News & Notes

A Message from the Superintendent
Scott W. Lay
Nevada County Superintendent of Schools

As the 2017/18 school year comes to a close, I wanted to give a big “thanks” to all our dedicated educators who enriched their students’ lives academically, socially, and emotionally. In my new position this year I was able to visit our Nevada County Schools and see the amazing work and programs that made students want to get up in the morning and go to school.

In this edition of our Nugget you will see the story on our Classified Employees of the Year for Nevada County. Please read and see how they are an integral part of making our schools excel.

As we near the end of May, I wish all of you a fantastic finish to this school year and look forward to serving you all in the 2018/19 school year.

A Nugget About ‘The Nugget’
Judy Nielsen
Editor to the Nugget

Although The Nugget will continue, this is the last edition of The Nugget for Editor Judy Nielsen. The Nugget began as a County Office of Education/Special Education newsletter. It existed when Judy came to the NCSOS office over 29 years ago, at which time she wrote and compiled the newsletter. Superintendent Skip Houser recalls a school pamphlet called Nugget, but it wasn’t until the fall of 1990, when Superintendent Terry McAteer arrived on the scene, that he branded the newsletter The Nugget. McAteer was the editor and began circulating the paper countywide. After a number of years, Paul Harrar became the editor and stayed at the helm for many years. He did a very fine job before editor duties went full cycle to Judy Nielsen in 2010, at which time The Nugget went electronic.

The NCSOS office will carry on with The Nugget for many years to come. It is a resource that connects the NCSOS office with Nevada County’s charter schools and nine school districts, keeps you informed of the many programs this office offers to our education community, and is used as a calendar reference on a monthly basis throughout the school year. We welcome submissions from any of you, as long as items are related to opportunities for educators and/or students. Contact the NCSOS front desk in the fall, to learn where to direct submissions.

Classified School Employees of the Year
Samie White
NCSOS CSEY Coordinator

Pictured left to right: Karen Montre, GVSD; Kim Boundy, UHSD; Erin Riley, TRESD; Al Rivera, PVUESD; Annie Hestbeck, NJUHSD; Liz Randall, PRUSD; Gail Beitz, NCSD; not pictured, Valerie Jones, Forest Charter/NCSOS.

Each year the California Department of Education promotes a program to honor classified employees that culminates during Classified School Employee Week, May 20-26, 2018. This year seven Nevada County school districts and the Nevada County
Superintendent of Schools each chose a Classified School Employee of the Year (CSEY). These fine people represent the contributions of classified school employees who support the education of California’s public school students in preschool through grade twelve. The goal of the program is to identify exemplary classified school employees in the categories of: Child Nutrition; Maintenance, Operations, & Facilities; Office & Technical; Para-educator & Instructional Assistance; Support Services & Security; and, Transportation. Each person selected goes above and beyond the call of duty; many are life-long learners in order to better serve the school population.

Through a panel of judges and the California Department of Education guidelines, the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office is allowed to send one person from each category to the State level as a county-wide Employee of the Year, to be considered as a California State Classified Employee of the Year. Nevada County’s Countywide Classified Employees of the Year are Annie Hestbeck ~ Para-Educator & Instructional Assistance; AI - Maintenance, Operations & Facilities; and Gail Beitz ~ Office & Technical.

County Superintendent of Schools Scott W. Lay and School District Superintendents express their heartfelt appreciation for the dedicated work that classified employees perform behind the scenes and in the classroom for the betterment of Nevada County students. The following school employees were honored with this special recognition for school year 2017-18: Office & Technical
• Gail Beitz ~ Deer Creek School, NCSD
  Also Countywide Employee of the Year
• Karen Montre ~ District Office, GVSD
• Valerie Jones ~ Forest Charter/NCSOS
• Kim Bondy ~ Union Hill School, UHSD
Para-Educator & Instructional Assistance
• Annie Hestbeck ~ Nevada Union High School, NJUHSD
  Also Countywide Employee of the Year
Maintenance, Operations and Facilities
• Al Rivera ~ Ready Springs School & Williams Ranch School, PVUESD
  Also Countywide Employee of the Year
• Liz Randall ~ District Office, PRUSD
Child Nutrition
• Erin Riley ~ Grizzly Hill School, TRES

Sierra College: ‘First Year Free’ Program
Nicola Murphy
Sierra College Enrollment Specialist

Nicole Scott
Nevada Union Counselor

The Dream Act provides the roadmap for Sierra College to remove financial barriers, providing opportunity for all students to pursue higher education. A newly implemented program, First Year Free, covers tuition, a cost of approximately $1,380. The student is responsible for books and supplies as needed and also approximately $60-$77 for the student center/health center fee and ASSC sticker.

