

# Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board Highlights

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SoCal ROC Superintendent

## May 20, 2010 Board Meeting

### Student Voices

John Giovati, the Director of Programs & Operations, introduced Cindy Velasquez, an adult student from Developmental Psychology of Children program. Mr. Giovati stated that Ms. Velasquez is an A+ student, has Perfect Attendance, and was the recipient for the Jean St. Gean Memorial Scholarship Award at the Night of All Stars Event. Ms. Velasquez stated that SoCal ROC provides students with many resources beyond the instructional portion of the program including a valuable



Cindy Velasquez and Arlene Staich

On-the-Job (OJT) training experience. Ms. Velasquez added that she will be enrolling at El Camino College this summer and hopes to earn an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Ms. Velasquez thanked SoCal ROC for helping her with her education. President Staich presented Ms. Cindy Velasquez with an Education with a Purpose Award of Excellence.

### WASC Leadership Committee Recognized by the Board

Superintendent Dr. Christine Hoffman introduced members of the WASC Leadership Team to the Board of Education. Superintendent Hoffman stated that the Leadership Team was responsible for reviewing and revising the new ESLR's, chairing Focus and Home Groups, discussing the WASC criteria, gathering input, writing sections of the self-study, and escorting the Visiting Team to Satellite

campuses and OJT sites. The entire process lasted eighteen months and the Leadership Team's efforts resulted in an outstanding WASC process. Members of the Board presented each member of the Leadership Team with an Education with a Purpose Award of Excellence.



Front Row (l-r): Heidi Ashcraft, Sara Leon, Terry Castillo, Christine Campbell, Zoila Herrera, Laurie St.Gean, Arlene Staich, Pat Morrow, Jack Regan, David Trout, and Sandra Suarez. Back Row (l-r): Aysha Roberts, John Giovati, Brenda Gyllenswan, Atlas Helaire, Alfonso Morales, Linda Johnson, Barbara Lucky, Steve Rabas, Nancy Nunez, and Alice Grigsby.



Arlene Staich and Dr. Caroline Vargas

### Local Doctors Recognized by the Board

Atlas Helaire, Director of Programs & Student Support Services introduced Dr. Caroline Vargas and Dr. Leonard Scuderi from CardioFit Medical Group Inc., an affiliate of the OJT program for Medical Assisting program. Mr. Helaire stated that Dr. Vargas graduated from UC Irvine Medical School and did her internship and residency in Internal Medicine at St. Mary's Medical Center, San Francisco. Dr. Vargas began her practice in San Pedro in 1994. Mr. Helaire further stated that Dr. Vargas's husband Dr. Scuderi was also being recognized, but was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Helaire added that Dr. Scuderi graduated from the University of Utah School of Medicine and he completed his cardiology fellowship at both UCI and University of Texas. Dr. Scuderi has been practicing cardiology in the South Bay since 1994 and has been an affiliate of SoCal ROC since 2005. Dr. Caroline Vargas thanked SoCal ROC for sending students like Janielle Looney an extremely bright young lady that came from the Medical Assisting program.

Dr. Vargas concluded by commenting that the students received from SoCal ROC are well-prepared to enter the workplace and demonstrate excellent skills. President Staich thanked Dr. Vargas and presented her with a Board Certificate of Excellence.

### The Board Heard Presentations on the Following:

- Deputy Superintendent, Laurie St. Gean reported that SoCal ROC had a successful visit from the WASC Visiting Team. The success was the result of excellent teamwork by staff and the Board of Education. The Visiting Team report was sent to the WASC Commission and SoCal ROC should be receiving word regarding the term of accreditation by mid June. Deputy Superintendent St. Gean stated the work on the Action Plan will take place over the next few years.

- Superintendent Hoffman reported that SoCal ROC has received the remainder of the state monies for the modernization project. Superintendent Hoffman provided an update of the project and presented photos of the progress. Superintendent Hoffman stated that Phase III includes: the second floor Dental, Medical and EMT classrooms, student restrooms, and plumbing, electrical, HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) upgrades. Phase IV will include the relocation of the Registration Office, the offices in proximity to the Registration area, upgraded staff restrooms, and an ADA ramp in front of Building A. Superintendent Hoffman stated that the Animal Science, Hotel Restaurant/Occupations classrooms and Health Science Lab will be ready by September for student occupancy.



- Deputy Superintendent St. Gean provided the Board Members with an update of SoCal ROC's budget planning process. Deputy Superintendent St. Gean stated that at the March 18, 2010 Board Meeting, the Board approved budget reduction recommendations presented by Superintendent Hoffman of approximately 8%. The Budget Reductions and projected savings are the following:

- Elimination of SoCal ROC Summer Program
- Elimination of Outside Contract Programs
- Projection from saving Supplemental Employee Retirement Program (SERP)

Deputy Superintendent St. Gean explained that the projected savings from SERP does not reflect any reorganizational costs; some positions will have to be filled. The reorganization and total saving including the payment of the SERP over a two-year period will be brought to the Board as part of the All Funds Budget at the June Board meeting. Deputy Superintendent St. Gean also provided the Board with two charts reflecting a 3- year comparison of revenue and expenditures for 08/09, 09/10, and budget planning for 2010/11 based on the best information provided by the State.