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Board Highlights

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The SoCal ROC Board of Education held its regularly scheduled meeting on February 19, 2015. At the meeting, the Board heard the following:

RECOGNITION

Giti Azizi, Center and Satellite Instructor Digital Photography and Media Design I & II

SoCal ROC School of Art and Design Instructor Giti Azizi teaches *Media Design* at El Segundo High School and *Digital Photography* at SoCal ROC. El Segundo High School students recently recognized Ms. Azizi as an outstanding teacher. Board President Bill Fournell presented Ms. Azizi with a *Board Certificate of Excellence*.



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STUDENT VOICES

Mario Aguirre, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School Aerospace Engineering, Computer Aided Drafting- Basic, and Video Game Design: Characters and Special Effects

Mario Aguirre, a senior at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, shared his career pathway with the Board. Mario is fascinated with the elements of engineering that focuses on design, development, and manufacturing. Since his sophomore year, Mario has been participating in engineering and design courses at SoCal ROC. Mario completed the following four courses: *Intro to Construction Careers: Welding*, *Intro to Construction Careers: Plumbing*, *Intro to Video Game Design*, and *Civil Engineering/Architecture*. Currently, Mario is enrolled in *Aerospace Engineering*, *Computer Aided Drafting (CAD)*, and *Video Game Design: Characters and Special Effects*.



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Mario shared a recent model rocket project from the *Aerospace Engineering* course. The students worked in teams identical to a real-life engineering setting. In the process, he learned teamwork and how to follow instructions by reading, interpreting, and implementing plans. After assembling the models, the rockets were tested.

Mario acknowledged that these hands-on courses have provided him a direction in his career pathway to become an architect. His future plans are to attend Los Angeles Harbor College and then transfer to a four-year college/university to study architecture. Board President Fournell presented Mario with a *Board Certificate of Excellence*.

GENERAL

Sample JPA Addendum Regarding Potential Contributions by Participating JPA School Districts

Superintendent Laurie St. Gean, Ed.D. reported that the *SoCal ROC Board Budget Sub-Committee* met six times since October 2014. The committee proposed a recommendation that addresses SoCal ROC's funding needs for the 2015/2016 school year. The recommendation is to add an addendum to the JPA Agreement for participating districts to contribute 50% of *CTE Augmentation Grant* monies to SoCal ROC for one year only. This addendum will be placed on the March 19, 2015 Board Agenda for approval.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

Superintendent St. Gean updated the Board on upcoming events at SoCal ROC: Mock Interviews on March 2, 2015; and the annual scholarship recognition event, *A Night of All Stars*, to be held on April 30, 2015. SoCal ROC will be presenting over \$30,000 in scholarships to SoCal ROC students.

Superintendent St. Gean shared that Chevron awarded SoCal ROC another \$50,000 for the engineering program. An application for the grant funding was submitted last fall to Chevron.