

How were the TACT Scholarship recipients selected?

We sent out applications to all the SF public high schools. From there, we received over 60 applicants. Every applicant was read by at least three committee members, and given a point score based on an established rubric. From there, we took the top tier and interviewed them. The best thirteen received our scholarships.

What is your position in San Francisco Unified School District?

Currently I am the Interim Assistant Principal of Student Support Services for Galileo. But that's only until the AP comes back from maternity leave. Then I go back to serving my Galileo students as their counselor.

What is your favorite thing about your position?

I know this is going to sound cliché, but my favorite thing about being a counselor is the relationships I create with my students. They come to me for things big and small, and I love feeling like I've helped them in some way. My counseling style tends to be a cross between a strict mother and a loving older sister.

How did you get involved in TACT in the first place?

My mother, who was a school counselor at Lowell, was extremely involved in TACT while I was in grade school through high school. I used to attend the meetings with her, stapling newsletters together, or doing homework while she and the other Board members would passionately talk about the changes that needed to happen so that Chinese teachers were better represented in the schools. Every year, my family and I would attend the TACT Dinner. I never knew a world without TACT.

Thank you for spending time with us! Hope you have a wonderful summer!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AT TACT DINNER

Welcome everyone! It's really wonderful to see so many of you here to support TACT and the scholarship recipients.

This school year has been a year of change and renewal for TACT. We began this year with a joint kick-off with the Asian American Administrators Association (AAAA). We had a great turnout and it was a fantastic way for us to start the year.

TACT also joined AAAA for their Hot Topic meeting. We met with the District and community organizations to discuss the issue of long-term English Language Learners in our school district. We began dialogue on a very complex issue and we hope to continue this conversation and find real solutions in the future.

In conjunction with San Francisco State University Ethnic Studies Department, our curriculum committee organized a trip to document artifacts in the historic China Camp State Park, the only remaining shrimping village still preserved in the Bay Area. We are currently discussing ways that TACT and SFSU can help Friends of China Camp to preserve this history for future generations.

TACT has also had talks with SFSU about maintaining their BCLAD programs so that SFUSD can recruit enough qualified teachers for our bilingual and immersion programs. As an organization we are also developing ideas to encourage more people to become teachers.

I encourage all of you to join TACT. Help us to continue the work of advocating for our students, families and teachers. It's also a great way to network and develop leadership skills. Have a wonderful evening and I hope you all have a great time.

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