

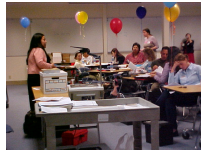
Representing the following counties:

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

November — December 2003

Regional Workshops March 16 and 17—Time Changed

- Thank you to the following AVID Coordinators/teachers who “shared strategies that work” at the October Regional Workshops:



Alex Brown Mullin at SMCOE

Alex Brown Mullin-Westmoor High

Cindy Hayes-Will C. Wood High

Lindsay Maher Garrett-Foothill High

Chrissy Poulsen-Alhambra High

Lisa Vasquez-Woodside High

- **The Regional Workshops on March 16 and 17, 2004 will be full day meetings instead of after school meetings.** Subs will be provided for two people from each site to attend. At that meeting we will be reviewing the evidence in the portfolio boxes in a peer review format. Feedback received during the process will give programs information that they can use to revise school plans. You will be receiving more information about this staff development day. **RESERVE** your subs soon for the date. Districts will be invoicing us for the sub costs.
- If you attended a Regional Workshops on October 8th or 9th or Socratic Seminar on October 11th, you received a portfolio box to house your “evidence” of implementing the AVID Essentials. If you did not attend any of these workshops, your site may not have the portfolio box. Your regional contact person will be delivering this box to you by mid-November and explaining its use.

- Data collection is critical to the AVID program. It is through the analysis of data that we have proven the effectiveness of the AVID program. Not only do the sites need the data, but the Regional offices and AVID Center need the data in order to determine services to provide.

Fall is when we collect the data for AVID Center. Enclosed in this packet is a hard copy of the data collection forms. You can also find a copy of these forms by going to the AVID Center website: www.avidcenter.org. At the bottom left hand side of the home page, you will see “data collection.” Click on that. In the upper left hand corner, you will see middle school forms and high school forms in PDF. Click on the appropriate forms and copy a set to use. Once the data has been collected, go back online with AVID Center and put in your data. The instructions for data entry are on the same page with the PDF data collection forms. **You will notice that you have to have an on-line account with AVID Center in order to enter your data.** If you have problems entering your data, call AVID Center and ask for assistance from Brian Kick. For those schools that have their data complete and entered online by **December 15, 2003**, you will receive professional resource materials to use with your AVID classes. Questions? Call us at the Regional Office.

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*Check out
Hayward High's
Collaboration Day
on page 4!*

Important Notes...

- ♦ Reach-A-Star Foundation offers educational mini grants up to \$500 to K-8 teachers and educators to provide a source of funding for a specific event or small project. Teachers serving students in the Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties are eligible. Contact 866-373-STAR (7827) or www.reachstar.org.

- ♦ The dates for the 2004 Summer Institute are:
Sacramento San Diego
July 19-23, 2004 August 2-6, 2004
We will be giving sites some monies to attend Summer Institute, but we will not be paying in advance. We will reimburse districts for expenses up to the limit we allow. We are doing this to save funds. When the Regional Office pays in advance for hotel rooms and registrations and people do not attend, the money is wasted.
- ♦ **Student Recruitment Workshops** will be held at Contra Costa COE on January 12 from 4:00 –5:30 p.m. and at San Mateo COE on January 26, 2004, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Because recruitment is a key component in building a strong AVID program, we encourage you to attend. Recruitment materials have been revised.
- ♦ Region IV will be forgoing the **Senior Celebration** this year due to budget constraints. However, we are ordering graduation sashes for all AVID seniors.
- ♦ We now have “Go for the Gold” CDs available for all AVID teachers. The CD has many valuable templates for your work as an AVID teacher/Coordinator. If you want a “Go for the Gold” CD, please fill out the form on the back of the newsletter and fax it to us. Be sure to indicate if you want the Mac or PC version.

- In the Back to School packet mailed to each AVID site was a Site Information Sheet for you to fill out and fax in along with your bell schedule. If you haven't done so, please do that as soon as possible. If you need another copy of the information sheet, please call Gail Schroeder at 925-942-5395.
- Region IV is working with Regions I, II, III and VI on the **Write Off** for the 2003-2004 school year. We won't be having a dinner celebration this year due to budget constraints, but there will be student awards for winning essays. Look for information coming soon in a special mailing.
- ♦ Region IV will pay for **field trips** to colleges or universities this fall, up to **\$500 per site**. We need the invoice from your district **by December 10, 2003**. Include a roster of students who actually attended the field trip along with the invoice. If you use a class list of students for your roster, you will need to highlight the students who actually attended the field trip that day. If all of the students attended, write that on the class list. Please send the invoice to Region IV AVID Program, CCCOE, 77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
- ♦ A quote from a recent editorial in the Sacramento Bee written about AVID: “A 20-year old program designed as a stepladder for academically promising but underprivileged teenagers is doing exactly what it was designed to do. AVID sends 77 percent of its graduating seniors on to four-year colleges, roughly three times the statewide rate. As hard as it may be to believe, this state-funded program only survived this year's budget gauntlet by a fingernail. This latest evidence suggests it ought not to be fighting for survival, but for expansion.”

Dates to Remember...

