

Patricia Kokinos

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Angel Park: A Novel

Brief Bio

A former journalist, Patricia Kokinos was on a mission to change public education from Day One, when she took her first job as a **high school English and journalism teacher** in Central California. She was named **Kern County Teacher of the Year** in 1984.

As an **administrator**, she served as activities director at a **2200-student high school**, Assistant Principal for Instruction, and member of the design team for Project 2000 at the Kern High School District, which **partnered with Ford Motor Company** to enhance student outcomes in four local high schools.

After moving to upstate New York in the early '90s, Patti became the assistant coordinator of **adult education programs** for a three-county regional office and served as **one of 27 county coordinators for Governor Cuomo's GATEWAY project**, merging workforce and economic development by joining government, education, business, and human services.



She moved back to K-12 education as a **district administrator** for a 10,000-student K-12 district in upstate New York, and returned to front-line duties, working directly with students and teachers at a school site, when she returned to Southern California in the late '90s. She became Assistant Principal at a high-achieving high school in Ventura County which was **named one of the top 100 high schools in the nation** by *Newsweek* magazine.

She has spent **25 years making change** in public education as teacher, school leader, and curriculum expert.

A former Regent's Scholar at UCLA, Patti holds **two master's degrees** in English and educational administration. She and her husband live in **Southern California**, near their three grown children. Her website www.ChangeTheSchools.com offers her own belief: **Changing the schools can change the world....**