

SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 BOARD WRAP UP



Back row, l-r: Alice Grigsby, Ginny Snider, Dr. Michael Ernst, Arlene Staich, Francisco M. Talavera, Tammy Tagami-Reeves. Front row, l-r: Pam Lawrence, Linh Truong, Lucy Gutierrez, Pat Morrow

BOARD RECOGNIZES CAREER GUIDANCE SPECIALISTS

The SoCal ROC Career Guidance Specialists (CGS) serve 14 comprehensive high schools, 4 continuation high schools, and all students at the SoCal ROC Center in Torrance. Their activities include talking to students about careers and how to better prepare themselves for the future, enrolling students, helping students complete a Career Plan, and also acting as a support team for teachers on the high school campuses. Over 6,000 students enrolled in fall, 2008, courses at the SoCal ROC Center in Torrance, and on our satellite high school campuses.

Lucy Gutierrez partners with the Centinela Valley Unified School District and Inglewood Unified School District. Pam Lawrence is the CGS with Torrance Unified School District. Patricia Morrow provides Guidance Specialist support with El Segundo Unified School District, Manhattan Beach Unified School District, Redondo Beach Unified School District, and Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. Linh Truong assists adult students at the SoCal ROC Center. The SoCal ROC Board of Education thanked the Career Guidance Specialists for all of their hard work and awarded them a *Board Recognition Certificate*.

A SNAPSHOT OF THE 2007/2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Superintendent Hoffman, and Deputy Superintendent, Laurie St. Gean, presented the 2007/2008 Annual Report to the SoCal ROC Board of Education. A summary of achievements for the 2007/08 year aligned to the Board's Goals and "Targets for Success" was presented. The nine Board goals include the areas of: curriculum and instruction; staff development; fiscal resources; stakeholder recognition; technology and maintenance of facilities/technology; the use of data to drive decision-making; partnerships; and articulation efforts. Dr. Hoffman concluded the report with an overview of priorities for the 2008/2009 school year: the completion of the modernization of Building A; development of a Media Arts Academy; continuation of the development of sequential and multiple course pathways; and implementation of the Board approved funding formula for satellite programs. To view the full 2007/2008 SoCal ROC Annual Report, visit the SoCal ROC website at www.socalroc.com/aboutus/2007_2008_annual_report.php.



And Now They Call It SoCal ROC!

The SoCal ROC placed a new marquee at its entrance on Crenshaw Boulevard. The new sign includes SoCal ROC's new logo. The sign was funded by the Education Technology Foundation.



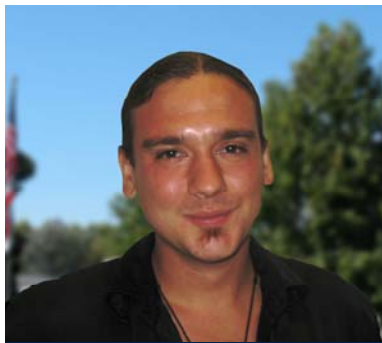
Patricia Morrow, Dr. Christine A. Hoffman, and Loie Rivera

TEN YEARS AT THE SOCAL ROC!

Career Guidance Specialist Patricia Morrow and Data Entry Technician Loie Rivera recently celebrated their ten year anniversary with SoCal ROC. Ms. Morrow and Ms. Rivera were each recognized by Dr. Hoffman at the Classified Employee Staff meeting, held on September 30, 2008. Congratulations, Ms. Morrow and Ms. Rivera.



Gina Chavez, Developmental Psychology of Children



Mark Doddy, Broadcast Journalism



Atlas Helaire, Director of Student Support Services



Adrian Herrera, Silkscreen/Production Art



Cheryl Olson, Pet Grooming and Boarding



James Stiles, Digital Photography

NEW TEACHERS AND AN ADMINISTRATOR BEGIN THEIR CAREERS WITH THE SOCAL ROC

Gina Chavez

Veteran educator, Gina Chavez, taught grades 1st through 5th for fifteen years. She currently is the *Director for California Reading and Literature Project*, a program that is governed by the University of California, which supports professional development opportunities for teachers. Ms. Chavez received a Bachelor of Arts from Cal State University, Long Beach, and a Masters in Education Administration from the University of LaVerne. Ms. Chavez teaches Developmental Psychology at the SoCal ROC Center in Torrance.

Mark Doddy

South High School Alum '97, Mark Doddy, works for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, and enjoys working on governmental and educational shows. Mr. Doddy grew up in Torrance and graduated from Cal State University Long Beach. Mr. Doddy teaches Broadcast Journalism at the SoCal ROC Center in Torrance.

