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Scholars and innovators will be honored at a dinner that promises to inspire everyone in attendance!

"It's up to San Diego to invest in the future of education in San Diego County."

Todd Gutschow

"Honoring Our Champions" Will Showcase Innovation in Education Awards, May 15

San Diego's County students, teachers, and district leaders in educational innovation and achievement will be honored at the Classroom of the Future's annual awards dinner on May 15, 2008 at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park.

"Honoring Our Champions" is a fitting theme at the prestigious event where district, educator and student initiatives are honored in the context of inspire, innovate, achieve, and overall impact, the cornerstones of the Classroom of the Future Foundation.



It promises to be a particular inspirational affair this year as a member of the San Diego Chargers (it's a surprise!) will be a featured speaker.

Winners will make a real difference for their schools as the **impact** Award winner receives \$10,000 and the **inspire, innovate, and achieve** Awards each include \$5,000. Award sponsors are Sony (impact), QUALCOMM (inspire), innovate (Cox Communications) and achieve (Mission Federal Credit Union).

In addition, 26 High Tech Academic Achievement Scholarships will be awarded, thanks to generous support by Biogen Idec, a key partner of the Classroom of the Future.

Tickets are \$200 for the general reception, dinner, and awards program. VIP tickets that include a VIP reception, dinner, and awards program are \$500. Tables of 10 are available at \$1,500. Proceeds benefit the Classroom of the Future Foundation. Tickets and tables are limited and can be purchased at www.classroomofthefuture.org.

The VIP reception begins at 5 p.m. and the dinner/program gets underway at 6 p.m. The Hall of Champions is located off President's Way, the southeastern entrance to Balboa Park off Park Blvd.

For more information, call Bruce Braciszewski at (858) 292-3685.

Sponsors Make Awards Possible

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

Visionaries: Cox Communications, Mission Federal Credit Union, National University, SDG&E, Sony, The San Diego Union-Tribune, Time Warner Cable

Graduates: Arey Jones Educational Solutions, General Atomics, QUALCOMM

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

Thank you!

"The broader and deeper our board membership, the more innovative resources we can develop for educators and students in the San Diego region."

Tom Dillon
CFF Board Chair

New Directors Strengthen CFF's Board

Five new members of the Classroom of the Future Foundation's board of directors bring a wealth of technical and strategic acumen to the organization. They represent CFF's commitment to broad San Diego business representation on the board.



Mark Sievers brings a great deal of information technology experience from his position at QUALCOMM. His addition to the board extends and deepens the CFF relationship with QUALCOMM.



Roseanne Brown heads community relations for the Sony Community Foundation. Sony has a long history with CFF, dating back to the founding of the Joseph Rindone Regional Technology Center.



Sam Attisha's role in business development at Cox Communications certainly will benefit CFF as we look to forge new and long-lasting relationships with leading San Diego businesses.



Lora Duzyk, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services at the San Diego County Office of Education has substantial expertise in budgeting, accountability and school funding.



Stephen Clemons, Assistant Superintendent of Technology for the San Diego County Office of Education is particularly knowledgeable about large enterprise technical systems which are key to several CFF initiatives.

CFF Showcased on Internet Radio

Have you caught any of the recent Internet radio programs featuring the Classroom of the Future Foundation? It's part of a CFF partnership with The San Diego Union-Tribune and its **SignOnRadio** "Morning Briefings" broadcasts.

On several occasions this year, CFF representatives have joined the UT's Drew Schlossberg for conversation on the state and future of technological innovation in the classroom.

It's a great opportunity for CFF to engage in meaningful dialogue with business and community leaders. CFF is hopeful that future appearances can be arranged to highlight Innovations in Education winners. Our innovations in classrooms throughout San Diego County merit the exposure!

For more information and the program schedule, visit www.signonradio.com.



Education Links You Can Use

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).

Panelists: Online learning can help minority students

As online learning becomes more of a strategic resource for K-12 and higher-education institutions to supplement traditional courses, education leaders are starting to discuss how online learning can help support minority students'...

Ten Who've Made a Difference

Mon, Mar 31, 2008 Primary Topic Channel: Tech Leadership

In honor of our 10th anniversary, eSchool News has put together a list of 10 people who have had a profound impact on educational technology in the last decade. ...

Technology helps boost students' writing skills

Tue, Apr 15, 2008 Primary Topic Channel: Reading/language arts

Students' writing skills were in the spotlight in early April, as a new report suggested that an increasing number of U.S. students understand the basics of writing. And one of several possible reasons for this trend could be the growing use of writing software tools among educators. ...

Low-cost handheld targets elementary students

Mon, Mar 17, 2008 Primary Topic Channel: Handheld technologies

Elementary schools in at least seven cities are piloting an innovative handheld computer that costs only \$50 and can be used to help teach reading and math. The nonprofit organization that developed the device, Chicago-based Innovations for Learning, bills it as "the world's most affordable solution" for...

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