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Tickets, Sponsorships Still Available for Innovations in Education Awards on May 25

Tickets and a limited number of table packages are still available for our prestigious Innovations in Education Awards, to be held May 25, 2006 at Calit2.

Educator tickets are available for only \$50, a great opportunity to network with colleagues, witness firsthand the innovative use of technology in the classroom, and to glimpse the future at UCSD's Calit2.

In addition, a few corporate table packages remain. The \$1,500 package includes 10 seats for the awards ceremony.

Thanks to Biogen Idec who signed up as our title sponsor for this event!

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Previews of the impact.inspire.innovate.achieve Awards

On May 25, four amazing utilizations of technology in the learning environment will be showcased with Innovations in Education awards. Each sets a new standard in creativity, relevance and effectiveness!

impact Award

At San Onofre School at Camp Pendleton in the Fallbrook District, students produce SOSTV, a world news program viewed via the Internet. The initiative involves students in world affairs and connects them with parents serving overseas. In addition, the video-conferencing portion of the initiative enables students to interview such varied subjects as

docents in Williamsburg, according to school principal Barbara Barnes.

inspire Award

Falcon Watch 2006 enables Rolling Hills Elementary students in Poway to study the behavior of nesting Peregrine falcons in real time, courtesy of webcam technology. The students not only conduct cross-curricular research on the falcons' unpredictable behavior, they also collaborate with a Columbus, Ohio class that is studying the same subject, according to teacher Lynne Harvey.

innovate Award

Podcasting is breathing life into ancient African culture and music projects

developed by Sycamore Ridge School students in the Del Mar Union School District. They are developing 10-minute videos about African art and culture that are being posted on the Internet and being downloaded through iTunes to iPods and MP3 players world-wide, says teacher Jerry Foust.

achieve Award

Data-driven instruction is helping diverse students throughout the National Elementary School District become more successful in the classroom. The district-wide software tools, like SuccessMaker and their data warehouse, enable teachers to customize learning plans for each student that reflect that student's background and ability. Student standardized achievement scores are on the rise as a result of SuccessMaker, according to the district's director of technology and student assessment, Christopher Oram. ❖

Academic Achievement Scholars to be Announced

More than a dozen high-tech academic achieve scholarships will be announced at this year's awards program.

The scholarships are possible in large part due to generous sponsorship of the Jack in the Box Foundation and Biogen Idec.



Biogen Idec, a San Diego biotech leader in supporting education, also is the lead sponsor in this year's awards ceremony.

The company's headquarters features a "community science lab" on the ground floor where students and teachers have the opportunity to visit on field trips and discover firsthand the wonder and potential of biotech research.

The company also sponsors summer research institutes for teachers and rapidly has become a valued supporter of the Classroom of the Future Foundation. ❖

UCSD's Calit2 is Inspirational

The CFF Innovation in Education Awards program will be held at one of the most innovative and forward-thinking education-oriented research centers in the United States!

We will be at Calit2 on the UCSD campus. Headed by Larry Smarr, Calit2 is a daring experiment in creating the university research environment of the future.

Awards attendees will be able to explore it's "digital cave" and "hi-def theatre," two extraordinary applications of groundbreaking technology.

Calit2 is widely considered to be a visionary showcase of futuristic education technologies. It's an ideal location to showcase some of the most innovative, creative and accomplished students and teachers throughout San Diego County! ❖

UCSD Provost Gabriele Wienhausen to Speak

Don't miss this year's opportunity to hear keynote speaker Gabriele Wienhausen, founding Provost of UCSD's Sixth College, home to some of the most widespread and innovative technology at UCSD.

Dr. Wienhausen has been an award-winning instructor and a tireless champion of innovative technology in education. ❖