

## The 2012 Broad Prize

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### 2012 Superintendent Bios

#### **Kent L. Bechler, Ph.D.**

##### **Corona-Norco Unified School District Superintendent, 2007-2012**

Kent L. Bechler served as superintendent of the Corona-Norco Unified School District from 2007 to 2012. He previously served as superintendent of two Southern California school systems, the Walnut Valley Unified School District for five years and the Duarte Unified School District for five years. He has 32 years of experience in education and has held positions including assistant superintendent of educational services, high school principal, assistant principal, teacher and coach. Bechler received a bachelor's degree in social work from Azusa Pacific University, a master's degree in educational administration from California State University, Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. in education from Claremont Graduate University. He is currently a consultant with Pivot Learning Partners and Leadership Associates.

#### **Michael H. Lin, Ed.D.**

##### **Corona-Norco Unified School District Superintendent**

Michael H. Lin has served as superintendent of the Corona-Norco Unified School District since July 2012. Prior to his appointment, he served as the deputy superintendent of human resources in the district. He has 21 years of experience in public education and began his educational career as a math teacher in the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District. He has been a high school assistant principal and coordinator, and has served as director, administrative director and assistant superintendent of human resources. Lin received a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from California Polytechnic State University, a master's degree in educational administration from California State University, Fullerton, and a doctorate in instructional management from Pepperdine University. For more information, please contact [Thomas Pike at 951.736.5003, tpike@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:Thomas.Pike@cnusd.k12.ca.us).

#### **Terry Grier, Ed.D.**

##### **Houston Independent School District Superintendent**

Terry Grier became superintendent of the Houston Independent School District in September 2009. Grier has worked for the past 28 years as a superintendent in districts in North Carolina, Texas, South Carolina, Ohio, California and Tennessee, most recently serving as superintendent of the San Diego Unified School District and as superintendent of the Guilford County Schools in Greensboro, N.C. A 40-year career educator, Grier started his career as a teacher and also worked as an assistant principal and high school principal. Grier was named 2008 North Carolina Superintendent of the Year by the North Carolina Association of School Administrators and by the North Carolina School Boards Association, and his other awards include the Effie H. Jones Humanitarian Award from the American Association of School Administrators, the Distinguished Educator Award from the North Carolina Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the ET3 Tech Champion Award from the Congressional Black Caucus. Grier earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree in education from East Carolina University and a doctorate in education from Vanderbilt University. For more information, please contact [Jason Spencer at 713.556.6393, jspence3@houstonisd.org](mailto:jspence3@houstonisd.org).

#### **Alberto Carvalho**

##### **Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent**

Alberto Carvalho has served as superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools since September 2008. He has 22 years of experience in the district and has held multiple positions including science teacher, assistant principal, public information officer and associate superintendent of intergovernmental affairs, grants, marketing and community services. Carvalho is the self-appointed principal of two Miami-Dade schools and teaches physics in selected high schools in the district. He has a bachelor's degree in biology and biomedical science from Barry University in Miami, a master's degree in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University, where he is currently a doctoral candidate in educational leadership. For more information, please contact [John Schuster at 305.995.1126, jschuster@dadeschools.net](mailto:John.Schuster@dadeschools.net).

## **E. Wayne Gent**

### **School District of Palm Beach County Superintendent**

E. Wayne Gent has led the School District of Palm Beach County since November 2011. Over the past 30 years, he has served as teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal in school districts in Florida and Georgia. In 1996, he was selected by the Florida Commissioner of Education to serve as the state's principal in residence. He joined the School District of Palm Beach County in 2000, assuming increasingly responsible leadership positions including area superintendent, assistant superintendent of curriculum & learning support and chief officer of administration. Gent received a bachelor's degree in history from Mars Hill College, a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Georgia, and he completed post-graduate studies in educational leadership at Florida Atlantic University. For more information, please contact [Nat Harrington at 561.434.8227](tel:561.434.8227), [nat.harrington@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:nat.harrington@palmbeachschools.org).



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