

News & Notes

Teachers of the Year: Honoring Educators

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Nevada County Teachers of the Year with nominating administrators

School district Teachers of the Year were honored at a recognition dinner on October 26, 2017 that was well attended by school board members, members of the Board of Supervisors, ACSA, NCSOS and Special Guest Speaker Jamal Walker. The annual dinner is hosted by the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office (NCSOS) and the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA).

Six outstanding teachers were chosen by their respective school district as Teacher of the Year. 2017 recipients of this honor are Susan Lemmons (Clear Creek School) - CCSD; Gabriela Prado (Bell Hill Academy) - GVSD; Lisa Drageset (Nevada Union High School) - NJUHSD; Kathleen Jamison (Pleasant Valley School) - PVUESD; Paul Stackhouse (Cottage Hill School) - PRSD; and, Cami Rhodes (Union Hill Elementary) - UHSD. Supt. of Schools Scott W. Lay stated, "I applaud each of the six outstanding teachers for their tireless work on behalf of the students in our county."

The Teachers of the Year Program was started by the California Department of Education in 1972 and serves as a way to recognize teachers who selflessly and innovatively highlight student learning, and also recognizes those who motivate and inspire other educators. This is a voluntary program and is a true honor to be selected for this recognition, as these teachers represent excellence in education in each of their academic arenas.

Of these six, one is additionally selected as Countywide Teacher of the Year. This year Lisa Drageset received that honor. She is currently a Special Education Teacher at Nevada Union High School. Lisa's parents instilled within her a value that "with an education, anything and everything is possible!" Lisa shares this same value with every single one of her students. Lisa has an open door with her colleagues and loves sharing teaching strategies. Kelly Rhoden, Principal of Nevada Union stated, "Lisa's energetic personality draws people in and has changed the culture at NUHS. She is well known for her ability to celebrate the positive." In her humbling acceptance speech Mrs. Drageset expressed that "I am and will always be the kids' best cheerleader; and failure is not an option."

Geography Tournament

Linda Katz

NCSOS Program Coordinator

Nevada County's first Academic Tournament of the year was a huge success as seven local schools gathered on Tuesday, October 3rd for the annual 7th Grade Geography Tournament. Teams of three students gathered to collaborate on a fill-in-the-blank 100 question test covering local, State, U.S. and world geography. The written team test was then followed by an individual geography bee where one student from each school team participated in a triple elimination format. Congratulations to all of the participants.

TEAM AWARDS

- Magnolia Intermediate - 1st place
- Clear Creek - 2nd place
- Seven Hills - 3rd place

INDIVIDUAL GEOGRAPHY BEE AWARDS:

- Vaughn Hulcy, Clear Creek School - 1st place
- Connor Drew, Seven Hills School - 2nd place
- Raven Bittner, Chicago Park School - 3rd place

TechTest Junior

David Pistone

Mount Saint Mary's Math Teacher

Tech Test Junior is a 5th-6th and 7th-8th grade test that focuses on STEM education, with an emphasis on critical thinking. The program is hosted by AJA Video and TELESTREAM and is integrated with STEAM Expo 2018. Telestream and AJA Video are excited to be involved locally. The 5th-6th grade exam takes place at AJA Video on March 13th, while the 7th-8th grade exam takes place at Telestream on March 12th. The students are provided lunch and a tour, making the connection between education and engineering jobs.

Tech Test Junior gives younger students the opportunity to prepare for higher stake tests and tasks in high school and beyond. The test is comprised of 25-40 questions that are developed by a team of local teachers. Teachers interested in being a part of the team should contact Dave Pistone at david.r.pistone@gmail.com. The math/science based test is geared toward California State Standards. It is designed to augment and be compatible with what is being taught in the classroom. In preparation, students at or above grade level will gain skill on how to apply what they are learning.

Additional Tech Test Junior information is available on the NCSOS website at www.nevco.org and is included in the STEAM packet at www.nevcoexpo.org. Winners and prizes will be awarded at STEAM Expo 2018.

Trainings • Field Trips • Opportunities for All

Field Trips

Talking to Your Teen About Vaping and Marijuana

This free Family Education Night is a program of the NCSOS office, coordinated by the TUPE (Tobacco Use Prevention Education) program. Target audience are parents and their middle and high school students. Learn about current teen trends, health risks, and inhibiting youth brain development. Dinner provided. Nov. 28, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., NCSOS training room at 380 Crown Point Circle, GV.

Opportunities for All

Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants

Nov. 13-17: This year's theme for the educational organization, Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants, week-long google hangout sessions is *Celebrating Space Exploration*. Sign up NOW to have a google hangout session with climate-data-planetary scientists, geobiologists, astronauts, National Geographic explorer and more. Our very own Dr. Jamie Molaro, a graduate of Bear River High School, is one of the planetary scientist presenters. For complete information and registration:

<http://www.exploringbytheseat.com/space>

Wanted: Art from 58 Counties

California Association for Bilingual Education's (CABE) annual art show features artwork from all 58 counties in California. This year's theme for student artwork is 'Embracing Multilingualism'. The artwork submission form can be downloaded at <http://tinyurl.com/ycase6ds>. Artwork submission deadline is Jan. 15, 2018. For more info contact Jessie Kroll-Yoas at jyoas@ccsesa.org or call 916.446.3095.

