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CEDR's Ninth Annual Technology Conference Draws Educators From Across California *Conference from SJCOE department behind educational software used statewide continues to grow*

The 2016 CEDR Systems Conference drew more than 1,000 education professionals, the largest number of attendees at the annual conference organized by the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) department responsible for educational software depended on by schools throughout California.

The Center for Educational Development and Research (CEDR) develops, operates, or hosts applications used by 5,000 school districts nationwide, including the job-posting website EDJOIN. Among the more than 100 sessions offered at the technology conference were presentations on how educators could learn how to get more out of CEDR software used by schools every day.

"The attendees for this conference are teachers, administrators, service providers, and clerical staff from almost every district and county office of education, including the state Department of Education. These are users we communicate with daily," CEDR Director Johnny Arguelles said. "These users are not just our customers, but our colleagues. This strong rapport is what ignites the collaboration necessary to provide the best services to students. Building on these relationships is what I love most about this conference."

Held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt hotel in San Diego from Oct. 12 to Oct. 14, this year's conference had 1,030 registered to attend, a record and up from last year's 830. Attendees receive continuing-education credit by attending the conference. On top of the technology-focused presentations from nine SJCOE departments and other presenters, this year's CEDR conference provided a showcase for 35 exhibitors from companies and organizations focusing on technology and education. The conference's keynote speaker was Kim Chambers, a record-holding swimmer and employee of Adobe Systems.

CEDR has grown since it was established in 2002 to develop innovative software solutions for SJCOE departments and programs. It operates the Special Education Information System (SEIS), used by nearly 1,000 school districts to manage special education records, and other widely used systems.

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