

# Highlights of All Kids Can Conference

## Featured Keynote Presentations

On May 7-8, 2008, 500 educators from various schools and districts across New Mexico came together to share, learn, and celebrate their success for the 2007-2008 school year. The day and a half conference included over 30 breakout sessions presented by teachers, administrators, and Public Education Department staff. This is the second year that JSA coordinated the conference, and the turnout was even better than last year!

The AKC Conference 2008 featured two keynote presentations from well-

known educators. On day one, Katie Haycock of Ed Trust presented "Improving Achievement and Closing Gaps Between Groups." Ms. Haycock's keynote session included a review of national achievement data, and focused on the achievement of low-income and minority children.

On day two, Dr. Alan Coulter—the Director of the National Center for Special Education Accountability and Monitoring (NCSEAM)—delivered his keynote address: "No Excuses: Why RtI is Important for New

Mexico's Schools". This presentation focused on the rationale for using Response to Intervention (RtI) in New Mexico schools.

Both speakers received rave reviews, as reflected in conference attendee's comments (see below).

Overall, All Kids Can 2008 was a great success, and a wonderful opportunity for some of our hard-working JSA clients to showcase their students' achievements.



## What are people saying about the conference?

- ▶ Having Katie Haycock as a keynote was an excellent choice to motivate NM to look at ourselves from a national/international perspective.
- ▶ Keynote speakers were excellent. Loved the practical help such as the ACE and Thoreau model and RtI.
- ▶ Good opportunity to network. Armijo Elementary and Georgia O'Keeffe Elementary sessions were excellent and helpful.
- ▶ Awesome!! Inspirational!
- ▶ Kati Haycock was excellent during the big group presentation, very inspiring. She was very good at answering all audience questions.

## Thanks to the many presenters and exhibitors who shared their expertise.

- ☺ Alisabeth Shearn, Ph.D., Alpine Achievement Systems
- ☺ Carlos Romero, Apex Education
- ☺ Lynnette Garcia and Stacia Duarte, Armijo ES
- ☺ Candace Chavez, Arrey ES
- ☺ Karlene McDowell, Career Prep HS
- ☺ Michael Ogden, CCSD RQC
- ☺ Steven Peretti and Caroline Ukestine, Dowa Yalanne ES
- ☺ Katherine Bates, Eagle Ridge MS
- ☺ Linda Schilz, Farmington Municipal Schools
- ☺ Max Perez, GMCS RQC
- ☺ Lisa Monee Korbas, Georgia O'Keeffe ES
- ☺ Jim Shipley, Karen Edwards, Nadine Torres, and Marilyn Wescott, Jim Shipley & Associates
- ☺ Kevin McQuade and Patricia Hackney, PED
- ☺ Bobbie Zemanek, Naaba Ani ES
- ☺ Katherine Trujillo, Painted Sky ES
- ☺ Monique Seidschlag, GMCS
- ☺ Judith Martin-Tafoya, Truman MS
- ☺ Lendy Borden, Tucumcari MS
- ☺ Pam Miller, Tularosa HS