Potential students need to be a first-time student (having completed less than 6 units of college credit) and a resident of California for a minimum of one year. Students that have acquired college credits while still enrolled in high school are also eligible. The commitment on the part of the student is to enroll full time, which is 30 total units in an academic year. To receive this benefit, complete the 2018-19 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA form), also known as the Dream Act application. For assistance students can call the Sierra College Nevada County Campus Counseling Department at 530.274.5303 or Nicole Scott, Nevada Union High School Counselor. To access forms and further information go to: https://www.sierracollege.edu/admissions/first-year-free.php

Tech Trek STEM Camp for 7th Grade Girls
Faith Yamamoto
NCSOS Tech Trek Coordinator

Tech Trek Recipients, 2018

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) sponsors Tech Trek, an exciting, week-long residential science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) camp created specifically for 7th grade girls who show an interest in these fields. The camp is held during the summer prior to their 8th grade year. It offers a unique opportunity for our girls to experience life on the UC Davis campus while participating in hands-on activities, mini-labs, on-campus field trips, and more. Thank you to all of the school nomination teams that shared potential candidates. Interested nominees completed the camp application, including an essay on the prompt topic. The following seven students have been selected to attend Tech Trek this summer, July 22-28: Brittany McCullough - Chicago Park, Amora Williams - Forest Charter, Kaitlyn Antoni – Lyman Gilmore, Olivia DesAutels – Magnolia, Jocelyn McKinley – Magnolia, Ava Johnson - Ready Springs, and Violet Frazee - Seven Hills.

Summer Reading Lists
Judy Nielsen
Nevada County Reads Committee Member

Many teachers provide summer reading lists to their students; some required reading for the upcoming year and some not
required reading, but a list of summer reading none-the-less. Every year the Book Seller has students come in, especially at the end of July and beginning of August, making a last minute attempt to tackle their summer reading list, but do not know what was on it. This is especially true for AP English required reading. Being proactive, the Book Seller has come up with an idea. Looking forward they can create a School Summer Reading link on their website, that has every teachers’ summer reading list by school site. Students can go to the online Book Seller site to find their summer reading list. But of course that can’t happen unless those teachers that give summer reading to their students, submits that list to the Book Seller. It would be an easy solution to an annual problem, if teachers provide their summer reading list by the end of May to thebooksellergv@yahoo.com or by contacting Angie 272.2131. Be sure to include your name, the name of your school and school district, and what class this pertains to. Even if students don’t know to look at the Book Seller website, at least when they go into the store, Book Seller personnel will be able to help them accordingly with their summer reading.

2018 Student Voices Campaign
Edited Press Release from
CA Alliance for Arts Education

The California Alliance for Arts Education is a statewide organization representing a coalition of educators, art-smart parents, administrators, policymakers, arts and community organizations who advocate for quality arts education for all students in California K-12 public schools.

In its second year, the Student Voices Campaign provides a creative way for students (grades 7-12) to impact school policymaking and make their voices heard. Student videos responded to the question, “Why do the arts matter?” and tackle topics such as the healing power of dance, the California creative economy, and the impact of the arts on student learning.

Students submitted over 50 videos and 14 finalists from schools throughout California were selected by a panel of judges. Videos were evaluated on the persuasiveness of the message, technical components of the video and the creative approach. Two of the 14 finalists are from Bear River High School. The videos can be viewed here: Art is Everywhere by Maddie Smith, Lucy Livingston, Itzel Reyna, Isabella Costa https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZB31-9qMgk&feature=youtu.be

The Importance of Art by McKenna Hisaw, Hannah Morris, Ava King, Stefan Vingradov https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hz5temvl1Zg&feature=youtu.be

In California, students are guaranteed a voice in planning and budgeting for their school through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), which requires that districts consult with students, parents, teachers, and other community members to create the district plan. Video from the campaign have activated concrete change at several California school districts, such as increased access to art classes, gender neutral bathrooms and the adoption of the Declaration of Students Right to Equity in Arts Learning.

Sudoku
Jerry Martin
Sudoku Competition Advocate

88 students from nine schools comprised of 24 teams, competed in the second annual Sudoku tournament. First place was won by 4th graders and a 2nd grade student from Deer Creek; second place went to a 6th grader and two 4th graders on a team from Forest Charter; and third was won by three 5th graders from Nevada City School of the Arts. The tournament was handwritten by Soroptimist International of the Sierra Foothills and puzzle books for every child were donated by three publishers. Thank you to Nevada Union High School for hosting the event in their cafeteria.

