

[Dara Torres](#)

Saturday, June 27, 2009

General Meeting 2

3:30-6:00 p.m.

[PTA National Ambassador](#) Dara Torres is a five-time Olympic swimmer, mother, model, TV personality, and motivational speaker. She is the first swimmer from the United States to compete in five Olympics: 1984, 1988, 1992, 2000, and 2008. She competed in the 2008 Olympic Games in the 50 meter freestyle, 4x100 medley relay, and 4x100 freestyle relay and won the silver medal in all three of these events. Torres has won 12 Olympic medals (four gold, four silver, four bronze), five of which she won in the Sydney Olympics in 2000. She has also won at least one medal in each of the five Olympics in which she has competed, making her one of only a handful of Olympians to earn medals in five different Games. Outside of swimming, Torres has made a name for herself as a TV commentator, a print model, and was the first athlete to appear in the *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit issue in 1994.



[CeCe Peniston](#)

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Arts in Education Luncheon

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Multi-talented entertainer and international recording artist CeCe Peniston's first single, "Finally," reached number one on the Billboard charts and has sold multi-platinum worldwide, in addition to being featured on more than 30 compilation albums. Peniston, also a [PTA National Ambassador](#), continued to reach Billboard's Top Ten with singles like "We Got a Love Thang," "Keep on Walkin'," and her 2001 hit single "Lifetime to Love," which skyrocketed to number two on the Billboard dance chart. Peniston continues to tour and sell out her performances. While she has also had a number of other Billboard singles, she still makes time for another true passion in her life, her charitable work. She founded the CeCe Peniston Youth Foundation in 1997 and helps raise funds for many other organizations, particularly those concerned with HIV/AIDS, women and children in need, hunger, and equality.



[Richard W. Riley](#)

Sunday, June 28, 2009
General Meeting 3
2:30-5:30 p.m.

Richard Wilson Riley is the former U. S. Secretary of Education and former Governor of South Carolina. After winning national recognition for his successful education improvements in South Carolina during the 1980s, Riley was chosen by President Bill Clinton to serve as the Secretary of Education. During the President's first term, Riley helped launch historic initiatives to raise academic standards; improve instruction for the poor and disadvantaged; expand grant and loan programs to help more Americans go to college; prepare young people for the world of work; and improve teaching. He also created the Partnership for Family Involvement in Education, which included more than 8,000 groups.



During Clinton's second term, Riley helped win a historic FCC ruling giving schools and libraries deep discounts for Internet access and telecommunications services (the E-rate) and major improvements in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. He gained increased federal support to help all children master the basics of reading and math; make schools safer; reduce class size in grades 1-3; modernize and build new schools; help students learn to use computers; expand after-school programs; foster college preparation and access for underprivileged students; make post-secondary education more affordable; and promote lifelong learning. Riley is currently a Senior Partner in EducationCounsel, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough law firm.

Anthony Mullen
Monday, June 29, 2009
General Meeting 4
10:30 a.m-12:30 p.m.

Anthony Mullen comes from a lifetime of service in the public sector, first as a New York City police officer and then, to further transform the fractured lives of young people in crisis, as a teacher and mentor of teenagers who truly need a second chance. Because of his innovative approach, community focus, and teamwork with other teachers, Mullen was named the 2009 National Teacher of the Year by President Barack Obama at a White House ceremony on Tuesday, April 28, 2009. Mullen, a 9th through 12th grade special education teacher at The ARCH School, an



alternative education branch of Greenwich High School in Greenwich, Connecticut, is the 59th National Teacher of the Year. He will begin a year as a full-time national and international spokesperson for education on June 1, 2009.

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