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President's Message

By: Taline Arsenian, President

End of Year Wrap Up



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Ten months ago, we all started our journey into the 2018-19 school year. We planned, prepared, and executed what I believe was a successful school year for our members and our students. Each Thursday, I had the opportunity to visit a site and speak with many of you. I was truly inspired by your commitment to your grade level curriculum, your school site, your subject matter curriculum, your students, and their families. You have made such a difference in the lives of the students you have taught this year, and I'm certain your impact will resonate for years to come.

At the state level, our union has had a year full of public education advocacy. Not only have locals like UTLA and Oakland been striking and winning for more services for their students, but CTA has been fighting in order to get common sense laws passed in Sacramento. We elected two candidates that are our allies in public education, Governor Gavin Newsom, and Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond. CTA has been working with them and other public education friendly legislatures to support bills that will help increase public education funding, that will create charter school oversight and accountability to eliminate corruption (AB 1505, AB 1506, AB 1507, SB 756), and that will improve teachers rights and working conditions. One such bill that CTA supports is AB 756, which would increase the wage rate for paid family leave claims from 50% (half of your daily rate of pay) to 100% of a worker's highest quarterly earnings in their past 18 months. I am so proud of the work that CTA has done this year for our members and our students, and there is much more advocacy to come!

At the local level, we have been working with our GUSD school board members and leadership to assure that our member's needs are heard and considered. For the first time that I can recall, all five school board members are GTA endorsed candidates. A big thank you to our PAC committee for working to help get public education friendly candidates elected in important decision making roles. GTA leadership has been working together with our school board members, our community allies, particularly the PTA, and most importantly, our site representatives and you, to help bring about success in our students journey through yet another grade level. The input and work of you and our site reps have been vital in determining our advocacy topics. We are also anticipating the arrival of our new superintendent, Dr. Vivian Ekchian, who will start on July 1st. We hope to have a collaborative, transparent, and communicative relationship with her as we partner together to educate our students.

As you complete this year, please know that you have earned your value, and a well deserved rest this summer. Thank you for your commitment to making our school district and our union the best it can possibly be. Happy summer and see you in the 2019-2020 school year!

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Executive Director's Message

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Support Schools and Communities First

An important initiative recently qualified for the November 2020 ballot. It's called the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act and the campaign to support it, endorsed by a broad coalition, **Schools and Communities First**. The initiative, if passed, will provide \$11 billion annually for public services in California by reforming commercial property taxes for the first time in 40 years since Prop 13 passed and it limited property taxes in our state.

Since the passage of Prop 13, California's education funding has fallen behind most other states and even after fully restoring the cuts from the Great Recession, California still ranks 41st in the United States in per-pupil funding. California has the fifth-largest economy in the world and students should share in that prosperity. If this initiative passes, \$4.5 billion will support K-12 education and community colleges. The remainder will be shared by counties, cities and special districts to support community services, including health clinics, trauma care and emergency rooms, parks, libraries and public safety.

Facts about the initiative:

- Reforms commercial property taxes, while guaranteeing existing protections for residential property and agricultural land.
- Mandates full transparency and accountability for all revenue restored to California from closing the commercial property tax loophole.
- Benefits small businesses in three ways: it exempts owner operated small businesses from reassessment until they are sold, it levels the playing field so small businesses can compete more fairly with big corporations, and it reduces their taxes by eliminating the property tax on fixtures and equipment (the business personal property tax) for all small businesses.
- Places California on par with how most states treat commercial property by assessing them at fair market value. This initiative only affects under-valued commercial properties, creating a level playing field for those businesses that already pay their fair share. California's commercial property taxes will still be among the lowest in the country because of Proposition 13's cap on tax rates, which the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act does not change.
- Closes the millionaire, billionaire, and big corporation tax loophole by requiring all commercial and industrial properties to be assessed at fair market value, putting California on par with how most of the country assesses these properties. California's commercial property taxes will still be among the lowest in the country because of Proposition 13's limits on property tax rates, which this initiative does not change.

The initiative has already been endorsed by dozens of public interest organizations, faith-based organizations, small business owners, local governments, and elected officials. **For more information, and to learn how to get involved, visit <https://schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org/>**

Vice President's Message

By: Alicia Harris, Vice President

glendaleOUT!



Happy PRIDE!

Last year as part of Glendale's first ever recognition of Pride month, two community galleries showcased magnificent art from LGBTQIA artists. This year the specific theme of "Coming Out" is being explored in this year's shows titled glendaleOUT and includes youth art alongside that of the adult artists.

glendaleOUT is about continuing the queer narrative in Glendale with more voices, more generations, and a broader community outreach. It utilizes the process of "coming out" as a means of claiming public space for LGBTQIA individuals of all ages in Glendale.

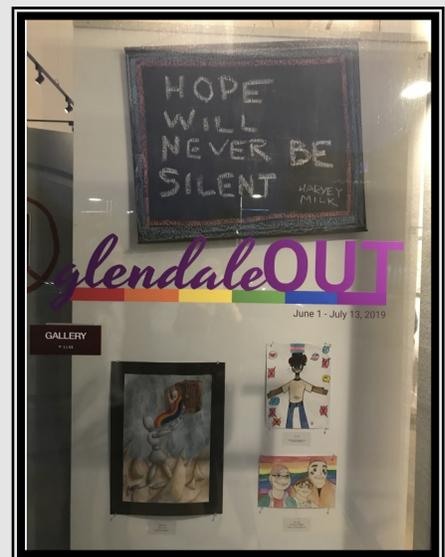
To that end, this year the two community galleries worked in collaboration with local chapters of Gay Straight Alliance chapters in the GUSD to include student's artistic expressions alongside the adult art. Teachers were contacted at each school. Ultimately, 45 beautiful student art pieces were submitted from 11 different GUSD schools at the elementary, middle, and high school level. All artwork was shown the week of May 13 th in the Crescenta Valley High School art gallery.

