

2010 Summer Training Institute and Leadership Academy a SUCCESS!

The 2010 Summer Training Institute and Leadership Academy hosted by the San Jose Unified School District wrapped up this week with rave reviews and was considered a great success by those who attended the conference. Participants were treated to a variety of programs that focused on issues such as recruiting challenges, marketing ideas, and managing continuous improvement. The Leadership Academy, sponsored by the National Institute for Magnet School Leadership (NIMSL), addressed five key leadership issues for the improvement of magnet school programs.

The conference opened with Dr. Dan McCormack, Education Development Executive at Apple Computer speaking about the importance of Disruptive Educational Innova-

tion that are being implemented in classrooms across the country. Examples of such innovations include



Pictured from L-R: Dr. Annette Scott, Dr. Michelle Frazier, Bill Magnotta, Susan King, Norris Hill, Dr. Robert Brooks, Doreen Marvin, Art Arpin, and Dr. Irv Phillips

podcasts, online learning modules, and artificially intelligent online tutors.

At Monday's lunch program, founding MSA Board Member Norris Hill was honored with the Distinguished Lead-

ership Award in recognition of his leadership to educational equity and access for all children to high quality magnet programs. Upon ac-

cepting the award, Norris stressed that all magnet educators must "be pushy" and remain vigilant in pursuing and maintaining magnet programs.

Luncheon keynote speaker Rick Holden, Executive Director of the San Jose Leadership Council, spoke about the importance of community leadership and its influence on shaping magnet programs for the future.

Conference attendees also had the chance to participate in an online/video conferencing session on Gifted Education and Leadership. This innovative session linked up San Jose conference attendees with presenter Laurie Kirsch from Hillsborough County Public Schools in Florida and participants from Confratute at the University of Connecticut.

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MSA Award Applications available August 1, 2010

Mark your calendar! The following MSA Award applications will be available on August 1, 2010 at www.magnet.edu

- **Merit Award Program:** The newly-revised Merit Award application will be due **November 17, 2010**.
- **Principal-of-the-Year/ Teacher-of-the-Year:** This year's Principal-of-the-Year application will be due **December 17, 2010**. The Teacher-of-the-Year application will be due on **November 12, 2010**.
- **2011 Poster Contest:** This year's poster contest theme is "**Building Bright Futures...The Magnet Way**" and will be due **January 21, 2011**.

