

## Representing the following counties:

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

January—February 2005

## Write-Off



The AVID Write-Off materials will arrive at your site soon. Teachers are to administer the prompts between January 24<sup>th</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup>. Each participating AVID site will submit three student essays per AVID section by February 17<sup>th</sup>. These must be mailed to the Contra Costa COE. A mailing envelope will be included in your materials. On March 5<sup>th</sup> the essays will be scored. Watch for the flyer for this event. We need willing teachers to score the papers. Teachers who participate in the scoring will receive classroom supply money. All students who participate in the Write-Off will receive certificates. Top winners will receive plaques. If you have questions about the Write-Off, call Liz Rusk at 925-942-5349.



## Dell Scholarships

Almost 100 students nationwide and 3 students locally will get to live their dream of a college education, thanks in part to the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation's Dell Scholars Program. A total of \$1.8 million will be awarded to the 2004 Dell Scholars in multi-year scholarships to attend the college of their choice.

Unlike most scholarship opportunities that focus solely on academic records the 2004 Dell Scholars Program is need-based and evaluates college-ready high school students on their demonstrated ability to overcome obstacles and determination to succeed.

Region IV would like to recognize our Region IV AVID students who received scholarships from the Dell Scholars Program. They are

Adriana Abonce – **Woodside High School**,  
Saba Ghanem – **Galileo Academy** and Maria  
Lopez-Valencia – **Sequoia High School**.

The Dell Scholars program began in 2004 as an extension of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation's support of college-readiness programs like AVID. "The Dell Scholars program helps to open the doors of college education to students who have great potential to succeed but may not have the highest GPAs based on the obstacles they have had to overcome," said Susan Dell, co-founder of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation. "The Foundation awarded these scholarships to the 2004 Dell Scholars to encourage them to pursue higher education, realize their full potential and achieve their dreams."

To learn more about the Dell Scholars Program including information on how to apply for the scholarship, log on to [www.dellscholars.org](http://www.dellscholars.org). Applications are accepted throughout the year and will be evaluated on the requirements listed on the Web site.

## Demo Sites

Region IV would like to congratulate **San Leandro High School** in San Leandro and **Tierra Linda Middle School** in San Carlos for achieving National Demonstration status. These programs have worked hard to become exemplary AVID programs.

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## Reminder!

Get your data  
entered online at  
[www.avidonline.org](http://www.avidonline.org)

By 1/24/05!

## Important Notes...

### Careers

In the Fall 2004 issue of Fast Forward published by the Center for Educational Outreach at the University of California Berkeley, there was an article written by Miya Hayes on Careers. In that article Ms. Hayes talked about several valuable websites that a student can use to explore careers and the skills necessary to qualify for those careers. The first website is [www.CaliforniaColleges.Edu](http://www.CaliforniaColleges.Edu). Other websites that might also assist your students in their career search are: [www.CareerVoyages.gov](http://www.CareerVoyages.gov) and [www.Xap.com](http://www.Xap.com).

### Awareness

On February 15th, **Tierra Linda Middle School** in San Carlos will host a middle school Awareness Session for interested middle school teachers and administrators. An Awareness Session for interested high school teachers and administrators will be held at **Fairfield High School** on February 24th. If your administrator is interested in attending an Awareness Session, he or she can register by calling Gail Schroeder at 925-942-5395.

- **For this newsletter incentive**, e-mail Gail Schroeder at [gschroed@cccoe.k12.ca.us](mailto:gschroed@cccoe.k12.ca.us) requesting your incentive by January 28, 2005, and we will mail you a copy of Princeton Review's Roadmap to CA High School Exit Exam. Please remember to put "Roadmap" in the subject line.

### Spring Field Trips

Region IV will give \$500.00 for field trips for the Spring Semester to those sites that have submitted their AVID data. Don't delay! Get your data in so that your school can visit college campuses this Spring. Questions? Call Liz Rusk at 925-942-5349.



### School News...

- The AVID program, mainly Juniors and Seniors has organized a Tsunami relief fundraiser at **Westmoor High School**. The donations will go to the Red Cross. The classes have now collected almost \$1,000 for the Tsunami effort in just three days!
- Laura Leahy, **Capuchino High School**, (with AVID for 4 years) has received a \$2500 scholarship from the Good Tidings Foundation for her work in community service. She has also been accepted to Sacramento State.
- Laurie Vinal, **Capuchino High School**, (with AVID for 1 year) has been accepted to Chico State University.

## Dates to Remember...

### The 2004-2005 Regional Workshop Schedule:

April 21, 2005	9:00-3:00 pm	CCCOE
April 26, 2005	9:00-3:00 pm	SMCOE

For more details visit us on the web at  
[www.avidregion4.org](http://www.avidregion4.org)

### Other Regional Events:

<b>Recruitment</b>		
January 18, 2005	4:30-6:00 pm	SMCOE
<b>Socratic Seminar</b>		
February 5, 2005	9:00-1:00 pm	SMCOE
<b>Write-Off Scoring</b>		
March 5, 2005	9:00-3:00 pm	CCCSIG, Pleasant Hill
<b>Summer Institute</b>		
July 18-22, 2005		Sacramento
August 1-5, 2005		San Diego
August 8-12, 2005		Los Angeles

