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## Innovation Awards Are May 21

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Innovation In Education Awards will be held on Wednesday, May 21 at 5 p.m. at the Hahn University Center on the University of San Diego's campus.

More than 500 educators, business leaders, and students gather each year to celebrate innovative uses of educational technology in classrooms, homes, campuses and districts.

The ceremony again will feature an expanded lineup of awards which will include Innovation in Technology, Innovative Superintendent, Innovative Educator, Visionary Award and Outstanding Leadership.

Sponsorships are now available. They are an excellent opportunity for leading business and civic organizations to demonstrate their support of education technology. For more information, visit [www.classroomofthefuture.org](http://www.classroomofthefuture.org) or contact Bruce Braciszewski, PhD, at [bbracisz@sdcoe.net](mailto:bbracisz@sdcoe.net) or (858) 292-3685.

Tickets will go on sale by mid-February.

## **High Tech Scholarships Again Total \$40,000**

For the second year, \$40,000 in High Tech Academic Achievement Scholarships will be awarded to deserving AVID students at the May 21 awards dinner. The scholarships are made possible by \$20,000 grants from the USS Midway Museum and the Jack in the Box Foundation.

"No greater investment can be made than one that recognizes and inspires students," said USS Midway Museum's President & CEO, Mac McLaughlin. "Our support of this program is just one aspect of a broader and very effective partnership between Midway and the Classroom of the Future Foundation."

"The Jack in the Box Foundation's focus on improving children's lives is the basis of our support for High Tech Academic Achievement scholarships," added the Foundation's Director, Kathy Kovacevich. "Providing college-education opportunities benefits these students, their families, and our community."

Since 1999, local business and civic organizations have donated nearly \$450,000 worth of scholarships that have been distributed to approximately 250 AVID students across San Diego County.

## **SDG&E Extends Partnership With CFF**

SDG&E, a charter supporter of the Classroom of the Future, has agreed to be the Innovation In Education Awards title sponsor for the second consecutive year. The financial support is part of a \$1.2 million SDG&E annual investment in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) initiatives.

In fact, SDG&E made grants to 95 non-profit organizations last year. In a recent *UT-San Diego* profile, CFF's executive director, Bruce Braciszewski, noted "We are proud to partner with SDG&E, and numerous other businesses, community and education leaders, on giving our students all the tools they need to succeed in the global economy."

SDG&E also has active internship and summer camp programs, spanning a

wide range of ages. Another SDG&E program enabled San Diego's 42 school districts to reduce their electricity consumption by 7.4 million kilowatt hours last year.

## Innovation Day at New Library

The Third Annual Innovation Day will be held at the new downtown San Diego Library on February 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The invitation-only event is co-sponsored by the San Diego County Office of Education and Classroom of the Future Foundation.

More than 250 education and business leaders will attend and discuss the latest uses of education technology. The program augments CFF's annual innovation awards dinner each May by showcasing remarkable uses of technology that may not otherwise receive an award.



*“Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.”*

James Madison

## i21Now Benefits from CFF Role

The San Diego Unified Board of Education is turning to CFF and others to forge high-level recommendations that will advance the use of educational technology in the years to come.



CFF is well-represented, as several of its board members are with companies that are recognized as key education technology leaders. CFF board members representing Apple, Cox Communications, Qualcomm, Intel, Time Warner, AT&T and Sony are all part of the i21Now initiative. This also demonstrates how CFF has been successful in building a board of directors comprised of many of San Diego's leading education/business stakeholders.

In addition, Bruce Braciszewski is co-chairing the broadband subcommittee. Its mission is to develop macro-view recommendations on the future use of wireless technology, access and equity for all students, connecting home, school and community through broadband, and making high-speed broadband affordable.

Other committees will focus on curriculum and professional development; digital tools and policy; facilities; finance; and infrastructure. After an organizational meeting last December, the committee was given 90 days to make its recommendations.

The i21Now program received the CFF's impact award in 2013.

## News You Can Really Use

The advantages of e-learning. The National STEM Video Game Challenge. The "good and the bad" of educational technology. Google's one-on-one digital

tutoring.

Sound interesting? They all are recent items on the Classroom of the Future's Facebook page. ([www.facebook.com/CFFSD](http://www.facebook.com/CFFSD)) Almost every day relevant and insightful items are posted, making this a "must read" for educators.

In addition, "Learning Link," CFF's online blog, covers a wide range of topics, such as "Best Free Web Tools for Today's Classroom." The blog link can be found at [www.classroomofthefuture.org](http://www.classroomofthefuture.org).



## MBA Intern Assists CFF

MBA intern Caryn Laveman is again working with CFF this semester and will focus on marketing the Foundation's annual awards event in May.

The event is key to building more community awareness of the Classroom of the Future Foundation. Caryn is part of the Entrepreneur Program at San Diego State University.

## Linked Education Technology News

### **Students must know about their digital footprint and the consequences of online actions**

Technology is an integral part of teaching and learning in today's classrooms. While educators are aware of privacy concerns surrounding students' use of the internet and mobile devices, students don't always have a good grasp of digital citizenship, and don't necessarily know the consequences of their online actions. The average young person ages 8-18 consumes 7.5 hours of media per day outside of school.

### **District and school-level leaders weigh in on what makes a successful online learning program**

Though still in its adoption infancy, online learning in K-12 schools and districts has been around long enough for tech-savvy education leaders to have key insights into what makes an online learning program successful. Thanks to a new national survey, most school and district leaders agree that there are five distinct best practices for online learning.

### **What every school district needs to know—outside of devices—that will make BYOD implementation a success**

By now, most districts considering the implementation of BYOD know there's a lot more to success than apps and devices. But how can districts accurately measure how much bandwidth is needed? How do you ensure the quality of student work outside of simply using an app? And can you truly ensure equity?

### **Now is the time for school leaders to wake up and review their data privacy policies and procedures**

2013 will be known as the year the American public began to focus on privacy. National security breaches pushed the issue to the front pages of papers nationwide, making it a top concern for K-12 educators, administrators, and policy makers—and sparking controversy in state capitals and in Washington, D.C. Now is the time for school leaders to wake up and review their data privacy policies and procedures ... before severe restrictions are imposed.

*"Employ your time in improving yourself by other men's writings, so that you shall gain easily what others have labored hard for."*

Socrates

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