



SAANYS Region 2 Newsletter

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Commissioner Rosa and Executive Director Kevin Casey at SAANYS 50th Anniversary Conference

Stay True To Yourself by John Singleton

Make sure that you keep children and families at the core of your work and that you stay true to your personal core belief system and what you value.

-Commissioner Rosa

This message from Commissioner Rosa during SAANYS 50th Anniversary comprises the reason why we all chose SAANYS as one of our professional affiliations. We became educators because we wanted to make a difference in children's lives. But it is important to remember our own wellness and families as we embark on this journey, regardless of whether you are a new teacher or veteran. Administrators make sure that all students are seen, respected and valued as a part of their school community. The wellness challenges faced by our administrators, exacerbated by the pandemic, are all the more reason for us to garner support from health care professionals and colleagues alike. SAANYS is a network of like minded professionals who are focused on building personal and professional relationships. SAANYS is dedicated to improving the quality of education and educational leadership in New York State schools. In the words of Kevin Casey, SAANYS Executive Director, "You must first take care of yourself before you can effectively take care of others." SAANYS takes care of its members, so we can take care of ourselves.

SAANYS REGION 2 MIXER

by Emily O'Brien



From left to right: Joe Sapienza (Jericho), Beth Castiello (Oceanside), Patrick Klocek (Farmingdale), Joanna Kletter (Jericho) and Region 2 Co-Chair Alex Rivera (Jericho).

Allow me to introduce myself, I am Emily O'Brien, one of the Region 2 representatives along with Tom Mangano and Frank McDermott. We are here to answer any question and address any concerns that you have as you navigate through this school year. Region 2 Nassau county has been very active in our organization as of late. John Singleton (Valley Stream 30), former Region 2 representative is now the NAESP New York State representative and Felicia M. Thomas-Williams (Brentwood, Region 1) is the NASSP New York State representative. Dr. Richard Mangeri (Hewlett-Woodmere) is on the Board for Region 2 and Former President Regina Huffman (Sewanhaka) is on the GRC. Dr. Scott Comis (Valley Stream 24) is President elect of SAANYS. We wish all of our members with new positions the best of luck.

On October 27, 2022, SAANYS Region 2 held a mixer at the Meatball Place in Farmingdale. The event was partially sponsored by Educational Vistas. The purpose of the mixer was to energize Region 2 administrators and introduce them to the new Region 2 officials. Cassandra Papajohn-Shaw (Sewanhaka) and Dr. Alex Rivera (Jericho) volunteered to serve as the new co-chairs for Region 2. Rounding out the new leadership was Johanne Gaddy (Valley Stream 24) Social Chair and Dr. Pia Linda Ferrante (Port Washington) Secretary. We wish our new leadership the best of luck.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, I along with Tom and Frank are available as a resource and can assist you with any services that SAANYS can provide. As a retired principal, former Region 2 Chair, and previous national representative, I know how busy things are at work, especially during this time of year. Know that we are here for you..

SAANYS is your voice, your source, your association. This means access to the latest information, rapid responses to phone calls and inquiries, the best in legal protection and negotiations services, strong legislative representation, and the most pertinent and comprehensive professional growth opportunities. We're proud to act as advocates, partners, and supporters for educators and school administrators. This holistic approach to serving members is deliberate and purposeful. SAANYS provides the job protection needed in these turbulent times, but also the professional growth necessary to succeed and advance in this era of change.



From left to right: Elliot Lewin (Long Beach), Deputy Executive Director Jennifer L. Carlson, Esq. (SAANYS), Executive Director Kevin Casey (SAANYS), Keith Biesma (Long Beach)



From left to right: Richaud Bland (Baldwin), Stephanie Boldur (Baldwin), Mark Coccarelli (Plainedge) and Andre Poprilo (Baldwin)

If you have any questions or need to reach out to me please find my contact information below. Thank you and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Additional Benefits of Membership:

- National affiliation options
- Award-winning publications for administrators
- \$10,000 term life insurance policy
- A free financial profile; financial planning, retirement services, and related insurances from Equitable
- Online career center
- Abenity discount program (travel, purchases, and more)
- Personal legal services plan
- Discounted online defensive driving course
- Auto and home insurances from Liberty Mutual

Events

ALL

Nov 30	#SAANYS TWITTER CHAT
Dec 2	FINANCIAL FRIDAY - SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING
Dec 15	SAANYS SPOTLIGHT: CULTURAL COMPETENCY SIMULATION: PRACTICE AND PROBLEM SOLVING
Jan 6	FINANCIAL FRIDAY - FINANCIAL WELLNESS
Jan 10	SAANYS CONNECT: A CANDID CONVERSATION WITH THE SAANYS ATTORNEYS
Feb 3	FINANCIAL FRIDAY - FAMILY LOVE LETTER
Mar 3	FINANCIAL FRIDAY - HOW DO I PAY FOR COLLEGE?
Apr 7	FINANCIAL FRIDAY - TAX TIME! PLANNING ACCORDINGLY



SAANYS
SPOTLIGHT

Cultural Competency Simulation:
Practice and Problem Solving

December 15, 2022 | 4-5 PM | online

Facilitator Dr. David DeJong:

David De Jong, Ed.D., is the Dean of the College of Education at Dakota State University, and the President of the International Council of Professors of Educational Leadership (ICPEL). His previous experience includes serving as a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent.

The Simulation:

You are a month into your new position as principal of Waterside School, in a district experiencing significant shifts in demographics, which in turn leads to challenges balancing the needs and perspectives of long-time residents with those of newcomers. The district is committed to “Create High-Quality Learning Experiences that Meet the Needs of Each Child.” Your job is to uncover specific needs, and resolve discrepancies in the treatment of students, wherever they may exist.

Takeaways:

During the simulation, you will...

- Learn different ways to balance the needs and desires of different stakeholders within your school.
- Practice addressing biases and counterproductive habits of entrenched faculty.
- Discover how to uncover specific needs and resolve discrepancies in the treatment of students.

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