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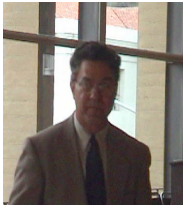
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## Congratulations to our Seniors and Write-Off Winners!

- **Senior Celebration** was held at U.C. Berkeley on May 14, 2003 with over 250 seniors, coordinators and teachers attending. The guest speaker, Dr. Genaro Padilla, Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Affairs shared his thoughts on AVID students successes. He made a point to mention that all AVID students are college-ready and motivated. The participating high schools were: Armijo, Carlmont, Concord, Galileo, Hillsdale, Livermore, Middle College, Pittsburg, San Leandro San Rafael, Vallejo and Woodside.



Dr. Padilla

- The two Region IV **Student Awards Ceremonies** on April 29th (Willow Creek Center) and April 30th (SMCOE) were a success. Over fifty AVID students, their parents and coordinators were honored.

Guest authors, Robert SanSouci and Diane Hoyt Goldsmith shared slide presentations about their writing experiences. Next year, we hope to have all Region IV schools participate.



Jesse Chea and Robert SanSouci

- Welcome to our **New Region IV AVID Schools!**

<i>Alameda County</i> Canyon Middle Hart Middle Lionel Wilson Academy McClymonds High	<i>Contra Costa County</i> Dallas Ranch Middle  <i>San Francisco</i> Aptos Middle
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*San Mateo*  
Selby Lane Elementary

- It's not too late to register for **Summer Institute**. The Northern California SI will be held in Sacramento from July 20-24, 2003. The International AVID Institute is in San Diego from August 4-8, 2003.
- Welcome to the following **new AVID Teachers:**

Casey Gadwood Ryan Templeman Shelly Fisher Pasquale Scuderi Ralph Bedwell Chris Saldivar	Alhambra High Amador Valley High Dublin High Helms Middle Helms Middle Ralston Middle
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- Congratulations to Sue TenEyck, AVID Coordinator at Antioch Middle School. Sue is leaving Antioch Middle to start an AVID program at Dallas Ranch Middle School. Nikki Pelletier, AVID Coordinator at San Rafael High is also leaving for a new position. We want to wish them both the best.

### Letter from Ann...

I want to thank you for your support over the last three years. Our program has flourished with many new schools, new coordinators and teachers. I left a position in a district office where I was expelling students to come to AVID to work with a program that has positive results. At our Senior Celebration at UC Berkeley on May 14, 2003, those 250 college-ready seniors were certainly a testimony to our commitment to them.

I am very proud to have been associated with so many outstanding teachers and administrators. I wish you the best in your future. I will be thinking of you in the years ahead, knowing these difficult times will turn around.

Thank you again.  
Ann

## School News...

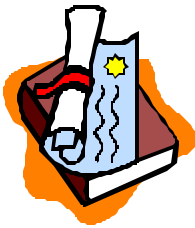
- An "AVID Peace Mural" was created by AVID sophomores at **Westmoor High School**. Hilary Climent designed this mural after students researched their ideas about PEACE. With the help of Sergio Robledo-Maderazo, all of the students were able to create the first PEACE mural at Westmoor High School. This mural is in response to the September 11th attacks.



The AVID sophomore's goal was to beautify the community and have people think about peace. The project was directed by AVID elective teacher **Alexandra Mullin**.

- José Gonzales, a 9th grade first year AVID student at **John Swett High School** amazed and pleased his teachers and fellow students when he received five A's and one B on his first semester report card. He reported that he never had received such high grades in his life and emphatically attributed his success to the AVID techniques he has learned. All of José's teachers commend him as an outstanding student, not only academically but for his great attitude as well. We all wish José the very best for his future and feel confident he'll succeed mightily!

- Karl Debro**, AVID Site Coordinator at **San Leandro High School**, is a proud "papa" to his first AVID senior graduating class. Nineteen of 21 seniors have received letters of acceptance to four year colleges. Schools the AVID seniors plan to attend include: UC Davis (3), UC Santa Cruz (1), Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (1), San Jose State (3), San Francisco State (4), Dillard of Louisiana (1), and Cal State Stanislaus (1). Congratulations!