Atlas Helaire

Compton native, Atlas Helaire, earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Chapman University and his Master Degree in Educational Leadership from Argosy University. Mr. Helaire taught grades 1 through 4 at Roosevelt Elementary School in Compton, and was also a Resource Teacher. Mr. Helaire is Director of Programs and Student Support Services at the SoCal ROC Center in Torrance. He oversees the Agriculture and Natural Resources sector and is also responsible for the Special Needs programs and On-the-Job Training (OJT). Mr. Helaire was recently featured in *California Educator* magazine. The article can be viewed at <http://www.cta.org/media/publications/educator/current>.

Adrian Herrera

Adrian Herrera owns a printing business that involves screen printing and creating designs for small clothing companies and small businesses. Mr. Herrera said, "I love to learn and teach other people new things (especially with screen printing). I grew up in some of the worst neighborhoods, which made me realize the importance of education in order to succeed in life." Mr. Herrera teaches Silkscreen/Production Art at Inglewood High School.

Cheryl Olson

Animal lover Cheryl Olson, established a career as a Veterinarian Assistant, receiving her Associates of Arts degree from Mount San Antonio College in 1994, and has worked in the diverse veterinary industry, including in the animal control and in an emergency clinic. At home in Orange County, with her 2 children, she also cares for three dogs, a cat, and a turtle. Ms. Olson teaches the new SoCal ROC course, Pet Grooming and Boarding, at the SoCal ROC Center, as well as Animal Care Occupations for Central County Regional Occupational Programs in Garden Grove.

James Stiles

Accomplished photographer and native New Yorker, James Stiles, ran his own photo studio in Manhattan for many years, specializing in fashion, portraits, advertising, and fine art photography. Mr. Stiles has exhibited his works in New York City, Los Angeles, and throughout Europe. Mr. Stiles teaches Digital Photography at Redondo Union High School and Palos Verdes Peninsula High School.

Next month, new teachers David Mendoza, Ragina Cox, D. Andrew Potvin, John Grimes, Yowanda Washington, and Mark McCormick will be featured.

SUMMER AT THE SOCAL ROC

Employee of the Year Sandy Gutt

Longtime Medical Assisting Instructional Aide, Sandy Gutt, was bestowed the 2007/2008 Employee of the Year Honor. Ms. Gutt was recognized by her peers at the annual Employee Year End BBQ on June 19, 2008.

Career Day 2008, A Success: Vikki Westerskov Recognized by the Board

Vikki Westerskov, SoCal ROC Job Placement Services Coordinator, coordinated the SoCal ROC 2008 Career Days that were held from May 12-14, 2008. Employers from the six different sectors were paired up throughout the three day event, during which they interviewed students and gave informational interviews. Fifteen students were offered employment in the medical, cosmetology, graphic design, hotel, and retail industries. The Board recognized Ms. Westerskov with a Certificate of Recognition for her planning of this very detailed event, which entailed of contacting employers for participation, working with students with their resume preparation, and planning the event.

SoCal ROC Employees Retired

Five employees from the SoCal ROC retired at the end of June, 2008: Bernard Fallon, a photography instructor at Redondo Union High School; Doretha Hollis, a web page design/ desktop publishing instructor at West High School; Bill Huddleston, a printing instructor at Inglewood High School; George Pearce, a SoCal ROC purchasing buyer; Lanis Speights, a Phlebotomy Instructor at the SoCal ROC; and Lenora Thompkins, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services. A recognition reception was held on June 17, 2008.

Perfect Attendance

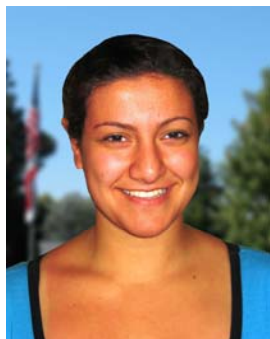
Spring Semester 2008, Perfect Attendance Awards were given out in June, 2008, to Emergency Medical Technician student, Marina Shaker of South High School, and Computer Office Applications student, Sandra Novotna of Redondo Shores High School. Summer School, 2008, Perfect Attendance was awarded in August, 2008, to Medical Billing student, Jennifer Garcia of South High School, and Business Office Occupations student, Kayla Tofiga, of North High School. The winners were awarded \$50. The incentive program was sponsored by the Classified Employees and Certificated Employees of SoCal ROC.



Employee of the Year: Superintendent Dr. Christine A. Hoffman, Sandy Gutt, and Rose Hecht; Board Recognition: Board President, Alice Grigsby, and Vikki Westerskov



Top left clockwise: Board Members, Arlene Staich, Tammy Tagami Reeves, Alice Grigsby, Retiree Bernard Fallon, Superintendent Dr. Christine A. Hoffman, and Board Member Ginny Snider. Top Right, Retiree George Pearce; Above: Retiree Lanis Speights; Bottom Left: Retiree Lenora Thompkins; Left Center: Retiree Doretha Hollis. Not pictured: retiree Bill Huddleston.



(l-r) Perfect Attendance Winners: Sandra Novotna, Marina Shaker, Kayla Tofiga and Jennifer Garcia.