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# Office of Charter Schools

## OUSD

**FEATURE**

Newsletter

April 2015

## OUSD Talent Search

OUSD is actively seeking Principals and Assistant Principals for the 2015-16 school year. As a part of our network, we know you can help identify the most qualified candidates. Please distribute [this flyer](#) and if you have any referrals or recommendations, don't hesitate to get in touch with [Aaron Townsend](#), OUSD's Deputy Chief of Talent Management.

Additionally, the Office of Charter Schools is seeking a Deputy Director to join our team July 1, 2015. Please find the job description [here](#) and contact [Silke Bradford](#) with any referrals you may have.



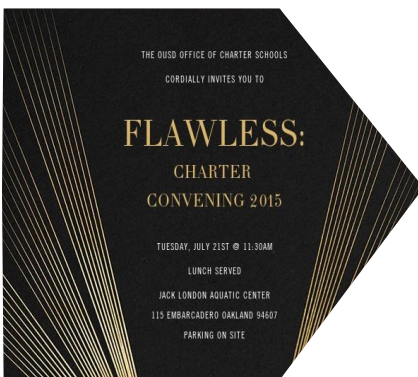
## SPOTLIGHT

### OCS Teacher of the Year Nominations

Our office has been inspired by the incredible work we've observed across our charters (and maybe Beyoncé a little too), so this year's Charter Convening will be an awards show themed event that we're calling Flawless. You should have received a Paperless Post invite to our lunchtime soiree on Tuesday, July 21st and you can contact [Kamala](#), if you haven't.

In addition to presenting awards of our own, we'd like each school to nominate a teacher who contributes to a successful and engaging learning environment through a combination of passion and craft, skill and dedication, analysis and perseverance. All nominated teachers will be invited to join us at our convening lunch and will share a brief best/signature practice or activity of which they're particularly proud. At least one teacher will also be presented with the OCS Teacher of the Year award for their exemplary efforts and accomplishments.

For more details, access our [Teacher Nomination Form](#).



# CHARTERCHATTER

## SEL Program Testing Grant



The Sanford Education Center, at National University in San Diego, formally launched in September 2014 and is committed to making a difference in society. Their first national initiative is field-testing their Harmony Program, a Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) intervention vehicle developed to enhance emotional intelligence and Common Core skills among students grades Pre K-6.

Grants will be awarded in the amount of 5K to school sites that participate in the testing. Middle schools are eligible only if they have students in 6th grade. Testing and funding are set to begin in the 2015-16 school year and schools are welcome to opt in until June 2015.

For more info visit the [Harmony Program site](#) or contact [Teahoen Ubuu Aaron](#).

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## SAVE THE DATE

### Collective MPO Drafts Due // Friday 05.15.15

Email completed charts to [Ben Brittain](#) and you may also contact him with questions.

### OCS Teacher of the Year Nominations Due // 06.01.15

Access the [Teacher Nomination Form](#) for instructions and further information.

### Charter Convening 2015 // 07.21.15

We're excited to invite you to our annual charter convening and to honor the teachers who do great work in our schools. This will be a lunch event with programming on best practice sharing and a short awards presentation.

Tuesday, July 21, 2015  
Jack London Aquatic Center  
115 Embarcadero 94607  
11:30-2pm

Contact [Kamala](#) for more information or to RSVP.