



AVID Region IV Newsletter

January 2003

Representing the following counties:

- Alameda
- Contra Costa
- Marin
- Napa
- San Francisco
- San Mateo
- Solano

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Join us for one of our Site Team Conferences

Choose a Date & Site Convenient for You

Please bring your Site Team members (including principal) to one of the three conferences. We have planned an evening focusing on your team and providing useful input. Cost is \$25.00 per person for dinner & materials. Please complete a P.O. if you haven't already done so. All purchase orders and checks are to be made payable to Contra Costa COE/Region IV AVID Program. The conference schedule is:

Tues., February 4
5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Contra Costa COE
77 Santa Barbara Rd.
Pleasant Hill

Wed., February 5
5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Rodriguez High
5000 Red Top Rd.
Fairfield

Thurs., February 6
5:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
San Mateo COE
101 Twin Dolphin Dr.
Redwood City

Register on-line at www.avidregion4.org or with the enclosed flyer.

Write-Off Contest

- ◆ Prompt to be mailed by February 10, 2003
- ◆ Mail one winning essay from each of your AVID sections to the Region IV AVID Program by **February 25, 2003**.
- ◆ Contact Michael Brady at 925-296-1427 for questions or Teacher Guide.
- ◆ **Write-Off Celebration** 5:00-7:30 p.m. April 29, 2003, Willow Creek Center or April 30, 2003 San Mateo COE
- ◆ This event is a wonderful opportunity to honor students and parents.

*Mail winning essays by 2/25 to the attention of Michael Brady at Contra Costa County Office of Education
 77 Santa Barbara Road
 Pleasant Hill, CA 94523*

Region IV Info...

- ◆ Thank you to those AVID Coordinators, teachers, counselors and administrators that have entered their AVID data on-line. For those that haven't yet, you may do so at www.avidonline.org. If you're having difficulty entering the data online please call your Regional Coordinator listed at the right of the newsletter.

Check it out!

- ◆ Be sure to check out the new look on our web site at www.avidregion4.org. In addition to a program overview, you will find field trip contacts, tutor information, Region IV events, workshop registration and directions. Also available are links to information about everything from college prep to financial aid.

Bay Region IV AVID Center

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School News...

- Congratulations to José Gonzales, a 9th grade, first year AVID student at **John Swett High School**. José earned straight A's and is #1 in his class. Also, the AVID class enjoyed field trips to Sacramento State and the Oakland Ballet "Nutcracker" in December.
- Freshman and sophomore AVID students at **Westmoor High School** are **READING**. First quarter all fifty AVID students reached their 1000 minutes of outside reading goal. This quarter the goal is to read for 2000 minutes. Good Job!
- Congratulations to Joel Arquillos from **Galileo Academy** for being selected as the "826 Teacher of the Month". He deserves the \$1500 award for his dedicated work as the AVID Junior Elective Class Teacher and Associated Student Body co-sponsor.
- One of **Hillsdale High School's** AVID seniors has been selected as a KRON Beating the Odds Scholarship winner. She will be featured on TV with Wendy Tokuda telling her story. Watch for Dusty!
- AVID students from **John Muir Middle School** enjoyed a fabulous fall day at St. Mary's College in Moraga, touring the campus, eating in the dining hall and meeting college students. As the bus turned on to St. Mary's Parkway, excited whispers and sounds of awe resonated throughout the bus. On the drive back to school, 8th grader, James Monroe commented, "That was the best trip I've ever been on." Many students reported that the trip made them really want to go to college.
- Lindsay Maher Garret, AVID Coordinator at **Foothill High School** reports that the 9th grade AVID class has averaged an amazing .46 raise in their grades since 8th grade. In addition, the class GPA average jumped from 2.7 to 3.24. Way to go!
- **Burlingame Intermediate School's** AVID program held its first annual AVID Family Night. Attendance was great, in spite of the world series being on. The evening began with treats and an energizing activity. The students and adults were then split into groups to complete a goal setting activity. Almost unanimously, parents and kids set the same short and long term goals for the AVID students. The evening ended with Q&A on high school articulation and A-G requirements for college. Feedback has been positive, and overall, it was a great evening.
- Congratulations to TJ Merritt! The former AVID Coordinator at **Concord High School** is now a VP there.
- Welcome to the following new AVID Coordinators: Josh Simpson at **Berkeley High School**, Matt Stevens at **Concord High School** and Rebecca McLaughlin at **Pleasanton Middle School**. Best wishes to all of you.
- Susan Schmidt, **Ygnacio Valley High School's** coordinator held an AVID night with her feeder schools. Dinner was served and high school students talked about the AVID program at YV. A great success!
- **Armijo High School** is on the move. From March 24 through March 30, Armijo AVID students will be visiting colleges throughout the state, winding up their trip with a 2 and 1/2 day excursion to Disneyland. Currently, the colleges they plan to visit are CSI Monterey Bay, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Westmont College and UCLA. Some students have worked to raise money for three years to go on this adventure and are really looking forward to it.
- **Galileo Academy** reports that their AVID students have benefited from four college visits: Sacramento State, Sonoma State, Dominican College and University of San Francisco.

Dates to Remember...

The 2002-2003 Regional Workshop Schedule:

May 6, 2003	8:30-2:30 pm	TBD
Site Team Conference		
February 4, 2003	5:00-7:30 pm	CCCOE
February 5, 2003	5:00-7:30 pm	Rodriguez High
February 6, 2003	5:00-7:30 pm	SMCOE
Tutor Workshop Schedule		
January 25, 2003	9:00-1:00 pm	CCCOE
AVID Awareness Sessions		
Wednesday, February 19, 2003		School Sites
Thursday, February 20, 2003		School Sites

Other Events:

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