Trainings • Field Trips • Opportunities for All

Trainings
NEO Youth Center
NEO Youth Center offers a multitude of activities for youth all year long including workshops, socials, music jams, and much more. NEO, which stands for New Events & Opportunities, is an innovative grassroots nonprofit youth center and youth empowerment program. NEO was founded by two nineteen-year olds in 2008. They hosted over 350 teen led events throughout western Nevada County before opening as a Youth Center in 2015. The program serves youth and young adults between the ages on 11-25 years old. Their mission is to empower youth to make healthy and positive lifestyle choices. Go to www.NCNEO.org for additional information.

Field Trips
Kid’s Corner at the Nevada County Fair: August 8-12
This is an area with crafts and games for children 0-5 and their families. There is no charge. All hands on deck for play dough, beading, water play, hand prints and more. It’s a nice break from the rest of the fair, for young children to get out
of the stroller. Just show up anytime from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by First 5, Kids Count, NCSOS, the Nevada County Fair and Sierra Nevada Children’s Services.

**Opportunities for All**

**US Census Bureau:**

**Plethora of Resources, Data, and Statistics**
The US Census Bureau can be a fabulous resource. Statistics in Schools: Classrooms Powered by Census Data program provides resources for teaching and learning with real-life data. Educate your students about the value and everyday use of statistics. Visit [www.census.gov/schools](http://www.census.gov/schools) to learn more and explore standards-aligned, classroom ready activities.

**CPR & First Aid Training**
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. $45 class fee must be paid prior to on-line course access. **Make payment at 380 Crown Point Circle** (NCSOS). **Skills Demo Check takes place at 112 Nevada City Hwy.** (Earle Jamieson School). See the **Quick Reference Calendar** below for Demo Check classes scheduled thru July 5. To register go to [www.nevco.org/register](http://www.nevco.org/register) or contact Faith Yamamoto at fyamamoto@nevco.org.

**Young at Art**
Student art, exhibited at the Rood Center, should be removed by school volunteers, teachers or art docents on May 23-25. Please be sure to remove all staples or push pins from the walls.

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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](http://www.nevco.org/news-events).

**Young at Art**
- March 5 – May 22
  - Student art exhibit at the Rood Center
- May 23-24-25
  - Removal of art work from the Rood Center

**Mental Health First Aid**
- 5/29/18
  - 8-hour training in Truckee
  - Register at: tina.west@co.nevada.ca.us.

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**Link into Carnegie Hall**

**Link- Up**
If you commit now you will receive 2018-2019 Link Up student and teacher guides at the beginning of the school year! Music in the Mountains would like all 3rd, 4th and 5th grades to JUMPSTART their Link Up curriculum this upcoming school year. Link Up is a powerful music education program. A concert culminates the Link Up program with students in the audience playing along with the orchestra. See the 2018 culminating event:

- [https://musicinthemountains.org/education/music-in-the-schools/](https://musicinthemountains.org/education/music-in-the-schools/)

Contact MIM Education Coordinator Mark Vance at 265-6173 x202 or email mark@musicinthemountains.org for more information or to commit now.

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Community Read ~ One remaining community event

‘EVERYTHING I NEVER TOLD YOU’ by Celeste Ng
5/30/18  Mind Your Mental Health with representatives from Mental Health and family support resources, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Madelyn Helling Library

Trauma Informed Care
5/31/18  NCSOS Training Room, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Exploring Careers in Health
5/25/18  Deadline to apply
6/18-21/18  Summer Institute dates

CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo Check Class Schedule

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Heads UP…

We know about some dates and up-coming programs for next school year!

- **Take 5 for Music**: (K-5) can begin August 15, 2018 – everyday throughout the school year
- **Link into Carnegie Hall Link-Up**: (3rd-4th-5th) can begin August 15, 2018 – everyday throughout the school year, if you signed up in the spring and will already have your guide books. (If you sign-up at the beginning of school it could be as late as October before the second set of guide books arrive.)
- **Law Day**: (5th) Friday, September 14, 2018
- **Countywide Professional Development Day**: (K-12) Monday, September 17, 2018
- **McKinney-Vento Quarterly Meetings**: (K-12) Monday, September 24, 2018; Wednesday, December 5, 2018; Wednesday, February 6, 2019; Wednesday, April 24, 2019
- **Poetry Out Loud Video**: (9-12) Forthcoming in the fall, a short video by local teacher Vivian McKnight, that can be used in high school classrooms, as a part of preparing students for the annual poetry recitation program
- **School Safety Forum for Nevada City/Grass Valley**: forthcoming in the fall