

ICT Fireside Chat

Regional Director, Employer Engagement for ICT & Digital Media, Susanne Mata hosted her ICT Fireside Chat event on March 19, 2021, via Zoom.

“It was on target from beginning to end.”

“Great event. Loved the chat.”

“I enjoyed it, it was very informative and I liked the Q & A the most.”

These were just a few of the many positive responses received in regards to the Fireside Chat event. Statewide Director for ICT & Digital Media, Steve Wright, presented his *State of the Sector* keynote and offered some key takeaways for all in attendance. For students, “remote/hybrid is the new normal and employment and job are expanding. Search nationwide and get industry certifications and digital badges on LinkedIn. Don’t slow down and wait. And most importantly, ADAPT!” Wright also offered excellent advice to Community Colleges and faculty, “Be relentless in learning and employer engagement, and most importantly, ADAPT!”

The Fireside Chat was brilliantly moderated by San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, Chief Technology Officer, David Thurston. Industry Panelists included:

- David Cumbow - Systems Engineering Manager
 - Palo Alto Networks
- Patrick Lane - Director, Products
 - CompTIA
- Sergio D’Alessio - Network Engineer / CEO
 - Quietstone Computing Solutions, Inc.
- Stephen Monteros - Vice President Sales, Public Sector
 - ConvergeOne

The conversation focused on the current pandemic, best practices and lessons learned. There was a full year of challenges and opportunities because of the pandemic and everyone experienced their own difficulties. However, after hearing testimonies from the panelists, one thing was apparent—all the leaders adapted and showed great resiliency. The ICT sector is definitely headed in a good direction!

“As a career tech, I loved it and could listen to such an elite panel all day!”

If you missed the ICT Fireside Chat, and would like to watch or share the recording—please visit the link below. And if you have any questions, please contact Susanne Mata at smata@sbccd.edu

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