



**NABE 2015 National Educational  
Leadership**

**Forum Courageous Leadership:  
Actualizing Biliteracy for ALL**

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**Dr. Julio Cruz, President, NABE**

Presentation of the 2015 Vision and Action:  
Promoting Biliteracy for All Award

Recipient:

Santa Clara County Office of Education

**Panel Discussion**

Moderator:

Dr. Yee Wan

NABE Executive Board Member,  
and Director of Multilingual Education Services,  
Santa Clara County Office of Education, San Jose, CA

**Educating stakeholders (parents, community members, trustees, businesses, district employees) about the importance of bilingualism and biliteracy**

*How is the importance of biliteracy and multilingualism being brought to your communities?*

*What data are used to educate the community about the value of bilingualism?*

**Jon Gundry**

County Superintendent of Schools,  
Santa Clara County Office of Education  
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**Efren Yturralde**

Superintendent,  
Gadsen Independent  
School District,  
Sunland Park, NM

**Preparing, attracting and retaining qualified bilingual professionals**

*What are the essential components of a strategic plan for recruiting and retaining qualified staff?*

**Dr. Rosa Aronson**

Executive Director  
TESOL International

**Dr. Ngoc-Diep Nguyen**

Associate Professor and  
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College of Education,  
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**Dr. Jerry D Valadez**

Director,  
Multicultural/Equity  
Division, National Science  
Teachers Association  
Director, Central Valley  
Science Project,  
California State University,  
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**Creating relevant professional development**

*What are the steps to building a high-quality professional development plan for bilingual staff members? In what ways does this plan include other staff members or district staff?*

**Dr. Karen Carlson**

Executive Director  
TESOL International

**Mary Cathryn Ricker**

Executive Vice President,  
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**Amanda Rothengast**

Principal,  
Hoover Elementary School,  
SEAL Demonstration Site,  
Redwood City School  
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**Evaluating programs and responding to evaluations**

*What are the biggest challenges in establishing and maintaining high-quality bilingual/dual language immersion and world language programs?  
What are some ways to address these challenges?*

**Alicia Salinas**

Pk-5 Dual Language Facilitator,  
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**Magda Schenck**

Executive Director of Bilingual/ESL  
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**Overcoming obstacles (Curriculum, Funding, Resources)**

*How do districts overcome barriers for establishing effective instructional and award programs?*

*What are some methods to deal with unexpected hurdles?*

**Okab T. Hassan**

Principal,  
Peck Elementary  
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**Recognition and Closing Remarks**

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