



# Unified Association of Conejo Teachers

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## UACT ELECTION RESULTS & MORE



At the May 4, 2015 Rep Council meeting, candidates for Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Communications Secretary were announced. *"In the event that only one nominee is presented for an office, the question of waiving the ballot shall be immediately placed before the caucus on a non-debatable basis."* The Representatives voted to waive the ballot and the following officers were elected: Randy Smith (Sequoia) Vice President; Tammy Edwards (Maple) Treasurer; Linda Legman (Cypress) Recording Secretary; Karla Stevenson (Sequoia) Communications Secretary.

The Rep Council also voted to pilot a program for electronic voting. UACT will share a program with Las Virgenes Educators Association to conduct elections via email. Email will only be sent to home email addresses. Those addresses will not be shared with any other entity. If a member chooses not to share the personal email address, they will have to vote at the UACT office during a designated time. After one year, we will evaluate the program.

State Budget: Governor Brown released his May Revise of the budget. While the budget is still being analyzed, there is definitely more funding for schools. CTA's budget specialist, Angela Su, will be sending us her analysis soon. Stay tuned. We may be needing your assistance with phone calls to our representatives to keep the budget on track.

## TEN SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR CTA SUMMER INSTITUTE AT UCLA AUGUST 2-4 OR 4-6

Each summer CTA presents its premier training workshop on the campus of UCLA. The Instructional and Professional Development (IPD) will offer an opportunity to attend a 2 1/2 day institute focusing on *Student-Centered professionals for the 21st Century and Beyond*. Workshop electives will integrate instructional strategies that center around technology and grade level content, and create partnerships leading the way for educator-led professional development. The keynote speakers this year are Gwyneth Jones and KNP Communications. Gwyneth is internationally honored and her writings have been featured in the New York Times, Washington Post, and Huffington Post. The KNP co-founders, John Neffinger and Matthew Kohut are the authors of *Compelling People: The Hidden Qualities the Make Us Influential and Connect, Then Lead*.

UACT will pay for tuition, room, and meals if you choose to stay on campus. If you choose to commute, you will receive a stipend for gas. We will help arrange carpools. Additional information is attached to this newsletter. If you are interested, contact the UACT office by May 26. We recommend that two teachers from a school site attend together to share information and support each other when they return.

Reminder: Last Chance  
for Professional  
Development this year:

**Common Core  
and Beyond  
Saturday, May 16  
Banyan Elementary  
School**

1120 Knollwood Drive in  
Newbury Park  
8 am Registration  
9 am General Session  
Done at 4.

To register online go to  
<http://ctajay.wix.com/chanel-islands-ccss>

## UACT End of the Year Celebration

**Monday, June 1**

**4-6 PM**

**Ciscos in  
Westlake**

**925 S. Westlake  
Blvd.**



Join us for munchies, raffle prizes, no host bar, and a chance to mingle with your colleagues.

Celebrate our retirees and the end of the year!

## Calendar Survey

for 16 -17 will be coming next week. If you do not receive it, contact your rep or the UACT office.



## CATASTROPHIC LEAVE

We have a number of teachers who requested catastrophic leave in the past week. The requests were emailed to the site reps who have forwarded the requests to you. In case you missed it I have attached copies of the requests on the digital copies of this newsletter. Those reading a paper copy can check their email or contact UACT.

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## CATASTROPHIC LEAVE FOR Kari Ballard May 13, 2015

The Unified Association of Conejo Teachers is asking its members if they would like to donate a day or more for one of our Westlake High School teachers, Kari Ballard. Kari's mother has suffered a stroke and Kari needs time to be with her and to arrange for her care post hospitalization. Kari has no days left.

The catastrophic leave program in our contract allows members to donate 1 to 5 days of their sick leave. You may only make a donation if you have a balance of 10 days accumulated sick leave. Your available sick leave days are listed on your pay stub.

Donated days are randomly selected, one day at a time. When there is no longer a need for days, the remaining days will be given back to the donor.

Please complete and return this form to the UACT office no later than Friday, May 22, 2015.

**Let's do what we can to help Kari.**

**You must complete and sign this form to contribute days. Send the signed and completed form to UACT via school mail, FAX to 805- 497-1458 or scan and e-mail to [uactsec@aol.com](mailto:uactsec@aol.com).**

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

# OF DAYS DONATED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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## CATASTROPHIC LEAVE FOR Carolee Bechthold May 11, 2015

The Unified Association of Conejo Teachers is asking its members if they would like to donate a day or more for one of our Lang Ranch members, Carolee Bechthold. Carol's mother is Karen Maloney, a former teacher in CVUSD. She has suffered a stroke and Carolee needs time to be with her. Carolee has used all of her sick leave due to a maternity leave last year and now caring for her mother. She has no days left.

