

Representing the following counties:

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

March—April 2005

Write-Off

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the 2005 Write-Off. The Write-Off was the culmination of the writing instruction that occurred in AVID classrooms since early fall. First and second place winners were selected at each grade level. All winners will be receiving plaques. All participants will receive certificates of participation. The winning students are:

| Grade | Place | Name | School |
|------------------|--------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 7 th | First | Leonardo Dominguez | Oak Grove Middle |
| | Second | Will Hitz | Ingrid B. Lacy Middle |
| 8 th | First | Chaudry Sonya | McKinley Institute |
| | Second | Kendahl Gardner | Dallas Ranch |
| 9 th | First | Carissa Johnston | Fairfield High |
| | Second | Jason Estep | California High |
| 10 th | First | Stacy J. Pei | Castro Valley High |
| | Second | Tracy Bailey | Westmoor High |
| 11 th | First | Andrea Porfirio | Woodside High |
| | Second | Aaron Lasley | Pittsburg High |
| 12 th | First | Anthony Wong | Carlmont High |
| | Second | Vanessa Quinonez | Fairfield High |



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Senior Celebration



SAVE THE DATE!

Region IV will be hosting two Senior Celebrations this year. One will be held at St. Mary's College in Moraga on April 15th and one will be held at Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont on May 24th. Teachers are urged to take their students to the nearest site for the celebration. The program will be from 11:30 – 1:00. At St. Mary's College, the program includes a lunch, a panel presentation by college students, and the distribution of the AVID sashes. AVID seniors will have the opportunity to ask questions of the panel. At Notre Dame the program has not been finalized. More info to follow.

Schools will be reimbursed for their transportation costs to and from the Senior Celebration. Please work with your school transportation department to secure a bus to bring your seniors to the Senior Celebration.

Senior Data

All teachers of senior students received an e-mail from AVID Center about the senior data collection process in February. In March, Region IV sent copies of the paper forms that seniors are to fill out prior to their answering the questions on-line. We also sent instructions to each teacher. If seniors complete the data collection, fall data collection will be much easier. None of the senior data will have to be collected. It will already be pre-slugged.

The first step to completing the senior data collection process is to order a transcript for each of your seniors. **DO NOT WAIT. DO THIS NOW.** Once seniors have a copy of their transcripts, they can fill out the paper copy of the senior data collection form. While the seniors fill out the paper copies, you must go online at www.avidonline.org and create a class roster. The directions for this were included in the materials that we sent to you in March.

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Important Notes...

Senior Data (continued)

Students will not be able to go online unless you complete that task. If you have questions or difficulty completing the roster, do not hesitate to call the regional office. **We would like all seniors to complete the senior data collection process before the Senior Celebration.**

Regional Meetings

We hope that you can attend one of the regional meetings scheduled for April 21st – CCCOE and April 26th – SMCOE. We have scheduled two dates as make-up dates for people who cannot get subs or do not want to miss their classes. The Contra Costa County date is Saturday April 30th; the San Mateo County date is Saturday May 7th.

This regional meeting is an opportunity for sites to go through the progress made on Essentials 4, 11 and one other Essential with other teams. Schools **MUST** bring their Essentials box with them to share evidence related to their implementation of Essentials 4, 11 and one other Essential.

At the meetings held on April 21st and 26th, Jeanne Ekdahl will lead us in a discussion of student work from the Write Off. Remember that Region IV will reimburse your site for two substitutes. We encourage you to bring other AVID teachers or site team members.

Summer Institute

Summer Institute will be held July 18-22 in Sacramento, August 1-5 in San Diego, and August 8-12 in Los Angeles. Region IV will pay two registrations for returning sites and three registrations for new sites. Each site that attends in Sacramento will be provided a hotel room. We will be mailing registration information in March. Watch for it!



Awareness

In February, two of Region IV's demonstration sites hosted Awareness Sessions for interested schools. Tierra Linda, Region IV's newest Demo Site, hosted six sites on February 15th, a rainy, blustery day. The rain, however, didn't dampen any of



Lunch at Tierra Linda Middle



AVID wait staff at Tierra Linda

the enthusiasm expressed by the visitors. One visiting site, Redwood Middle School in Napa, intends to start AVID in fall 2005. Fairfield High hosted five sites on February 24th. Two of those sites have expressed interest in starting AVID

programs in the fall. We are looking forward to working with the new sites at Summer Institute in July.



Fairfield High AVID tutorial



Fairfield High student panel

For this newsletter incentive, e-mail Gail Schroeder at gschroed@cccoe.k12.ca.us requesting your incentive by March 25, 2005, and we will mail you a box of transparencies and overhead pens. Please remember to put "transparencies" in the subject line.

Dates to Remember...

The 2004-2005 Regional Workshop Schedule:

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| Thursday, April 21, 2005 | 9:00-3:00 pm | CCCOE |
| Tuesday, April 26, 2005 | 9:00-3:00 pm | SMCOE |
| Saturday, April 30, 2005 | 9:00-1:00 pm | CCCOE |
| Saturday, May 7, 2005 | 9:00-1:00 pm | SMCOE |

For more details visit us on the web at www.avidregion4.org

Other Regional Events:

Touchstones

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| Saturday, April 23, 2005 | 9:00-1:00 pm | CCCSIG Pleasant Hill |
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