

## **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Service Learning Institute Inspires Educational Leaders to "Serve-Learn-Achieve"**

Educational leaders were treated to stellar Service Learning presenters and resource providers at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute held at Carpinteria High School on August 13 with the theme of "Romancing the Earth".

Superintendent Bill Cirone supported the institute in a statement saying, "We all know that attaching service to required curriculum materials engages students, builds their self-esteem, and empowers them to become better citizens.

Dr. Art Fisher stressed that the Service Learning methodology motivates students to achieve and teachers love the results. Dr. Fisher and assistant Ann McLennan were thrilled with the turnout of over 100 educators.

Key presenters included:

**John Zavalney, LAUSD, National Science Foundation and Presidential Award Winner**

"Global Warming: Service Learning and the Future"

**Julie Chavez Rodriguez, The Cesar E. Chavez Foundation, granddaughter of Mr. Chavez.**

"Cesar E. Chavez Afterschool Service Club Grants for Middle Schools"

**Susan Gloeckler, State Director**

"Jr. Master Gardener Program and Non-Competitive Garden Grants"

**Louise Fisher, SBCEO Teacher Programs**

"Teachers Programs/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Care and Share II Philanthropy Grant"

**David DeMille, Director, Region 8 RETAC**

"How to Make Open Court and Houghton Mifflin Reading Programs  
Come Alive with Service Learning"

**Irene Falzone/Kathy Kelly - Santa Barbara County Service Learning Initiative**

"Service Learning Site Advocacy and Resources"

**Ben Romo, Allison Wyeth and Tom Spadaro SBCEO**

"AppleCorps/AmeriCorps Reading Tutors, Santa Barbara County"

**Tara Aroz - Wheatland District, Afterschool Programs, Youth Service California**

"Service Learning After School Programs"

**Katrina Soltero, Service Learning Model Practitioner**

"SL Tips-Linking Service Learning To Curriculum Standards"

**The Kern County Youth Council -**

"Organizing Youth Leadership Conferences"

For strategies and resources from the above sessions email Art Fisher at [afisher@sbceo.org](mailto:afisher@sbceo.org) or Ann McLennan at [servicelearning@sbceo.org](mailto:servicelearning@sbceo.org). Check out the website at [www.sbceo.org/~servicelearning](http://www.sbceo.org/~servicelearning).