



Striving For Excellence

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Hello, my name is Vhenus Belisle and I am a full time school psychologist in Orange County. This year I have been elected to be the Orange County Association of School Psychologists (OCASP) President for the 09-10 school year. As an organization of educators, OCASP is dedicated to promoting professional development and community outreach.

OCASP is the local affiliate of the California Association of School Psychologists (CASP). CASP strives for legislative advocacy on behalf of California's students and the profession of School Psychology through their Political Action Committee (PAC). The PAC oversees the CASP's political action fund and its contributions to various statewide political candidates and initiatives. As a result of the PAC's advocacy, its influence has been felt in the passage or defeat of many bills that are written in an effort to support students with special needs.

On March 5, 2010, the PAC will host a silent auction fundraiser at the CASP annual convention in the Santa Clara Hyatt, which hundreds of School Psychologists and their supporters attend. OCASP would like to donate a basket to the PAC silent auction. As the OCASP President, I am reaching out into the community for donations to support our affiliate's efforts to support the PAC.

As the Orange County affiliate, our goal is to build a basket with an "Orange County" theme. Some ideas for basket items can be, but are not limited to: amusement park tickets (Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm), museum tickets (Bower's Museum, Heritage Museum of Orange), tickets to sporting events, day spa certificates, bed & breakfast certificates, hotel packages, gift cards at restaurants and/or shopping centers, etc.

Your contribution can help ensure that school psychologists will continue to have a role in the political process, as well as promote and protect the profession of School Psychology. We will gladly accept donations until February 5, 2010. To make a donation, please email me at vbelisle@gmail.com. Also, on our website you can access the "Donations" link to make a monetary donation.

To learn more about OCASP and CASP, please visit us at www.ocasp.net.

Sincerely,

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OCASP President 2009-2010