

STUDENT VOICES

SoCal ROC adult student Donovan Saucedo stated that presently he is enrolled in the Welding II class at SoCal ROC. Donovan commented that he first started taking SoCal ROC classes as a sophomore at TUSD. Donovan shared that he has taken a wide range of courses at SoCal ROC but finally found his passion in Welding. Donovan remarked that his career goal is to become certified in 3G and 4G MIG and TIG and become an underwater welder.

Vice President Alice Grigsby presented Donovan Saucedo with a Board Certificate of Excellence.



(l-r) Ida VanderPoorte, Terry Ragins, Alice Grigsby, Donovan Saucedo, Barbara Lucky, Esq., Brad Waller, and William Watkins, Ed.D.

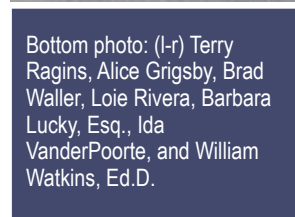
COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITION

Superintendent St. Gean introduced the staff from the IT Department: Teresa Farquhar, Director of Technology; Wayne Smith, Technology Technician; Twilla Green, Data Processing Technician; and Loie Rivera, Data Processing Technician. Superintendent St. Gean stated that the IT Department staff always focuses on doing a good job to meet the needs of all SoCal ROC students and staff.

Vice President Grigsby presented each IT staff member with a Board Certificate of Excellence.



Top photo (l-r): Alice Grigsby, Terry Ragins, Teresa Farquhar, Ida VanderPoorte, Barbara Lucky, Esq., Wayne Smith, Twilla Green, Brad Waller, and William Watkins, Ed.D.



Bottom photo: (l-r) Terry Ragins, Alice Grigsby, Brad Waller, Loie Rivera, Barbara Lucky, Esq., Ida VanderPoorte, and William Watkins, Ed.D.

STAFF REPORTS

Budget/Legislative Update

Superintendent Laurie St. Gean, Ed.D. emphasized that SoCal ROC's main source of funding was from the state. As of June 30, 2015, the state eliminated funding for the ROC/P system, instead folding the funds into local school districts budgets as part of the local control funding formula. This past year the local legislatures worked hard to find a solution to the funding issues that face SoCal ROC. As part of the state budget, school districts and JPA's may apply for CTE matching funds. The specifics of this program have not been released by the state but what is known at this time is that districts that are part of the JPA would each have to sign a "letter of commitment" in order for SoCal ROC to apply.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

Superintendent St. Gean stated that SoCal ROC's opening day for the 2015/2016 school year was a huge success. Due to various start dates at the participating JPA districts, enrollment was extended until September 17, 2015. Superintendent St. Gean shared that she and Board Member William Watkins, Ed.D. will be meeting with the CBO from Da Vinci High School on October 14, 2015.

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