

## **Press Release**

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### **National Association for Bilingual Education's 2014 Conference**

The National Association for Bilingual Education is one of the premier professional organizations at the national level wholly devoted to representing both Dual Language Learners (DLLs) and bilingual education professionals.

Over 2,000 educators are expected to attend the National Association for Bilingual Education's (NABE) 43rd annual conference at the San Diego Convention Center, California. This annual conference is dedicated to presenting topics related to bilingual education, dual language enrichment education, English as a second language (ESL), second language acquisition, assessment and accountability, teacher training, multilingualism, multiculturalism, leadership, and research policy issues related to bilingualism and Dual Language Learners. Along with our affiliate organizations in 22 states, NABE represents a combined membership of more than 5,000 bilingual and ESL teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, university professors, students, researchers, advocates, policymakers, and parents.

The theme for this year's conference is "Sailing into the 21st Century: Multiple Languages, Multiple Paths, Lifelong Advantages." The list of invited guests includes Mr. Tom Torlakson, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Superintendent Randolph E. Ward, San Diego County Office of Education; Superintendent Cindy Marten, San Diego Unified School District; along with distinguished award winners, Julia Brownley, United States Representative for California; Dr. Arnhilda Badia, Badia & Associates; Eugene García, Vice President for Education Partnerships, Arizona State University; and Dr. Laurie Olsen, Sobrato Early Academy Learning.

Internationally renowned keynote and featured speakers, such as Dr. Alma Flor Ada, Professor Emerita at the University of San Francisco; Dr. Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent of Schools in Miami-DCPS; Dr. Luis F. Cruz, former Principal, Baldwin Park High School; Dr. Kenji Hakuta, Professor, Stanford University; Dr. Eugene García, Vice President for Education Partnerships, Arizona State University; Dr. Ofelia García, Professor, CUNY; Dr. Laurie Olsen, Sobrato Early Academy Learning; Libia Gil, Director of OELA (Office of English Language Acquisition); Dr. Anita Pandey, Associate Professor, Morgan State University; Dr. Juan Manuel Martínez García, National Coordinator of the English for Basic Education Programs (PNIEB) Mexico; Dr. Karen Cadiero-Kaplan, English Learner Support Division, State of California; Shelly Spiegel-Coleman, Executive Director, Californians Together; Elena

Fajardo, California Department of Education; Xavier Gisbert da Cruz, Consejero de Educación, Embajada de España; Robert Linqanti, WestEd; Luis Zayas, Vice President for National & International Affairs, Ana G. Méndez University Systems; Gayle Miller, Principal, Lower Kuskokwim Schools; Dr. Richard Gomez, Dual Language Training Institute; and Dr. Mario Ferrón, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD. There will also be over 200 concurrent sessions and Special Interest Groups. Participants also have the option to sign up for visits to local schools that are implementing successful bilingual education programs. Students, teachers, advocates, and elected officials will be recognized for their efforts to promote the importance of bilingualism and biliteracy.

The conference will feature a 90,000 square foot exhibit hall, with product offerings from publishers and educational resource providers, and will also include a job fair. To exhibit with us, please visit [www.nabe.org/Exhibitors](http://www.nabe.org/Exhibitors).

***WHAT: NABE 2014 Sailing into the 21st Century: Multiple Languages, Multiple Paths, Lifelong Advantages***

***WHERE:*** San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, California

***WHEN:*** February 12th – 15th, 2014

**For more information or to register for the NABE conference, please visit <http://www.nabe.org>.**

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