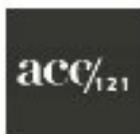
Beginning on the June 1 st , the student art was divided up and is currently being showcased alongside adult art in one of the two local galleries. See the addresses below.

Celebrate Pride and check out the remarkable art now-July 13 th at ace/121 and throughout the month of June at Roslin.

ace/121 @ 121 North Kenwood Street, Glendale 91206

Roslin Gallery @ 415 East Broadway, Glendale 91205





June 1st, . 6-9 pm, opening night.

glendaleOUT is a multi-venue LGBTQIA-based event in collaboration with local chapters of Gay Straight Alliance in the Glendale Unified School District.

glendaleOUT is about continuing the queer narrative in Glendale with more voices, more generations and a broader community reach. It utilizes the process of "coming out" as a means of claiming public space as ourselves in Glendale.

June 15th, 3-5 pm, glendaleIN

An intergenerational conversation around themes of LGBTQ life in Glendale.

June 23rd, 6:00 pm, homo-centric: the LGBTQ reading series
Stories about coming out

July 13th, 6-9 pm, closing night:

7:00 pm "Qreatures: The w(H)ole Story" – a special performance evening featuring Jason Jenn, The Boyfriend, and others.

Follow along for additional events!

 ace121gallery . Gaydale

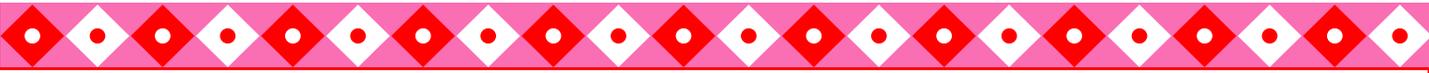
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June 1 - July 13, 2019

glendaleOUT

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Congratulations to our 2019 Retirees!

Abramyan, Nerses Hoover High School, 26 years
Bezdikian, Nora Balboa Elementary School, 20 years & 6 months
Bible, Marcelyn Toll Middle School, 29 years
Carlson, Tami Wilson Middle School, 28 years
Celani, Emil Verdugo Academy, 25 years
Claesson, Annagreta La Crescenta Elementary School, 19 years
Coffin, Dana Valley View Elementary School, 21 years
Crowther, Rich Glendale High School, 25 years
Donabedian, Mary Balboa Elementary School, 22 years
Fay, Andrea..... Special Education, 17 years & 5 months
Gallagher, Joanne..... Balboa Elementary School, 22 years
Goliger, Janet Lincoln Elementary School, 28 years
Gossard, Thomas R.D. White Elementary School, 20 years
Howe, Susan Clark Magnet High School, 42 years
Hughes, Dennis..... Hoover High School, 34 years
Jacobson, Nancy College View, 15 years & 4 months
Lancaster, Gerald Wilson Middle School, 27 years
Marlowe, Robert Daily High School, 26 years
Mooser, Tania Rosemont Middle School, 31 years
Nelson, Diana Verdugo Woodlands Elementary School, 21 years
Newcomer, Susan Clark Magnet High School, 21 years
Nuañez, Christine Monte Vista Elementary School, 21 years
Ophoven, Barbara Franklin Elementary School, 9 years
Ozawa, Joie Glendale High School, 38 years
Rosenfeld-Ortiz, Elysa Cloud Children's Center, 24 years
Samore, Rose Hoover High School, 26 years
Severa, Jeffery Wilson Middle School, 30 years

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Sajjadih, Stephanie Clark Magnet High School, 29 years
Stokes, Diane Cerritos Elementary School, 16years
Tindol, Yayone Hoover High School, 23 years
Wammack, Nancy..... Monte Vista Elementary School, 19 years
Yi, S Angela Glendale High School, 22 years
Yoho, Patricia Special Education, 25 years
Zamanis, Pamela Roosevelt Middle School, 34 years

2019 Retirement Reception



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Summer 2019

CALENDAR

- 05/07 GUSD Board of Education
- 05/14 GTA Board of Directors
- **05/21 GTA Rep Council**
- 05/21 GUSD Board of Education
- 05/28 GUSD Board Recognitions
- 06/04 GUSD Board of Education
- 06/18 GUSD Board of Education
- 06/17-07/19 GUSD Summer School
- 07/02-07/08 NEA RA
- 07/16 GUSD Board of Education
- 07/18-07/21 CTA President's Conference
- 07/28-08/01 CTA Summer Institute
- 08/13 GUSD Board of Education



Name or Address Change?

Please notify the GTA Office of any name, address or phone number changes. You may send in the form below to the GTA Office via school mail. GTA will update our records and notify CTA of any changes.

Name: _____

New Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email (Non-GUSD): _____

School Site: _____

Visit our website at www.glendaleteachers.org for bargaining updates, organizing news, forms and flyers, and pertinent information.



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