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for our
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CFF Introduces New Superintendent to Community Partners

Dr. Randy Ward became the newest Superintendent in San Diego County earlier in August, succeeding Dr. Rudy Castruita.



Dr. Ward brings a wealth of experience with raising student achievement, managing fiscal responsibility, and reaching out to the community. Most recently, he rescued the Oakland and Compton school districts, and previously worked in the Long Beach district with Dr. Carl Cohn.

CFF welcomes Dr. Ward at a reception on Tuesday, August 29, where community partners of the Foundation and the County Office will meet the new Superintendent. Due to space limitations, RSVPs are

required. Please contact CFF at 858-292-3965 or email cffstaff@sdcoe.net. ♦

UCSD Sixth College Provost Calls for Innovative Partners

Speaking to the business leaders, educators and high-tech scholars gathered at the CFF 2006 awards dinner in May, **Dr. Gabriele Weinhausen** called for an innovative partnership that inspires, achieves and transforms.



Partnering with Classroom of the Future Foundation and educators brings a core set of shared values: embracing the future without fear, belief in technology as an aid and problem solver, willingness to take risks, and faith in interdisciplinary approaches.

In a similar vein, the UCSD Sixth College, Calit2, and the Jacobs School of Engineering have created COSMOS, a program that cultivates potential scientists, engineers and mathematicians among high school students and teachers. Through

professional development programs for educators, COSMOS also provides a bridge between high school learning and university faculty teaching.

The Calit2 model is similar to CFF's philosophy. All COSMOS partners contribute talent and a commitment to learn from each other. They are all focused on achieving results from their efforts. In addition, Calit2 is committed to provide the vision of the future of technology. Sixth College pioneers the teaching and learning of digital literacy for undergraduates and serving as the living lab for Calit2. The Jacobs School of Engineering spearheads the missing intellectual and educational link between high school and university undergraduate studies.

And CFF works with all of the partners above including business and educational partners in San Diego region.

"It takes a novel kind of partnership to catapult today's education paradigm to a new level adequate for the needs of global 21st century society.

And the bottom line is that we know it works!" noted Dr. Weinhausen. ☀

Calit2, A Natural CFF Partner

The CFF awards dinner at Calit2 set new standards at UCSD, according to spokeswoman **Stephanie Sides**.

"We were very impressed with CFF as one of the larger groups we've hosted," she said. "It was a great opportunity for us to showcase over-the-horizon technology and inspire teachers and administrators about what might lie in their future."

A cornerstone of both CFF and Calit2 philosophy is community outreach, making

the awards dinner a natural fit for two of the region's innovative leaders. ☀

Meet Three New CFF Board Members



Laura Metzger
SAIC

Donald Jones
QUALCOMM

Annie Glidden
Biogen Idec

The Classroom of the Future Foundation recently added three members and a great deal of talent to its board of directors.

Laura Metzger, Assistant VP at SAIC, with responsibilities for program management and change management brings needed perspective to CFF. Laura facilitated the team of TIME teachers to create the requirements study and reference architecture. Laura also serves as technology liaison to the Canyon Crest Academy in San Dieguito School District.

Donald Jones, VP of Business Development at QUALCOMM, leads their efforts to incorporate wireless technology in the healthcare and medical devices markets. Don continues a strong tradition of QUALCOMM involvement with CFF seeking ways to improve K-12 education.

Annie Glidden, Manager of Education Outreach for Biogen Idec, directs Community Lab San Diego, a dedicated laboratory classroom for teachers and students to work side-by-side with research scientists and technicians. Over 1,000 students experienced a day in the lab last year, and Annie hopes to grow the program, as well as encourage other companies to do their part to excite kids about learning.

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Together, Laura, Don, and Annie strengthen the board as CFF looks to broaden and deepen its community relationships. ♦♦

JRRTC Innovation Center Planned

The recent opening of the North County Regional Education Center underscores how badly the JRRTC needs a major technology refresh.

This project envisions an opportunity to reinvent the original technology center at SDCOE as a powerful innovation space for teachers all over the County. CFF would use the proven TIME-like, teacher-centric team to define how the JRRTC could be configured and equipped to best meet their innovation needs. SDCOE commits to working with the teachers to build a real space to showcase instructional innovations of the future.

For more information, contact Bruce Braciszewski at (858) 292-3685 or cffstaff@list.sdcoe.net. ♦♦

Studywiz to be Tested

Thanks to a \$32,500 Excelerator grant from AT&T through our collaboration with the San Diego Regional Economic Development Foundation, CFF and educators soon will be pilot testing new software that enables teachers and students to share and learn online.

Students will have private, digital "e-lockers" to store and submit their work. Teachers will be able to distribute lesson plans, calendar activities, provide additional research resources, and even establish student/teacher e-bulletin boards.

This Studywiz program will serve the four high schools in the small, mainly rural

high school districts of Borrego Springs, Mountain Empire, Warner Springs and Julian. CFF working with Apple Computer is pleased to expand our initial efforts with Universal Locker at Bonita Vista High School to bring a new level of sophistication to high school students across the county. And it complements a separate initiative by San Diego City Schools to use Studywiz.

For more details on the web, visit www.studywiz.com ♦♦

TIME version2

TIME v2 will be an upgrade of the teaching and learning requirements study that CFF completed a few years ago. The current version will be expanded into an authentic California-wide set of requirements and validated for statewide use. The project will only be possible if it receives State level support for participation by teachers from all regions of California.

Ideally, 10 to 12 of the original TIME teachers would team with 5 to 6 teachers from several other regions, for example, Los Angeles, Inland Empire, Bay Area, Central Valley and Rural North. Most of the work could be accomplished with video teleconferences but there would be some meetings that require travel.

CFF looks forward to bring the TIME vision to a broader audience and engaging more partners interested in meeting the needs of teachers in the 21st century. ♦♦