The 2003-2004 Regional Workshop Schedule:

January 27, 2004	4:30-7:30 pm	CCCOE
January 29, 2004	5:00-7:30 pm	SMCOE
March 16, 2004	9:00-3:00 pm	SMCOE
March 17, 2004	8:30-2:30 pm	CCCOE

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

Other Regional Events:

Student Recruitment Workshops

January 12, 2004	4:00-5:30 pm	CCCOE
January 26, 2004	4:30-6:00 pm	SMCOE

Awareness Sessions

February, 2004	Region IV schools
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Socratic Seminar

March 6, 2004	9:00-1:00 pm	CCCOE
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School News...

- ◆ Two 8th grade **Glenbrook Middle School** AVID students, Marleth Rodriguez and Olivia Ortega spent a week studying at Mills College this past summer due to a science scholarship they both received. Way to go!



- ◆ **Ygnacio Valley High School** would like to commend AVID students, Amanda Rolandelli and Samantha Espland, cheerleaders who volunteer three nights a week to help coach a younger girls squad. Another extraordinary student at Ygnacio Valley is Carmen Gonsalves. Carmen is part of a career-building program with Sports Medicine and is a certified nurses assistant who participates in the YV Health Academy.

- ◆ The seventh and eighth grade AVID classes at **Glenbrook Middle School** are looking forward to their upcoming field trips. The 8th graders will be going to Berkeley to see five one-act plays and then on to UC Berkeley for their first college tour of the year. The seventh graders will be going to the Dean Leshner Regional Center in December to see "A Christmas Carol".

- ◆ AVID at **McKinley Institute of Technology** is going strong! We've had guest speakers weekly, students trained as peer tutors, and exuberant students excitedly preparing for our first AVID Awareness Session in February. Our first field trip this year was to C.S.U. Hayward and Holy Names College in October. Engineers from the community will be trained as AVID tutors, in coordination with the AVID students who are part of the Design Challenge/Technology Project, connected with the Technology Museum in San Jose.



- ◆ **Ygnacio Valley High School** AVID students took a trip to Stanford University in October. They made it a point to listen in on lectures, look at labs and talk to students to get a feel for college. Since one of the major goals of AVID is admission to a four-year college, all the sophomores and juniors at YV are required to take the PSAT. Test skills and vocabulary are reviewed beforehand.

- ◆ **Burlingame Intermediate School's** 8th grade AVID student Dennis Caisin earned the #1 ranking in NorCal Junior Golf this year and will be featured in the fall edition of NCGA magazine for winning the NCGA Jr. Amateur at Lake Merced Community College. Go Dennis!



- ◆ **Westmoor High School** AVID classes went to San Francisco State University for College Awareness Day on October 6, 2004. Students enjoyed visiting the campus and hearing several guest speakers. Students were informed about EOP, admissions, and financial aid among other things.

- ◆ **Tierra Linda Middle School's** AVID students attended a Stanford football game on November 1st. Students participated in tailgating with their teachers before the game and visited the Stanford campus. They will then get a chance to experience college life and a college football game when Stanford takes on UCLA in a nationally televised game.

- ◆ **Jefferson High School** in Daly City is implementing AVID this year! With the first 40 applicants having filled out an interview form and showing up on time and ready for their personal interview, the interest and commitment to AVID is already a success. AVID Coordinator and first year AVID teacher, Liz Owens is looking forward to an exciting, rigorous and joyful first year of AVID at Jefferson.

- ◆ **Burlingame Intermediate School** hosted its second annual Family Night on October 29th. Students and parents participated in a goal setting activity. Snacks were provided and a raffle was held. Our AVID counselor briefly explained A-G college requirements to parents.



- ◆ To help the AVID program grow at **Ygnacio Valley High School** AVID teachers and students have been educating staff and incoming students about AVID. With that in mind, in October they held their annual Potluck. Current AVID students, their parents, and AVID hopefuls from neighboring middle schools were invited. Teachers were also invited with the hope that they would learn the value of AVID teaching strategies and adapt some of the methodologies in their own classrooms.

**"A man's errors are his
portals of discovery."
James Joyce**

School News...

- Congratulations to the **Capuchino High School** AVID program! They received a \$9,000 grant which they are using to help pay for their BIG field trip to 6 San Diego/Orange County colleges this year.
- **Hayward High School's** AVID program has grown to include over 150 students in just three years. A "Collaboration Day" was held on October 28th to forge a supportive, working relationship among all AVID students at Hayward High. Individual students and individual AVID classes have been experiencing success but at no point had all students been afforded the opportunity to work together like they did on

Collaboration Day. This all-day event allowed returning AVID students to offer advice to new comers as well as the opportunity to collaborate during activities. Students were challenged to utilize skills in leadership, organization, strategy-building and resiliency. Other activities allowed students to dialogue regarding college goals, skills, attitudes, habits, and successful qualities of AVID students. The day also included a Principal's address to all AVID students and the debut of our new AVID T-shirts.



Shannon Churchey, AVID Coordinator



Go for the Gold CD Order Form

Please send me a "Go for the Gold"
CD in the following format:

PC

Mac

This CD is relevant to AVID elective teachers. It has many valuable templates that will be helpful to you.

Name

School

Phone

Please fax this form to the AVID Regional office at 925-296-1447. We will promptly mail a CD to your attention at your school.