

# The Western Connection

## Western Regional Office (WRO) Monthly Newsletter - December 2012

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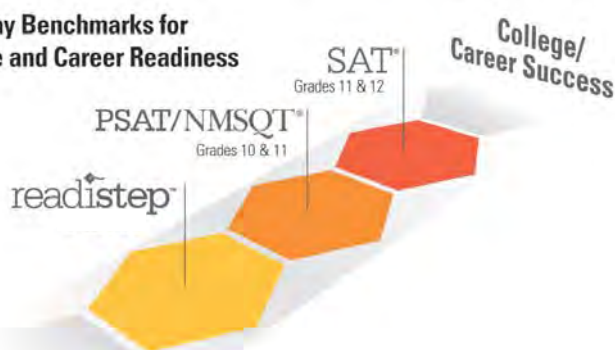
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## Race to the Top District Winners in the Western Region

- Carson City School District, Nevada
- Galt Joint Union School District, California
- Lindsay Unified School District, California
- New Haven Unified School District, California
- Puget Sound Educational Service District, Washington (Consortium Leader)

<http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/education-department-announces-16-winners-race-top-district-competition>

### The 2012 Chinese Bridge Delegation to China November 7-15, 2012, Was A Great Success!

#### 400+ Attendees Participated This Year:

The WRO Team Members: Edgar Montes and Don Daves-Rougeaux, were in attendance with Higher Education and K-12 Delegates from the states of CA, WA, ID, UT, OR, CO, and AZ all participated.

#### Eligible Candidates:

- K-12 district administrators, school leaders, and other education decision-makers actively seeking to develop new/expanded Chinese programs. Selected participants were expected to be actively involved in, and able to speak about, their institution's efforts to build and/or expand a Chinese language and culture program in their districts.
- Higher education scholars and administrators with professional and/or research links to Chinese language and culture, were also eligible to participate. For further information, please visit:

<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/k-12/awards/chinese>  
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## District Highlights

**Los Angeles Unified School District** (LAUSD) continues to offer pre-AP and AP teachers professional development to improve the quality of teaching and learning. This year, trainings began in August with 3 days of STEM focused AP and SpringBoard (ELA and Math). The 20 AP Boost high schools held trainings were in partnership with the California Science Center. LAUSD continued offering trainings on October 6<sup>th</sup>, (CA Science Center) on October 13<sup>th</sup> and December 1, 2012 at UCLA. This year, our region has supported LAUSD with 30 full-day content specific trainings ranging from SpringBoard (ELA and math), PreAP, counselor AP Exam Administration, and NOSCA support, as well as, in the following specific AP content areas: AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Studio Art, AP Calculus, AP Environmental Science, and AP Statistics.

**Fresno County Office of Education** is a model. The AVID director Pam McGee is a former CB consultant and her staff regularly conducts training, reaching hundreds of teachers, including those in small rural CA districts.

**Fresno Unified School District** may have coined the term "AVIDize" in reference to bringing AVID best practices to all schools.

**Yuma Unified School District** partners with its feeder elementary districts are working college readiness and AVID.



## Grants and MORE!

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- AP STEM [www.collegeboard.org/apstem](http://www.collegeboard.org/apstem) <mailto:APSTEM@collegeboard.org>

### CAPE

- CAPE <mailto:CAPE@collegeboard.org>

### Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

**2012-2013 One-Day K-12 Professional Development Workshops**  
December 2012- March 2013  
[www.collegeboard.org/meetings](http://www.collegeboard.org/meetings)  
Registration is now open.

**2013 Western Regional Forum**  
February 22-23, 2013  
Coronado, California  
[www.westernforum.collegeboard.org](http://www.westernforum.collegeboard.org)

**2013 Prepárate™: Educating Latinos for the Future of America**  
May 1-2, 2013  
Chicago, Illinois  
[www.preparate.collegeboard.org](http://www.preparate.collegeboard.org)

**2013 A Dream Deferred™: The Future of African American Education**  
May 2-3, 2013  
Chicago, Illinois  
[www.dreamdeferred.collegeboard.org](http://www.dreamdeferred.collegeboard.org)

**2013 The Native American Student Advocacy Institute**  
May 30-31, 2013  
The University of Montana and Salish Kootenai College, Montana  
[www.nasai.collegeboard.org](http://www.nasai.collegeboard.org)

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