



San Bernardino County
Superintendent of Schools

Transforming lives through education

Inspiration

From the desk of Ted Alejandre, County Superintendent



County Foster Youth Named Statewide Leaders In Producing FAFSA Applications



The John Burton Advocates is honoring San Bernardino County's top statewide effort to have foster youth apply for FAFSA to help their college-going and degree-advancement rates.

There's exciting news to share concerning San Bernardino County efforts to help improve access to college for youth in foster care. The John Burton Advocates for Youth is recognizing San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools' Children Deserve Success program for being the winner in the California Foster Youth FAFSA Challenge during a ceremony today in Sacramento.

The Foster Youth Services program, as part of Children Deserve Success for County Schools, coordinated efforts so that 52 percent of high school seniors in the county who are in foster care filled out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2018-19 academic year. The John Burton Advocates said that was the top producer in the Large County category across the state.

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San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools will host a free Performing Arts Showcase on April 2 at the California Theatre of Performing Arts.

[Read more here.](#)

John Burton Advocates works to create greater post-secondary educational opportunities for foster youth. According to data, only 4 percent of foster youth earn college bachelor's degrees by age 26, in comparison to 37 percent of the general population.

In the FAFSA Challenge, the statewide average for foster youth completing the FAFSA form was just 47 percent. As county superintendent, I salute the work and dedication our schools and districts show to support our foster youth - a great effort that is worthy of statewide recognition!

County's Classified School Employees Of Year To Be Honored

For the past 11 years, the California Department of Education annually has recognized and honored Classified School Employees of the Year selected by county offices of education.



Six San Bernardino County classified school employees will be honored during a ceremony on April 2 with the County Board of Education.

In San Bernardino County, six recipients of this year's contest have been selected, and will be honored by the County Board of Education during a public ceremony at 4 p.m. on April 2 at the Dorothy Inghram Learning Center in San Bernardino.

This year's honorees represent close to 18,000 classified employees in our

public schools in the county and are selected among six categories of work. Those being honored for 2019 include:

- Sylvia Bateman, educational assistant, Lyle S. Briggs K-8 School, Chino Valley Unified School District;
- Ruth Fairley, secretary II in transportation, Adelanto School District;
- Patrick Heeney, skilled maintenance craftsman, Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District;
- Alma Hernandez, office specialist II, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools;
- Kimberly King, health assistant, Montclair High, Chaffey Joint Union High School District;
- Jenny Morton, child nutrition lead, Wildwood Elementary, Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District.

CYBER-SB girls

An Event for Middle School Girls!

April 13, 2019

Learn how to:

- ★ Analyze a crime scene - CSI!
- ★ Build a computer
- ★ Design your own website
- ★ Basic computer coding
- ★ Beginners guide to encryption - Secret coding

FREE! COOL! FUN! GIVEAWAYS!

Time:

8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Light breakfast, lunch and materials provided

Location:

San Bernardino County ROP
Located at the Dorothy Inghram Learning Center
670 E. Carnegie Dr.
San Bernardino, CA 92408
(Carnegie Dr. entrance/south side of the building)



Scan QR to register
Or go to: <https://bit.ly/CyberSBGirls>

For information call 909-252-4550



A free Cyber SB Girls workshop is being held at the Dorothy Inghram Learning Center on April 13. The event is open to all middle school girls who may be interested in computer science!

[Learn more here.](#)



Seven regional award winners from Riverside and San Bernardino counties were honored at the 20th annual Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Write-Off Ceremony on March 21 at the California Theatre of Performing Arts.

[See the photos.](#)



Young artists from throughout San Bernardino County were featured at the

I applaud their efforts to provide outstanding services to the more than 406,000 students who attend K-12 public schools in our county. They truly help us transform lives through education.

ACSA's Spring Celebration To Be Held on April 15

On April 15, the Association of California School Administrators - better known as ACSA - will hold its Spring Celebration Banquet to honor approximately 20 Administrators of the Year.

Among the honorees are four representatives of the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. They include:

- Richard De Nava of Business Services;
- Jenae Holtz of California Association of Health and Education Linked Professions;
- Robin McIver-Brown of Local Control Accountability Plan Support and Advisory Services;
- Karla Rhay of California Schools Joint Powers Authority.



Approximately 20 Administrators of the Year for San Bernardino County will be honored during a banquet on April 15.

They are among the honorees who represent 11 school districts and a charter school across our county. To view the complete list of honorees, click [here](#).

I am proud of the strong collaborative spirit and great commitment to education that these recipients represent.

National Orange Show Gallery in San Bernardino on March 14.

[See the photos.](#)



Austin Leong, a student at Serrano Middle School in the Ontario-Montclair School District won the San Bernardino County Spelling Bee on March 16 at San Bernardino Valley College.

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