

News Release

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Andrew Hill Principal Selected as “Outstanding Principal of the Year”

Dr. Bruce Shimizu, Principal of Andrew High School, was selected by the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce as “Outstanding Principal of the Year.”

This prestigious award is given to a principal in the county that has demonstrated leadership and results. The Education Committee of the Chamber goes through an intensive process to determine the award winner. They consider the following criteria: student success, parent engagement, leadership, resource leveraging and development and mentoring of staff.

Under Dr. Shimizu’s leadership, Andrew Hill exceeded its Academic Performance Index (API) target in the 2001-02 school year. This achievement made the school eligible for the Governor’s Performance Award. In addition to this success, the school improved in other critical areas: increased daily attendance rate, decreased dropout rate, and increased number of students pursuing a college education.

Dr. Shimizu was also instrumental in bringing an International Baccalaureate Diploma Program to Andrew Hill. Schools must undergo an intensive application and review process to receive approval to offer this prestigious program. Andrew Hill is one of only 1,300 schools in the world entitled to offer this program.

“We’re extremely proud of Dr. Shimizu. This award is a tribute to his outstanding leadership. We congratulate him and thank him for making a difference for our students,” said East Side Union High School District Superintendent Esperanza Zendejas, Ed. D.

Dr. Shimizu will receive his award at the Chamber’s Legends and Leaders dinner in November.

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