



San Bernardino County  
Superintendent of Schools

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# Inspiration

From the desk of Ted Alejandre, County Superintendent



## Education Medal Of Honor, Distinguished Service Honorees Recognized



This year's class of Education Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service recipients were honored on April 29.

It's an honor and privilege each year to share the outstanding accomplishments of those who are recognized at the Spring Awards Banquet of the San Bernardino County School Boards Association.

On April 29, the association held its awards ceremony in Fontana and recognized six recipients who received the Education Medal of Honor and two more honored with the Distinguished Service Award. Working with our County Schools office, the annual awards honor the work of community volunteers, business partners, educational professional and alumni who support our 540 county schools in our 33 school districts that are home to more than 406,000 students.

To see the list of Education Medal of Honor recipients, click [here](#). For Distinguished Service honorees, click [here](#). As county superintendent, I salute this year's recipients and thank the County School Boards Association for recognizing those who make a difference for our schools and in our communities.

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The Southern Region Student Wellness Conference (SRSWC) is an exciting multi-day event designed to empower mental health professionals, administrators, educators, and school law enforcement to create positive change on school campuses.

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## County Students Claim Golds At Statewide SkillsUSA Conference

The Ontario Convention Center served as the epicenter for the state's annual SkillsUSA Conference, which was held April 25-28. More than 3,200 students across California - including large contingents from San Bernardino County high schools - attended this year's statewide conference, which focuses on preparing students to be world-class workers and leaders.

With more than 38,000 members in the SkillsUSA Association, California is the largest state for membership in the country. Now in its 52nd year hosting



More than 3,200 students across California attended the 52nd annual SkillsUSA Conference held in Ontario in April.

a conference, this year's Ontario event featured more than 100 competitions based on technical skills for specific occupations. County students did a phenomenal job placing in the top three in dozens of events. Highlights included eight county students or teams winning gold medals at the competitions, which qualified them for SkillsUSA Nationals in Louisville, Ky., in June.

Victor Valley High School had three individual gold-medal winners - Ezekiel Elmore, Deja Rawles and Ernesto Zuniga. Apple Valley, Barstow, Citrus Valley and Granite Hills high schools also had gold-medal performances at the state conference. Congratulations to all of this year's state conference participants.

## AVID Senior Class Celebrated For Scholarships, Graduation

It's the time of year to begin celebrating graduates, and one of the premier ceremonies annually to honor the Class of 2019 was held on May 4 in San Bernardino.

About 2,600 seniors from San Bernardino County, who

San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools hosted a Cyber SB Girls Event on Saturday April 13 at the Dorothy Ingham Learning Center.

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About 40 students from Desert/Mountain high schools attended the annual special needs prom held on April 25 at the Elks Lodge in Hesperia.

[Read more here.](#)



SBCSS Children Deserve Success office, alternative education teachers and students attended the 2019 Youth Empowerment Summit in Sacramento to meet with policy makers to share their stories and ideas.

[See the photos.](#)



This year's Career Information Day featured more than 30 employers at the Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program (CRY-ROP) offices. The 20th annual event presented exhibits





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graduating  
from 52  
county high  
schools  
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Advancement  
Via Individual

and presentations for Inland Empire  
students who are enrolled in high school  
transition programs.

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Cal State San Bernardino hosted two AVID Senior  
Recognition events on May 4.

Determination (AVID) classes, were honored during two  
ceremonies at Cal State San Bernardino on May 4.

AVID helps in closing the opportunity gap in college grad  
rates among diverse and underrepresented demographic  
groups. Close to 96 percent of AVID graduates from our  
county attend either two- or four-year colleges and  
universities following their graduations.

Many of this year's graduates will be the first members of  
their families to attend college, and the AVID Senior  
Recognition ceremonies celebrate those accomplishments,  
as well as highlights those who receive college scholarships.  
Best wishes to all of this year's AVID senior graduates!



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