- San Ramon Valley High School** AVID student Matt Moody won a first place science technology award in the district roundtable competition among the three high schools in the district. Matt's award, one of three first place awards, was in magnetic levitation. Also, he managed to increase his GPA by 1.23 from the first semester to the second. His AVID teacher, **Lynda Legacy** is so very proud of him.
- In **Margaret Cassidy's** ninth grade AVID class at **Encinal High School** the students set-up personalized behavioral plans for their academic work at the beginning of the third quarter. The students began by taking Cornell notes on a Dr. Phil show about New Year's resolutions. They then established manageable goals for their third quarter classes and came up with a step-by-step plan to achieve those goals, including rewards and consequences for following or not following their target behavior. Each student kept a weekly progress log on whether or not their plan was working. If it wasn't, the student would have to amend the plan or follow through on a consequence. They didn't keep any hard and fast data, but anecdotally there has been a significant rise in the class' mean GPA. Several students volunteered their opinion of how much they enjoyed/benefited from the project.
- The third quarter AVID Data Assessment for **Cunha Middle School's** 8th grade AVID class includes the following: 12 students over a 3.0 GPA and four students over a 3.5 GPA. Sixteen of 21 students have brought up their grades since September. Good Job!
- Oak Grove Middle School** eighth grade AVID students participated in the Mt. Diablo Peace Essay. First Place in Middle School Essay was awarded to Carrie Rubendall.



## Dates to Remember...

### Curriculum Workshop

August 6, 2003	9:00-2:30 pm	CCCOE
August 11, 2003	9:00-2:30 pm	SMCOE
August 19, 2003	9:00-2:30 pm	CCCOE

### Senior Seminar

August 12, 2003	8:30-2:30 pm	CCCOE
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### Managing Tutorials

August 12, 2003	9:00-1:00 pm	SMCOE
August 13, 2003	9:00-1:00 pm	CCCOE

### Financial Aid

August 18, 2003	9:00-1:00 pm	SMCOE
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## School News...

- ♦ AVID students representing Middle College High School won the “Most Creative” award at the Sacramento Regional Robotics Competition held at Cal Expo on March 6-8, 2003. Sponsored by NASA and an organization called FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), the competition challenges teams to design, manufacture and test a robot in six weeks. At the competition, the robots are pitted against one another. This year, the teams stacked robots on top of each other to tempt the other teams to knock them over. More than 20,000 students compete in 23 regional competitions before the top teams are winnowed down for the national competition. This was the first time Middle College entered the competition, and no “rookie” team has ever won a regional award.



Middle College Team

- Writing essays for scholarships and college applications are an important part of preparing for college. **Julie Nicholas’** 10th grade AVID class at **San Leandro High School** entered the “Rice Romp” essay contest put on by the Rice Growers Association. The contest was open to 4-12 graders in the six rice growing states. Ashton Zacarias won in the tenth grade category with an essay entitled “Rice: An Agricultural Wonder”. He personally was given \$100 by a representative of the Rice Growers Association and 60 lbs. of rice! The AVID program at San Leandro High was given \$500 and an extra \$100 for the winner coming from California. The rice growers also answered student’s question on rice growing, a good experience for urban students. Ashton’s story was written up in two local newspapers. All the students are now motivated to write essays and enter contests for scholarships!



AVID Teacher Debbie Chaney and Amaria AbdulRashid

- Vallejo High School’s Affirmation Awards Night honors African American students who have made significant contributions to their school and community. Students are recognized for academic performance, leadership, perseverance, determination, athletic and artistic accomplishment, and for “giving their all” to achieve their personal best. The awards categories are named after distinguished African-American scholars, educators, athletes, and member of the Vallejo community. The Affirmation Awards Night is organized by Sandra Lane and Deborah Chaney, the AVID Site Coordinator.

- ♦ Congratulations to the **Galileo Academy** AVID students who have earned the following scholarships:



Kan Wal Khan Ann Mah	Fisherman’s Wharf Rotary Club Awards
Danny Ma	Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans
Anna Mah	CORO Exploring Leadership Youth Fellow
Truc Ngoc Le Thai Quoc Tran	UC Berkeley Opportunity Full Scholarships
Danielle Shields Hai Jian Guan	Galileo AVID Scholarship Galileo AVID Scholarship
Jose Tardencilla	National Hispanic Foundation Scholarship
Truc Le	Dorothy and Lewis B. Levin Family Scholarship
Ann Mah	Service Interact Club-Life Members
Sheena May Tan	The City Club Leadership Award
Gui Shi Grace Zeng	Meritus College Fund Scholarships

**Congratulations to all!**

## Region IV News...

- ♦ AVID Region IV celebrated another successful year at its regional workshop on May 6th at Scott’s Seafood Restaurant in Oakland. AVID Site Coordinators and teachers gathered to share their successes and discuss ideas for next year. Patti Page, Region 5 Coordinator, discussed the strategies of using the Path material and California AVID Statewide Director, gave an inspiring speech about the future of the program in light of budget cuts. The meeting concluded with a trophy awarded to retiring Director Ann Jordan.

