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## Students Innovate, Achieve, Inspire With Impact at Innovation in Education Awards

**San Diego's Hall of Champions was a fitting location for this year's annual Classroom of the Future award ceremony. *Honoring our Champions* truly showcased San Diego's champions of educational innovation.**

***A tribute to remarkable dedication, insightfulness and passion of San Diego's educators, administrators and students.***



The event marked the 11-year anniversary of the Classroom of the Future Foundation. In that time CFF has contributed more than \$3.5 million to educational programs throughout San Diego County and provided more than \$200,000 in scholarships to high-tech scholars. Dozens of innovators have been honored for their achievements of incorporating technology into the classroom as well.

The Innovation in Education Awards—with wide support from many leading San Diego businesses—has grown to become San Diego's foremost salute to San Diego's educational innovators.



***Innovation  
in schools  
is taking  
shape in  
ways that  
transform  
learning into  
achievement***

A brief look back at the Innovation in Education Awards reflects the remarkable dedication and insightfulness of San Diego's educators, administrators and students. The range of schools and students who have embraced innovation is remarkable. The following school districts have been recognized by CFF:

Lemon Grove Elementary  
Grossmont Union High  
San Ysidro Elementary  
Sweetwater Union High  
Poway Unified  
Del Mar Union  
San Diego Unified

Del Mar Elementary  
San Dieguito Union High  
Cajon Valley Union Elementary  
Escondido Union Elementary  
National Elementary  
Fallbrook Elementary

## **This year's winners are...**

Impact Award to Paul Ecke Central High School for incorporating music, technology and oral language skills in a unique way that gets students excited about learning. Innovation: **Smart kids as agents of change**

Innovate Award to The Preuss School at UCSD for a system of web pages that provide lessons, lesson plans, PowerPoint summaries, and other tools that are use-friendly and have helped students improve their achievement scores. Innovation: **Interactive learning**

Achieve Award to the Lemon Grove School District where students start their day by logging onto computers rather than checking out books from the library. It's learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century at home, school, and anywhere. Innovation: **Transforming teaching and learning on the Web**

Impact Award to Los Penasquitos Elementary School for a program that promotes college readiness based the expectation that all students are capable of attending college. Innovation: **A culture of universal achievement**

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## **And more...**

There were so many worthy innovations that CFF's Honorable Mentions deserve recognition. These include:

Crawford High School, Mann Middle and Wilson Middle Schools for using technology to document the stories of people who make a difference

Adobe Bluffs Elementary for a marine science and environmental awareness program

Escondido Union Elementary School District for creating an iRead program

Poway Unified School District an assessment and individualized instruction program that incorporates student goal-setting.

## **A Special Thanks to Our Sponsors**

The Classroom of the Future Foundation salutes leading San Diegans and San Diego businesses that have formed meaningful relationships that make "Honoring the Champions" possible:

**Title Sponsor:** The Todd & Mari Gutschow Family Foundation

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Scholars are  
honored for  
accomplish-  
ments, inside  
and outside  
the classroom.**

**Scholars:** Apple, Barnhart, Inc., Best Best & Krieger, Fourier, The Burnham Foundation, Cubic, HMC Architects, Promethean, Vantage Learning

## High Tech Academic Achievement Scholars

Thanks to the general support of Biogen Idec, 26 San Diego scholars were awarded High Tech Academic Achievement Scholarships at the Hall of Champions. Classroom champions in 2008 include:

Jacquelyn Kuehler (EastLake), Esmeralda Tovar (San Marcos), Oscar Montiel (Montgomery), Hudo Ahmed (Patrick Henry), Jesus Cardenas (Oceanside), Michael Castillo (Carlsbad), Cesar Castro (Sweetwater), Josephine Fiske (Santana), Katie Gonzalez (Granite Hills), Atia Hashimi (El Cajon Valley), Ghazia Hassan (Serra), Chevelle Jackson (Clairemont)

Letitia Johnson-Smith (Madison), Elizabeth Lu (Steele Canyon), Megan Ly (Point Loma), Sierra Moreno (Oceanside), Gerald Morgan (Morse), Inez Ramirez (La Costa Canyon), Albert Ruiz (Point Loma), Mayra Sanchez (Springs), Carol Seibert (El Capitan), Fadi Shaya (Grossmont)

Natasha Stull (Steele Canyon), Pablo Suarez (Oceanside), Kathy Tran (Kearny), Dina Yacoub (El Cajon Valley)

## CFF Driving Innovation Aboard USS Midway

This month some of San Diego's most innovative teachers and CFF officials are meeting with the USS Midway Museum's Education Department. In four years the Museum's education programs have grown to include K-12 and the popular Museum hosts more than 30,000 San Diego students annually.

Now the Museum and CFF are collaborating on incorporating the latest technology into the Museum's aggressive educational expansion program. New technology will become the cornerstone of a curriculum that already includes math, science, history, and social science.

It's a good example of the long-range impact of CFF. The work being done now is part of the Midway's expansion plan that extends out to 2011.

## E-News of Note in Education

Perhaps no aspect of our culture is undergoing such rapid and radical change as that found in education. The accelerating pace of learning environment technology advances is as remarkable as it is inspirational. Here are a few links to some new concepts, thinking and research into how we learn as well as the potential of technology in the learning process (press Control + right click on any headline).

### [Student videos demonstrate ed-tech's value](#)

'Empowered Education Awards' give students the chance to be heard...and recognized

### [Technology brings 'new P.E.' to schools](#)

School districts compete for grants that bring more interactive, information-based curriculum to gym classes

### [Internet2 expands schools' possibilities](#)

A growing number of K-12 schools are taking advantage of the ultra high-speed Internet2 network for research and education

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