



San Bernardino County Honors Teachers of the Year



Congratulations to all the outstanding educators selected as San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools' Teachers of the Year!

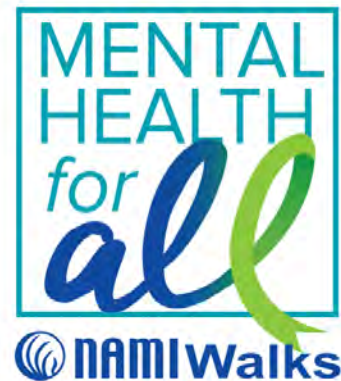
Each year I am pleased to recognize our San Bernardino County teachers of the year for their outstanding dedication to transform our students' lives through education. This year, the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools and the County Board of Education recognized three recipients, who will be honored at a virtual ceremony on Oct. 13. This year's County Teachers of the Year are:

- Camille Dahnke, a kindergarten teacher at Judson & Brown Elementary School in the Redlands Unified School District;
- Vanee Matsalia, an eighth-grade English teacher at William J. Curtis Middle School in the San Bernardino City Unified School District;
- Debra McMurtrey, a sixth through ninth grade special education teacher at Mesa View Middle School in the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District.

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Newsroom Spotlights

Healthy SBCSS Team to Participate in the National Association of Mental Illness Walks Your Way Event



For the month of September, the Healthy SBCSS team organized a campaign to raise awareness of suicide prevention. Join the Healthy SBCSS Team as they participate in the National Association of Mental Illness Walks Your Way event on Oct. 10.

Join the Healthy SBCSS Team [here](#).

SEBA and SBCSS Award Outstanding Educators



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 18,000 public school teachers in our county have taken on challenging circumstance to ensure our students remain successful. These are extraordinary teachers in extraordinary times. Congratulations to this year's honorees!

Outstanding Success For The Family and Community Engagement Summit



It was inspiring to see the community be immersed in this year's Family and Community Engagement Summit. The summit provided parents with key strategies, perspectives and resources to help them engage with valuable insights to support our students through their educational journey.

I am proud of the partnerships our San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools office has between Cal State San Bernardino GEAR UP, San Bernardino County Children's Network and the Riverside County Office of Education. This year's summit, "A Vision of Equity: A Path for Everyone," focused on areas of inequality, self-reflection as a parent, equity within the digital divide and community leadership and trust.

There were noteworthy presentations from four keynote speakers, as well as engaging breakout sessions on topics such as equity, college and career readiness, health, wellness or safety, fatherhood engagement and parent leadership and advocacy.

"SBCSS family and community work is consistent and very valuable. Keep doing what you are doing. It is having a positive impact on so many families," says Jorge Escalante, a parent and a family resource center supervisor from the Victor Elementary School District.

We look forward to continuing this work and building positive relationships with parents, districts, schools and community stakeholders in support of educating our communities and guiding our students towards college and career readiness.

To view highlights and resources from this year's summit, visit our [website](#).

Throughout September, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Employees Benefits Association (SEBA) and County Superintendent of Schools has presented checks to outstanding teachers across the county.

Thank you SEBA for your partnership and support of our teachers!
View the [gallery](#).

SBCSS Selects New Assistant Superintendent of Education Support Services



Miki Rene Inbody has been selected as the new assistant superintendent of Education Support Services for the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

Read more [here](#).

Hispanic Heritage Month



We are proud to celebrate #NationalHispanicLatinoHeritageMonth from Sept. 15-Oct. 15. Our Hispanic/Latinx community have made extraordinary contributions to our nation.

Quick Links

Countywide Safety Summit Moves to a Virtual Format



Click on the flier above to [register](#) for the 2020 Gangs and Drugs Task Force Safety Summit to be held on October 15.

The safety of our school campuses across San Bernardino County's 33 school districts is one of our top priorities. Educators, local law enforcement, faith-based and community organizations, probation officers, concerned parents and community leaders meet annually for the countywide Gangs and Drugs Task Force Safety Summit, which will be held virtually this year on Oct. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This year's summit will address substance abuse among youth and substance abuse prevention tactics. There will be a police chiefs' panel, youth voices and an open discussion on substance abuse issues among youth. The event is designed to stimulate conversation and effect change to address issues impacting communities such as gang and drug activities.

The Gangs and Drugs Task Force is a coordinated partnership among education, law enforcement, criminal justice, elected officials, private enterprise and community members. The task force provides a leadership role in advocating for the prevention and suppression of gang membership and drug use.

To register for this free event, click [here](#). For more information, call 909.386.2755.

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