

NABE 2015 Conference Press Release

Nearly 2,000 participants from across the globe converged at the 44th Annual NABE Conference held in Las Vegas from March 4-7, 2015 for several days of professional development and an all-star cast of keynote speakers. The conference theme, "Achieving Global Competence: Biliteracy for All," drew national and international interest. Representatives from the American Federation of Teachers, the National Science Teachers Association, the U.S. Department of Education, just to name a few, made presentations at the conference. Over 20 NABE affiliates from around the nation also showed their support at this conference.

The highlights of the conference included the preconference institute sessions that were standing room only; the beautifully decorated award luncheon honoring well-deserving students, teachers and researchers; and the enthusiasm and positive energy on display by attendees throughout the four-day event.

There were over 300 sessions offered at the conference on topics ranging from research-based strategies to support the success of dual language learners to developing comprehensive and cohesive bilingual programs and everything in between. Many workshops were packed to capacity national leaders including superintendents, researchers and practitioners participated in a panel discussion entitled, "Courageous Leadership: Actualizing Biliteracy for All." The NABE president, Dr. Julio Cruz presented the prestigious Vision and Action: Promoting Biliteracy for All Award to the Santa Clara County Office of Education. This award recognizes organizations that have made significant contributions to advancing the NABE vision of promoting biliteracy for all students.

In addition, NABE honored California Senator Ricardo Lara as the 2015 Citizen of the Year for his significant contributions to improve educational equity and access for bilingual/multilingual students, families and immigrants.

"NABE continues to value the support from its members and partners and is ready to expand on its global partnerships in preparing multilingual global citizens" said Dr. Santiago Wood, NABE Executive Director.