Joint Powers Authority

*Partners in Education/Small Business or Franchise*  
Tessa Schutz/Kranbox  
Mountain Desert Career Pathways Joint Powers Authority

*Volunteer in Action/Community Volunteer*  
Sourin Vanhnarath/The Home Depot  
Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District

*Volunteer in Action/Service Group*  
Ronald C. Heredia, Ed.D./Inland Empire Future Leaders Program  
San Bernardino City Unified School District

The 21st annual Distinguished Service Award recipients:

Chuck Christie, Ph.D., Board Member (Retired)  
Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District

Edgar Montes, Board Member  
Rialto Unified School District

It is always a great privilege to recognize so many deserving individuals for their outstanding dedication and contributions to our students and county districts. I also wish to thank all of the nominees within each category, the nominators, and the judges who dedicated their time to the success of this year's event.

students, educators, and school districts.

[Learn about Additional 2021 California Distinguished Schools.](#)

[Learn about 2021 California Exemplary Arts Education Awards.](#)

Fontana Unified Earns  
California 2020-2021  
Model School  
Attendance Review  
Board Recognition

California 2021 Model  
School Attendance Review Board

🌟 *Congratulations!* 🌟

**Fontana Unified  
School District**



Fontana Unified School District's School Attendance Review Board (SARB) has been designated as a model program for the 2020-2021 academic year by the California State School Attendance Review Board.

[Read more.](#)



To learn more about the Education Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Award programs, please visit [sbcss.net](http://sbcss.net).

To learn more about this year's award recipients, we have created a [souvenir program](#) featuring biographies for each of this year's honorees.

### Quick Links

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Congratulations again to the 2021 award winners, we salute your inspiring efforts to continually lift up our scholars and the communities within San Bernardino County.

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*Superintendent Alejandre issues this monthly publication to keep stakeholders informed about the many services and programs SBCSS provides our learning community throughout the year.*

*[View the 2020 archive.](#)*