The catastrophic leave program in our contract allows members to donate 1 to 5 days of their sick leave. You may only make a donation if you have a balance of 10 days accumulated sick leave.

Donated days are randomly selected, one day at a time. When there is no longer a need for days, the remaining days will be given back to the donor.

Please complete and return this form to the UACT office no later than Thursday, May 21, 2015.

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## CATASTROPHIC LEAVE FOR Trisha Clark May 11, 2015

The Unified Association of Conejo Teachers is asking its members if they would like to donate a day or more for one of our Sequoia members, Trisha Clark. Trisha is pregnant and her child has been diagnosed with a condition that will require surgery within days of being born. She will need time to recover herself, and additional time to help care for her child in Neonatal Intensive Care. She will be out of sick leave soon.

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## PARTIAL WEEK STRANDS

### INSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (IPD) STRAND

#### Partial Week Track (Sunday-Tuesday) and (Tuesday-Thursday)

Come and be part of a BRAND NEW and RE-INVENTED Summer Institute experience.

For the first time, this year's Instructional and Professional Development (IPD) Department Summer Institute will offer an opportunity to attend a 2 1/2 Day Institute that will be offered twice and will focus on *Student-Centered Professionals for the 21st Century and Beyond*. Each 2 1/2 Day Institute will be identical in format, activities and elective sessions.

You will have an opportunity to register for either the first or second Institute.

This year our focus will be on examining and gaining deeper knowledge in the instructional shifts in the ELA and Math Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Participants will examine and gain an in-depth knowledge of the CCSS and the accompanying new state assessments – California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). The IPD strand will provide learning experiences for classroom teachers, school site administrators, curriculum coordinators, district administrators and other educators. District level or school site teams are encouraged to attend.

Workshop electives will embed the Four Domains for effective professional development and curriculum design, integrate instructional strategies that center around technology and grade level content, and create partnerships and that leads the way for educator-led professional development.

Join us as we offer up-to-date information and deeper learning of the implementation of the CCSS and CAASP. You can use LCFF funds or Title I, II and III categorical funds through School Site Council to register for this invaluable professional development opportunity.

- Technology integration for K-5 & 6-12 instructional shifts (ELA/ELD, Science, Math)
- Addressing students with IEPs
- Creating a bridge between the standards, assessment, and instruction
- SBAC tools to support instruction (digital library, interim assessments)
- Content area performance tasks
- Leadership shifts to support the Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
- Growing successful partnerships
- Systemic thinking
- How to use Learning Management Systems effectively



### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

#### Gwyneth A. Jones

Gwyneth Jones is a teacher, librarian, international Ed Tech Speaker, blogger, Tweeter, trope and meme archivist, creator of content, citizen of advocacy, and resident of social media. In recognition of being a change agent in her field, Ms. Jones was named an Innovator and a Mover and Shaker by Library Journal Magazine in 2011, a Gale/Cengage New Leader in 2010, and the Best of the Best and a Visionary Leader by Teacher Librarian Magazine in 2012. She was honored to have served on the 2011-2014 International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Board of Directors representing all PK-12 educators and school librarians. Her work and writings have been featured in the New York Times, The Washington Post, and the Huffington Post.

Gwyneth is a lively presenter who focuses on technology and social media for engaging students, and creating innovative learning environments. This presentation will go over digital tools that can be used in any classroom, providing tips and tools for those very new to technology to the more tech savvy.

#### KNP Communications

KNP co-founders John Neffinger and Matthew Kohut are the authors of the *Compelling People: The Hidden Qualities that Make Us Influential* (Hudson Street Press, 2013), and coauthors of *Connect, Then Lead*, the cover story of the July/August 2013 Issue of Harvard Business Review.

They will cover a range of concepts and skills that are critical to exercising influence and persuasion on the Common Core Standards and the Smarter Balanced Assessments. The presentation will focus on highly portable and broadly applicable skills that will serve participants well in all aspects of their professional lives.

As additional keynote speakers are confirmed, the information will be posted on the [cta.org/ipd](http://cta.org/ipd) website.

For program information: Contact Jeremiah Hewitt at [jhewitt@cta.org](mailto:jhewitt@cta.org) or (562) 478-1355.