

Office of Charter Schools OUSD

FEATURE

Newsletter / April 2014

OUSD Honor Roll Event

The African American Male Achievement (AAMA) Office in OUSD would like to honor your outstanding students! Please recognize your African American (male and female) students in grades 8-12, who have earned a first or second trimester weighted GPA of 3.0 or better. Follow this [link](#) and fill out the form for all qualifying students by Wed April 9th at 5pm.

SPOTLIGHT

Training Workshop

The Marin County Office of Education is offering a special opportunity to be trained in changes to Highly Qualified Teacher compliance and CALPADS. This is a free workshop that is recommended for charter leaders and administrative staff. Click on this [link](#) for more information, a flyer and to sign-up.

HQT CALPADS WORKSHOP
May 19, 2014
Marin County Office of Education
2133 San Geronimo Ave.
San Rafael, CA 94903

Tentative Schedule:
9:30am-12:00pm General Session
12:00-1:00pm Lunch
1:00-4:00pm (Brown Bag or Office) Breakout Sessions
Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) CALPADS
4:00-4:30pm Q&A Session

Who Should Attend?
• Assistant Superintendents/Directors of HR
• Credential Analysts
• Staff working on HQT responsible for ensuring that all core academic teachers meet ESA Compliance Requirements
• CALPADS technicians

Cost: NO CHARGE
To Register click on the code or on the link below and then "Special Events":
<http://bit.ly/2j8m6m>
www.marincharter.org/special-events.asp

HQT topics will include:
• How to complete the Certificate of Compliance Form
• The High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation Process
• Teacher Compliance Requirements
• STEM courses and alternative pathway to graduation courses
• The Verification Process for Special Settings
• The applicability of these requirements to charter schools

CALPADS topics will include upcoming changes in CALPADS including:
• Changes in enrollment processing
• Moving grade level
• Inter-district transfer category
• District of geographic residence to enrollment record identifying top Office students for Local Control Formule
• Additional fields added to 'File to reflect data on her' students

CHARTER CHATTER

Silke Out of the Office



• Silke will be out of the office for her delayed Summer 2013 vacation from 04.08 to 04.28. Please email [Kamala](#), [Ben](#) and [Phil](#) with your inquiries during this time and one of them will get back to you within 48 hours

Need Credential Advice?

• Before sending any credential application to ACOE, or, requesting a TCC, OUSD Charters must send an email to stomasi@acoec.org. This [form](#) **must be** completed and included in the email request for service.

TECHCONNECT

Qeyno Labs Launches Start-Up Weekend Oakland

Could an app have saved Trayvon Martin? Building a Silicon Valley that lives up to Dr. King's Dream was the theme of Oakland's first Startup Weekend and the first-ever hackathon focused on Black Male Achievement. History was made during this 54 hour event held from February 7-9th, 2014 at Impact Hub Oakland

Kalimah Priforce and his team at Qeyno Labs brought together talented developers, designers and business leaders to work alongside students in an atmosphere that intentionally prioritized young black men. Young women and other men of color were also invited to become Trailblazers--since they, too, are typically under-represented in Silicon Valley.

For many of the young participants, Startup Weekend Oakland: Black Male Achievement (#swobma) was the learning environment they always wished for — learning in-demand skills, design thinking, making new friends, public speaking and teamwork. The event also offered educators an opportunity to learn about rapid prototype development and the intersection of STEM and entrepreneurship-driven activities. At the end, all Trailblazer students gathered on stage for a rite of passage ceremony, led by Greg Hodge, to receive positive affirmations and encouragement from their families and new mentors.



The impressive apps created by hackathon participants include:

Connect the Dots (3rd Place Tie, People's Choice Award): Counseling social network for students of color who attend private schools to build community.

CourtDate (2nd Place, Best Business Model): SMS app that helps teens remember their court dates and avoid jail time for failure to appear in court.

HealthyBird: Avatar-based lifestyle game that helps students make better decisions around health and nutrition.

HelpCircle (1st Place): Emergency response app that makes it easy to text a close friend or family when you are feeling unsafe.

After the overwhelming success of the BMA hackathon, Kalimah Priforce and Qeyno Labs are making plans to launch inclusive hackathons across the United States and internationally by 2016. Their next hackathon will be at the 2014 Essence Music Festival in July. If you're interested in bringing Qeyno hackathons to your school, contact Kalimah Priforce

Kalimah Price: www.priforce.me

Visit this [link](#) for more hackthon info

Watch hackathon video [here](#)

SAVE THE DATE

P2 Review Meetings/ 04.07.-11.14

All reports—or corrections to prior month's reports—should have been submitted to [Minh Co](#) by April 3rd. Please double-check your date/time to meet Minh at his office (1000 Broadway, Suite 450) to review and sign the finalized P2.

Summer Convening/ 08.06.14

Mark your calendars for August 6th from 5-7:30pm when we will hold our annual Charter Leader Welcome at the Jack London Aquatic Center. Topics of discussion will include, identification of instructional effectiveness indicators for classroom observations, the Charter School Balanced Scorecard and LCAP goal and MPO alignment. Look for an invite from Kamala regarding your attendance availability as well as dining preferences.

THE OCS DESK

New Charter Petitions 2013-2014

- East Bay Innovation Academy (6-12)// 10.23.13 (Approved)
- Epic Charter School (6-8)// 10.23.13 (Approved)
- Unity Middle School (6-8)// 11.06.13 (Denied)
- COVA High School (9-12)// 11.20.13 (Denied)
- Downtown Charter Academy (6-8)// 01.29.14 (Approved)
- Aspire Tech Academy (K-5)// 1.29.14 (Approved)

Charter Renewals 2013-2014

- Aspire Monarch Academy (K-5)// 02.12.14 (Approved)
- Aspire ERES Academy (K-8)// 02.12.14 (Approved)
- Oakland Military Institute (6-12)// 02.26.14 (Approved)
- EC Reems Academy (K-8)// (TBD)