

Jane Anderson

President



Jane Anderson, who is currently serving as president of the AUSD school board, is appointed to voice the opinions of the entire committee. Anderson grew up to love the city of Alhambra, as she attended Garfield Elementary and later Alhambra High. After receiving her California teaching credential and Bachelors of Arts degree at UCSB, she went to CSULA to attain her Masters of Arts in Education. Anderson later taught second grade at Monterey Highlands for 35 years. After retiring from her teaching career in 2002, she mentored new teachers and later applied for a job in the school board in 2007.

"[It was] a real honor [to be] appointed to the board; [I am able to] give back to the community, care for children and carry out [my] family legacy," Anderson said. She wants to continue the road her father took, as he was also president of the board at the time of her graduation from AHS.

Anderson says that even with all of her daily activities and hobbies, she devotes the most time to her job. She wants to use the money from Governor Brown's plan to invest in technology in order to do testing for common core standards. In addition, since about 80 to 85 percent of the district's funding is for employees, Anderson plans to keep providing these funds to maintain high-quality education and teachers for students of this district. She proudly encourages all students to "[be] very proud to be able to attend a high school that has a wonderful [history]. Be proud of your heritage."

By: Features Editor Cynthia Luong

Meet Your School Board!

The school board consists of five positions—the president, vice president, clerk and two members—in which everyone serves a rotation basis. Each member's term lasts for a year. As they rotate annually, the president becomes a member, while the vice president becomes the president, and so forth. All of them contribute their opinion to better the Alhambra Unified School District. Together, they voice ideas and implement plans that would help students receive a high-quality education.

Robert L. Gin

Vice President



Robert L. Gin currently serves as vice president of the AUSD's school board. He lives in Monterey Park with his wife and four daughters and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business from CSULA. Before taking on this job, Gin had the position of being former president of the entire Parent Teacher Association of the AUSD. He reaches out to the public by volunteering at non-profit organizations, like a health fair at a church in El Monte. His vision is to inspire people and aid them to strive for better.

Gin describes the process of receiving this position as having to apply first, then filing and obtaining signatures from people in the school district. If opposed, the candidates will have to raise money and campaign, finally getting elected. When Gin first ran for the position, he lost to his opponent, but he ran unopposed and won the second time. As VP of AUSD's school board, Gin's job is to assist the president and lead meetings if they are not present. In addition, he claims, "Asians are good leaders, but in a different way. We are not vocal, but we work with people."

The staff and superintendent oversee where the money from Governor Brown's plan would be placed. They then plan strategically to use that amount effectively and support children in our district. Gin believes that the legacy is through our schools; the students are the future. Gin encourages students to "be involved with school and give back to the community; don't be afraid to do it."

By: Features Editor Dalla Wong

Chester Chau

Clerk



Clerk Chester Chau has been on the school board for the past eight years after serving as an adjunct professor of accounting and finance at CSULA and Pasadena City College. He attended AHS and was the ASB president his senior year. Chau attended UC Berkeley, receiving a B.S. in Business Administration. He later received his MBA degree in finance from CSULA.

The school board runs on a rotation system and for this term Chau holds the position of clerk, which includes signign documents. In the next term, Chau will be rotated to the position of vice president.

Chau greatly believes that every child should have a quality education. If the school district was to receive more money, the school board would have to see how to make it last.

"The AUSD wants to compress [the incoming money] to the best of the staff's ability [and keep teachers rather than lose them]," Chau said.

By Staff Writer: Sarah Takhar

Patricia Rodriguez-Mackintosh

Member



Patricia Rodriguez-Mackintosh was born in East Los Angeles, and attended Los Angeles Downtown Marinello School of Beauty, a cosmetology school, after graduating from high school. She has been president of the Parent Teacher Association for four terms, and has been a member of the School Site Council and Bond Committee at Alhambra High School and Marguerita Elementary School. Additionally, she has been president of the AUSD Board of Education twice, and previously worked at Alhambra High School for seven years as a volunteer coordinator. Rodriguez-Mackintosh also worked for 17 years at the snack bar at Moor Field and 15 years as Grad Night coordinator.

Rodriguez-Mackintosh says that one of the top priorities for additional funding is to enhance the educational program and to support the transition to common core standards.

She is currently a member of the Alhambra Educational Foundation Board and of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Joint-Use Committee. Rodriguez-Mackintosh has been on the Board of Education for nine years now, saying that she ran after being encouraged by Robert Gin, the current vice president of the board. Her advice to AHS students is to "never be embarrassed. Never be shy. Some students are so amazing and they don't realize that."

By: Copy Editor Caroline Ren

Adele Andrade-Stadler

Member



Adele Andrade-Stadler grew up in Monterey Park and attended Monterey Highlands Elementary and Mark Keppel High School. She earned an associate degree at East Los Angeles College and attended CSULA and Pacific Oaks College.

As a homeowner and a parent, Andrade-Stadler desired to serve the public, so she ran for the AUSD's Board of Education in 2004.

Andrade-Stadler worked as an early childhood educator at the Foothill Development Center and at the Union Bank Childcare Center. She also worked as district director for Congresswoman Hilda Solis, which inspired her to join the school board to create changes.

When asked about Governor Brown's plan to increase the budget for education, Andrade-Stadler clarified that the funding would possibly come with spending requirements. The additional money would likely go to English as a second language (ESL) learners of the promotion of career-oriented courses, such as health care.

She currently serves as Transportation Commissioner of the Alhambra Planning and Housing commission, is on the board of directors for the West San Gabriel YMCA and is a member of Soroptimist International, which works to advance women's rights. She is also president of the PTA. To AHS students, she advises students to "reach beyond what you think you can do. Find what your passion is. Find what makes you tick. You might not know what you really want to do right out of high school, and that's okay. Do what you want in your heart."

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