Holiday Assistance For Families in Need

Do you know of a family in need this holiday season? Be sure to connect with your school site or district McKinney-Vento liaison to learn more about special available resources within Nevada County that were covered at the recent quarterly liaisons meeting. As a reminder, students who qualify for McKinney-Vento services lack a fixed, adequate, permanent, night-time residence. Services can include assistance with needed school supplies, appropriate clothing for school, tutoring, field trip costs, and more.

CPR & First Aid Training

BasicPlus Adult/CPR/First Aid/AED or PediatricPlus Adult/Child/Infant CPR/First Aid/AED courses are taken on-line, followed by a Skills Demo Check 'class', coordinated by the NCSOS office. Certification is received once you have met the demonstration requirement. The initial on-line training course is estimated to take up to 3 hours; renewing, takes less time. Class fee of \$45 must be paid prior to on-line course access. See the *Quick Reference Calendar* below for Demo Check classes scheduled thru January. Link: www.nevco.org/register to register or contact Faith Yamamoto at fyamamoto@nevco.org.



Music in the Mountains

These MIM educational programs are free to Nevada County schools:

- Peers Performing for PEERS
 - Music Live
 - Take 5 for Music
- Other MIM educational programs:
- Carnegie Link-Up
 - Young Composers Project
 - MIMYO (Youth Orchestra)

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Quick Reference Calendar...

Calendar events have been highlighted in previous editions of *The Nugget* and are listed in chronological order. Back issues of *The Nugget*, with additional information, can be found at www.nevco.org/news-events.



Tournament Schedule for School Year 2017-18

EVENT	GRADE	DATE	TIME	REGISTRATION DUE	LOCATION
Spelling	5 th - 6 th	11/14	9-2	10/30/17	Miners Foundry
Spelling	7 th - 8 th	11/15	9-2	10/30/17	Miners Foundry
Writing	7 th - 8 th	1/9	9-2	12/14/17	Miners Foundry
Speech Prelims	4 th - 8 th	3/8	9 - 12:30 1 - 4:30	2/22/18	Calvary Bible Church
Speech Finals	4 th - 8 th	3/13	6:30 - 8:30		Nevada Theatre
STEAM Expo 2018	K-12 th	4/7	9-3	3/16/18	Nevada County Fairgrounds



Two-Day Immigration & Migration Workshop

Saturday/Sunday, November 18-19, 2017

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

NCSOS Houser Room



Community Read ~ Nevada County Writes Competition

- 11/20/17 Student packet on-line and distributed to teachers/students/libraries
- 2/21/18 Writing submitted via e-mail by midnight to nevadacountyreads@nevco.org
- 3/2/18 Judging
- 3/8/18 1st, 2nd, 3rd place recipients announced at award ceremony to take place in the Off Center Stage at the Center for the Arts, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The program will highlight an awards presentation and the reading of winning stories.



CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo Check Class Schedule

DATE	CLASS DESCRIPTION	TIME
Wednesday, November 29, 2017	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13, 2017	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 11, 2018	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 25, 2018	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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BTSA Teacher Induction Program

All seminars not online are 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at EJ Educational Options
112 Nevada City Highway ~ Houser Room

DATE	YEAR ONE GROUP	ON-LINE
December seminar		X
Tuesday, January 9, 2018		
Tuesday, February 6, 2018		
March seminar		X
Tuesday, April 3, 2018		
DATE	YEAR TWO GROUP	
December seminar		X
Wednesday, January 10, 2018		
February seminar		X
March seminar		X
Wednesday, April 4, 2018		
DATE	Optional Mentor Seminars	
Tuesday, December 5, 2017		
Tuesday, March 6, 2018		



McKinney-Vento 2017-18 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

All meetings take place from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at NCSOS.

WEDNESDAY	February 7, 2018	Board Room
MONDAY	April 17, 2018	Board Room



Poetry Out Loud

DATE	DESCRIPTION
February 13, 2018	Nevada County competitions
March 4-5, 2018	State Finals competition
April 7, 2018	Nevada County STEAM Expo performances of poetry choices are associated to STEM subject matter
April 23-25, 2018	Poetry Out Loud National finals
April 28, 2018	Sierra Poetry Festival performances of Poetry Out Loud Nevada County finalists



CA Alliance for Arts Education Student Voices Campaign: 2-minute video program for 7th-12th Grade Students

TBD	deadline to submit to NC Arts for viewing at STEAM Expo 2018
April 1, 2018	deadline to submit to CA Alliance for Arts Education
April 7, 2018	STEAM Expo 2018 viewing of selected videos

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PG&E STEM High School Program

1st Wednesday of each month Webinar 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Various Workshops TBD

Various Seminars TBD

Registration <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=hyzzrodab&oeidk=a07eejkrjesab69f5ca>