

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CENTER

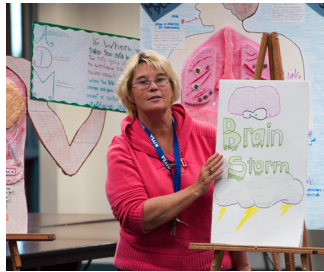
Board Highlights

March 27, 2014

The SoCal ROC Board of Education held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 27, 2014. At the meeting, the Board heard the following:

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Intro to Pharmacy Technician Instructor Rebecca Clements and the students shared a class project with the Board. With an exhibition of diagrams, charts, and a dummy, Ms. Clements and the students explained how the body reacts when medication is taken. Board President William Watkins, Ed.D. presented Rebecca Clements with a Board Certificate of Excellence.



Rebecca Clements

UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO FUND SOCAL ROC

MyLoc Dinh, Senior Consultant for Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi's office, provided the Board with an update on AB 2216 (Muratsuchi) on funding for SoCal ROC. Ms. Dinh stated the Assemblymember has a Plan A and Plan B. Plan A would ensure a dedicated funding stream for ROC/PS through the State budget process. If Plan A is not successful, Plan B would be to use the legislative process, AB 2216, to ensure on-going funding. Ms. Dinh stated that Assemblymember Muratsuchi has met with local superintendents and school board members to discuss how to save Career Technical Education (CTE) programs and is working on a permanent solution.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

Superintendent Hoffman stated that the Night of All Stars scholarship event is April 30, 2014. SoCal ROC will be presenting over \$30,000 in scholarships to thirty-seven SoCal ROC students. Also, on May 29th, 2014, SoCal ROC will be hosting its first Media Design art show in conjunction with the Fashion Design show. Superintendent Hoffman also announced that SoCal ROC will be partnering with Toyota in an event to encourage students to become involved in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education. The event, "2014 VIP STEM Symposium", will be held on May 14th, 2014, at the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA), in Long Beach, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Superintendent Hoffman announced that David H. Freedman, a journalist for *The Atlantic* magazine, will be publishing an article on national Career Technical Education and the funding issues that many Centers such as SoCal ROC are facing. Mr. Freedman toured the Center and spoke with students as well as Dr. Hoffman. *The Atlantic* is a literary and cultural commentary national magazine. The article is expected to be published within four months.



Front Row: Imaney McGaughy and Angie Ramirez. Middle Row: Ida VanderPoorte, Anhadh Jassal, Kara Kung, Jamie Pinelo, Simaran Kaur, Evelin Pinto, Helen Youssef, Rebecca Clements, William Watkins, Ed.D., and Terry Ragins. Back Row: Barbara Lucky, Esq., Gerard Grospe, Bill Fournell, Brad Waller, and Alice Grigsby.

BOARD MEMBER-AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT

The Board conducted an interview with Ida VanderPoorte for the Board Member-at-Large, Seat Number Two. The Board approved the appointment of Ms. VanderPoorte to serve as the Board Member-at-Large, Seat Number Two.



Dr. Hoffman administers Oath of Office to Ida VanderPoorte

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