



AVID Region IV Newsletter

February 2003

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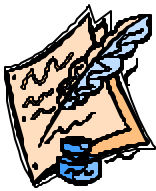
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Write-Off Deadline February 25, 2003

Write-Off Contest

Budget News...



- ◆ Final Prompt was mailed February 10, 2003
- ◆ Mail one winning essay from each of your AVID sections by **February 25, 2003** to the attention of Michael Brady at Contra Costa County Office of Education, 77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
- ◆ Write-Off Scoring is **March 3, 2003**.
- ◆ **Write-Off Celebration** 5:00-7:30 p.m. **April 29, 2003**, Willow Creek Center or **April 30, 2003** San Mateo COE
- ◆ Contact Michael Brady at 925-296-1427 for questions or prompt info.

- ◆ Region IV AVID Program has received grant funding for the January—December 2003 budget year. We have experienced a 20% cut in our budget in 2003 and are expecting another 50% decrease in 2004. Region IV will fund the following “keepers” that we decided on in October 2002:
 - Support for field trips (up to \$500 per site)
 - Summer Institute: Established programs
 - ▶ 2 registration per site
 - ▶ 25 hotel rooms (1 per site/first come, first served), Sacramento only
 - Summer Institute: New programs
 - ▶ 3 registrations per site
 - ▶ hotel rooms (1 per site), Sacramento only
 - Write-Off Contest and Awards Night
 - ▶ one submitted essay per AVID section
 - ▶ school and regional winners
 - Senior Celebration and AVID sash
 - Incentives for data collection and workshops

Region IV Info...

- ◆ Almost 150 participants attended the AVID Site Team Conferences. We appreciate your continued support of our program.
- ◆ **Summer Institute** brochures will be in the mail from AVID Center the week of February 18, 2003.
- ◆ Due to the budget crunch and difficulty in getting subs, the **May 6th AVID Regional Workshop** times have been changed. We will now meet from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Location will be given in March.




Reminder!

- ◆ **SAT Test** registration deadlines:

SAT I only	February 28, 2003
SAT I & II	March 28, 2003
SAT I & II	May 2, 2003
- ◆ Be sure to check out the new look on our web site at www.avidregion4.org.



School News...

- **Fairfield High School** AVID junior, Nicole Haste, serves on the Fairfield Youth Commission. As a Youth Commissioner she helps to plan social and service activities for the youth of the community. She also participates and organizes fundraisers for charity in Fairfield.
- At this time Jerome S. Lewis at **James Logan High School** has been accepted at CSU Fresno. Two other seniors, Yen Nguyen and Megan Succo, have been accepted at CSU Hayward. Another senior, Franchesca Allen has been accepted at Howard University, one of the historical black colleges. Finally, Veronica Espinoza is fulfilling her college dream. She has been accepted at the University of Essex in England, where she plans to study European History. In the course of completing the program she will have the opportunity to study Italian in Italy for a year. She has also been accepted at Brooks Institute of Photography. Congratulations to all!
- This month AVID students at **Cunha Intermediate School** will be completing a unit on timed writing. Students will learn how to write a five paragraph essay in 45 minutes and write four essays, the last of which will be the AVID Write-Off prompt. In addition, the students will be exploring a career. They have taken personality tests and will now pick one of those careers to research and write a report on.
- **Fairfield High School** AVID freshman, Anthony Chang, inspired by Fastweb.com, applied for a \$10,000 scholarship to Juilliard School for the Arts. As such he had to write a synopsis for a storyline he proposed as a movie. When he was recognized as a finalist in the contest, they asked him for his grade and was disqualified as too young. However, Juilliard encouraged him to apply again as a senior since the quality of his work is so good. Way to go, Anthony!
- AVID students at **McKinley Institute of Technology** have been preparing for the Write-Off. They began with a Museum Walk, listing individually brainstormed ideas to share with others. As they progressed around the gallery they added others' ideas to personal lists to gain insights and increase detail in writing. Students group-wrote essays, worked on individual parts and participated in read arounds.
- Congratulations to Margarita Contreras, AVID Coordinator at **Woodside High School!** Margarita is getting married this weekend. 
- Guest speakers at **McKinley Institute** have been sharing their educational journeys. Also at McKinley, Cornell notetaking and Socratic Seminars are being implemented in Core Classes.
- **Central Middle School**'s AVID classes continue to have interesting career speakers, the latest being an airplane pilot from United Airlines. AVID Students are going on tour this month to Notre Dame University in Belmont and Stanford University in March. Also, an expert in speech and rhetoric from San Francisco State University was able to visit AVID 8 in December and train students in the art of debate. Formal debates were held at the end of that week! It was competitive and fun! In addition, both AVID classes are helping coordinator Kay Barg pilot a program from the University of Kansas called "Possible Selves". It relates to the curriculum and the goal of seeing ourselves as future successes!
- El Dorado Middle School is taking their first field trip to UC Berkeley and Diablo Valley College.

Dates to Remember...

The 2002-2003 Regional Workshop Schedule:

May 6, 2003 4:00-7:00 pm



Tutor Workshop Schedule

Next training planned for Fall 2003

AVID Awareness Sessions

Wednesday, February 19, 2003	School Sites
Thursday, February 20, 2003	School Sites

Student Recruitment Meeting

March 6, 2003	4:00-5:30 pm	CCCOE
March 12, 2003	4:00-5:30 pm	SMCOE

Write-Off Awards Night

April 29, 2003	5:00-7:30 pm	Willow Creek
April 30, 2003	5:00-7:30 pm	SMCOE

Senior Celebration

May 14, 2003	11:30-1:00 pm	UC Berkeley
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Summer Institute

July 20-24, 2003	Sacramento
August 4-8, 2003	San Diego