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IN SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITIES



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## Annual Donor Thank You

Save the Date! On **Saturday, May 16**  
**at 5:00 p.m.** HHSF will show its

## From the Presidents

On behalf of the Foundation Board, our school leadership, teachers and students, **thank you** to who have contributed so generously on behalf of Hillsdale High School. We are thrilled to announce we have raised a record amount and have nearly reached our goal of \$310,000!

As a result of the combined support we have received from families, alumni, friends and businesses **BI THINGS** have happened at Hillsdale. In addition to preserving and strengthening our effective Small Learning Communities, your donations have supported the Student Safety Advocate, Advisories and professional development for our teachers, technology, elective and AP courses, the PTSO and Music and Dance and Drama Boosters.

appreciation to all donors by hosting a year-end barbeque in the school's courtyard.

This is a great way to celebrate the Foundation's success made possible only through the generosity of Hillsdale's parent, alumni and corporate community. An invitation will be emailed in April.

## Alumni Give Big



Congratulations to the Olde Knight Scholarship winners of 2014. This year, HHS alumni have donated over \$50,000 to HHSF! While most of the money is used for the general good for ALL students, a portion is awarded for scholarships. Click here to check out information on the 2015 [HHSF](#) and [Olde Knight](#) scholarship(s). Applications due March 25, 2015.



## Join the HHSF Board

The Hillsdale High School Foundation is seeking new board members to fill a variety of roles, including communications and outreach, accounting, and database management. Please [click here](#) if you are interested in joining a dynamic group that works to raise funds to sustain Hillsdale High

The impact of this can clearly be seen around our campus and in the faces of our students. They are engaged and happy to have the opportunity to learn and grow at Hillsdale High School. And teachers and parents are grateful for this as well.

In the months ahead, we will continue our effort to reach this year's goal. We are just \$30,000 away which equates to just under \$25 per student. If you have not yet contributed, please do so today. If you have already given, please consider an additional special gift – maybe in honor of a student or teacher or ask family and friends to join you in supporting this amazing school. Donations can be made safely and securely through our [website](#). Please know all contributions will be gratefully received and wisely used.

Thank you again for helping to make Hillsdale High School a truly special place for our students to learn and grow.

**DONATE NOW!**

Mary Ellison and Brett Dyer  
Co-Presidents

## Recognition Gifts

As the school year comes to a close, consider honoring a teacher, staff member, or your student with a tribute gift, theater seat plaque or walkway brick or her name. [Click here](#) to order.

Marcella and Joe Dew were honored to buy Theater Seat Plaques for their children, Diego '15 & Sophia '18, to commemorate their family's participation in HHS performances.



## Your Foundation dollars at work



School's academic excellence. Board positions are two-year terms and require monthly board meeting attendance and participation on board committees.

Please contact [Lucy Lee](mailto:llee@fbcl-visa.com) at [llee@fbcl-visa.com](mailto:llee@fbcl-visa.com) for more information or to answer questions.



## Freshmen Parent Coffees

The HHSF will be hosting its second annual "Welcome Freshman Parent Coffees" in the cafeteria **June 8th and 9th**.

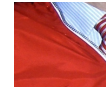
In these one-hour sessions, we introduce parents to the school and answer any questions they may have about Small Learning Communities and their students' transition to high school.

Current parents, teachers, administrators, students and recent alumni lead the discussion groups. Parents are also introduced to the Foundation and its fundraising mission as well as school-wide volunteer opportunities.

If you would like to share your experiences with the incoming Freshman parents, please contact [Ardythe Andrews](mailto:Ardythe Andrews)



## The importance of staff collaboration



Roland Barth, education professor at Harvard, w  
"The relationship among adults in schools is the the precondition, the *sine qua non* that allows, energizes and sustains all other attempts at sch improvement. Unless adults talk with one anothe observe one another, and help one another, ver will change." Barth's quote speaks to the great challenge in public education...how do we create sustainable change in an environment that neve pauses?

Hillsdale has invested heavily in giving the adult our school the time and space to work together build professional relationships that have create school that you know. Time, whether it is collab during school, released days to grade and consu paid time during the summer, costs money. One the greatest gifts that the Foundation has given Hillsdale is the freedom to give time to teachers improve their craft and the culture of the school of the families that have given so generously to school: Thank you!

Jeff Gilbert, Principal

## Hillsdale HS Hall of Fame

You are cordially invited to this inaugural e



ROW 1: L to R: Al Olfie, Mingo, Mike Welch, Alfred Fuerniss, Wayne Yohe, John Curran, Jim Miller, Bob Christopherson, John Gill, Jim Page, Alan Werb, Mike English, Jim Watkins. ROW 2: Mike Dunn, Bob Futterer, George Dyer, Bob Amend, Bob Yutzky, Ray Plate, Joe Ellis, Dick Bagler, Mike McGinnis, Rich Banks, Bob Best, Mike Mills. ROW 3: Don Galine, Bill Long, Bill French, Ken Peters, Chud Biermann, Rick Nelson, Don Leydig, Danton Bardeleben, Sam Moore, Roland Riley, Jim McMahon, Skip Bry, Mike Abbott, Bob Pade

celebrate the HHS Hall of Fame's inaugural class! Festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. with refreshm the Hillsdale Theater Foyer, followed by the Indi ceremony at 6 p.m. You can count on the fact t winning Super Bowl Coach **Dick Vermeil** (HHS '60-'63), President Obama's Science and Techno Advisor **John Holdren** (HHS '61), science and l policy expert **Michael McGinnis** (HHS '62), and former Hillsdale Principal **Don Leydig** (HHS '63 not disappoint. Don't miss the chance to conne these remarkable honorees and to be a part of

On Tuesday, May 5, 2015, Hillsdale High School Foundation will participate in the 2nd Annual Silicon Valley Gives, a social media fundraising day for local nonprofits. We will keep you posted on how you can help HHSF raise money and awareness through your social media network!

Hillsdale HS history. Donations to HHSF in honor of the inductees have already topped \$10,000. [Re donate](#) or [learn more](#) details about the inductees

Please visit our website at [www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org](http://www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org).

Hillsdale High School Foundation is a 501(c) 3 tax exempt entity which supports academic excellence, booster groups and other activities at Hillsdale High School which make its learning environment unique.