

Representing the following counties:

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

September—October 2003

Welcome Back!

- ♦ As the new school year opens, the Regional AVID office has some changes to announce. Unfortunately, Michael Brady, will not be with us in the coming year. He has taken a principal position in the Piedmont Unified School District. We wish him well in his new position. Ann Jordan, the former AVID Director for Region IV, retired in June 2003. We wish Ann the best in retirement. The new Region IV Director is Liz Rusk. Liz was formerly a regional employee with the BTSA Program.
- ♦ This coming school year may prove to be as challenging as the last both politically and fiscally. In the 03-04 budget signed in August by Governor Davis, AVID is funded at the same level it was last year. We are cautiously optimistic that funding for AVID will continue to be a priority with the legislature.

UC/CSU Counselor Conferences

♦ *UC Conferences:*

Friday, September 12, 2003
UC Davis

Saturday, September 13, 2003
UC Santa Cruz

♦ *CSU Conference:*

Wednesday, September 17, 2003
United Artists Theatres
Emeryville

Deadline to register is August 29, 2003. Region IV will pay the registration fee for 1 participant per school. Complete & return the enclosed form, fax to 925-296-1447 or contact Gail Schroeder at 925-942-5395.

- ♦ Thank you to all who participated in this year's AVID 2003 Summer Institutes at Sacramento and San Diego. We congratulate the Region IV teachers, counselors, and administrators who gave up part of their summer vacation for the advancement of their students.



Site Team planning in San Diego.

- ♦ The Region IV newsletter will be mailed on a bimonthly basis for the 2003-04 school year with the next issue being Nov/December.
- ♦ Please note the "Parents Still Make the Difference!" publication enclosed in the Welcome Back Packet. Beginning with the October issue Region IV will be providing the publication electronically each month to all AVID teachers and Coordinators. Please contact Gail Schroeder at 925-942-5395 if you need the publication in hard copy form.
- ♦ Region IV has instituted a new policy and we will no longer be giving workshop handouts to those who do not attend our workshops.

From the Director...

I am pleased to be part of the AVID community and am looking forward to the upcoming school year. We are busy planning professional development opportunities that we hope meet the needs of our AVID teachers and site team members. Our goals are to serve our AVID sites and increase the number of AVID sites in Region IV.

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*Intelligence is
a chosen trait.*

Important Notes...

- We wish to extend a warm welcome to the following new school sites that have submitted letters of intent to begin AVID this year:

Alameda County

- Canyon Middle
- Hart Middle
- McClymonds High

Contra Costa

- O'Hara Park Middle

San Francisco

- Aptos Middle

San Mateo

- Jefferson High
- Selby Lane Elementary



Please know you are not alone in your endeavor to bring meaningful reform to California's public schools.

- Information about AVID data collection for 2002-2003 will be provided at our regional staff development workshops in October.
- Shannon Churchey, AVID Coordinator at **Hayward High School** and her students have seen first hand that a strong AVID parent club can be a "vehicle for organized parent voices in the district."

"The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker."

Helen Keller

- Coming in September are Tutor Training Workshops for AVID tutors. Please see the schedule below. Registration may be done on our web site at www.avidregion4.org or with the enclosed flyer.

- Upcoming testing dates:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Reg. Deadline</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
SAT I & II	September 9	October 11
SAT I & SAT	September 26	November 1
ACT	September 19	October 25
PSAT		October 18
PSAT		October 21

- In addition to registering for Region IV AVID workshops on-line at www.avidregion4.org, flyers will be posted on our web site and may be printed, completed and faxed to the number posted on the flyer. This feature will be available by mid September.
- Join us in September for the Senior Seminar Workshop on Saturday, September 20th at Willow Creek Center, Concord. Great for all coordinators with 12th graders. See the enclosed flyer. Space is limited!
- On two upcoming Saturdays Region IV will be offering Socratic Seminar Workshops. Following are a few of the participant responses from last year's workshop. "It was very tightly woven, no dead space, fun, short, informative and useful." "Great way to address standards in a team building environment-not rigorous, but exciting." "The book is useful. The entire seminar was wonderful." Please see the schedule below and the enclosed flyer for more information.

Dates to Remember...

The 2003-2004 Regional Workshop Schedule:

October 8, 2003	5:00-7:30 pm	SMCOE
October 9, 2003	4:30-7:00 pm	CCCOE
January 27, 2004	4:30-7:30 pm	CCCOE
January 29, 2004	5:00-7:30 pm	SMCOE
March 16, 2004	5:00-7:30 pm	SMCOE
March 17, 2004	4:30-7:00 pm	CCCOE

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



Other Regional Events:

Tutor Training

September 13, 2003	9:00-1:00 pm	Fairfield HS
September 20, 2003	9:00-1:00 pm	Amador Valley HS

Senior Seminar

September 20, 2003	9:00 -2:30 pm	Willow Creek
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Socratic Seminar

October 11, 2003	9:00-1:00 pm	CCCOE
November 1, 2003	9:00-1:00 pm	SMCOE

Managing Tutorials

October 18, 2003	9:00-1:00 pm	SMCOE
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