Hillsdale High School

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Foundation eNewsletter



The MISSION of the Hillsdale High School Foundation is to fund the shortfall between what the school district gives our school and what our students need to be successful in our Small Learning Communities model.

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TEALS Volunteers Needed

We are continuing to grow our Computer Science program at HHS! We currently have 2 sections of Computer Science Principles and 1 section of AP Computer Science A. Our two Hillsdale CS teachers are being supported by the amazing work of the TEALS volunteers who are in the classroom helping students and teachers on a regular basis.

We are looking for volunteers for both levels of classes. Do you or someone you know have a computer science background? Would you like to work with students? Please click http://r.tealsk12.org/kaus10 to learn more! Pass the word along!

By the way, TEALS is always looking for more volunteers. You can volunteer at

Jeff Gilbert, Lead Principal

On February 27, Hillsdale High School opened the doors of our new academic wing and celebrated the (nearing) completion of the facility which is dedicated to science, world language and child development. A few glitches in the final stages of construction will



delay our use of the rooms but the science labs are wonderful and will serve our students well for years to come. The need for the new building is increasingly clear as we are in the process of enrolling our largest 9th grade class in decades. We are estimating a Freshman class of approximately 450 students and, therefore, a fourth Smaller Learning Community in 2017-18.

We are in the process of hiring for next year and organizing the staff to ensure the best possible experience for our new and existing students. During the summer of 2017, we will remodel most of our existing science labs into standard classrooms. We appreciate your patience throughout the construction process and look forward to your sharing the space with us in the coming years. As we continue to grow, we are dependent on our partnerships with families to maintain the quality of our programs. I hope that you are able to contribute to our

schools all over the Bay Area and around the country. Pass the word to all your friends who work in CS!

Thanks!

Rachel Mariucci (APCS) and Kevin McAnerney (CS Principles)

Bohannon Foundation Provides \$7,500 Challenge Match

The Bohannon Foundation has generously provided a challenge match of \$7,500 towards the purchase of a \$15K computer cart. Advanced science classes have grown dramatically at Hillsdale over the past decade, with Advanced Placement courses increasing from six to ten sections. At the same time, we have been a leader in ensuring rigorous science education for all students, requiring that all students take Biology as 9th graders and Chemistry as 10th graders, while cutting D and F rates by more than half in the past five years. The opening of our new science wing opens exciting possibilities for us to provide all students with a dynamic science education that focuses on critical thinking rather than rote learning. To that end, we have invested in Probeware and computers for our Physics program and have begun providing Chemistry and Biology classes with technology that will allow for more engaging projects in those classes. We need that will open in the fall. The acquisition of these carts will provide critical resources to what is becoming a model science program on the Peninsula.

All Hillsdale students complete a Senior Defense, modeled on a doctoral dissertation, which draws on "portfolio projects" completed in every course and at every level. More and more, students are choosing to defend in science, and the projects that

Foundation--our goal is to increase participation by families, whether it be \$50 or \$500 so please give what you can.

Rachel
Barrantes
on the
Value of
Computer
Carts...



"I really like

the carts because they are very accessible. I no longer must go to the library or computer lab only to find out that there are no computers available. Having the carts in the classroom, I can complete my assignments in a timely manner and not waste time looking for a computer. It has helped me and my classmates be more successful in the classroom. It is especially beneficial for those students who may not have access to computers at home. It helps to keep every student on the same level and equal. No one is excluded and put at a disadvantage. "

A Note from the ED

In addition to computer carts, a large percentage of the money raised for the Foundation pays for planning time and four sections of classes for Hillsdale teachers, making the SLC



engaging projects in those classes. We need to purchase a computer cart for both Biology and Chemistry, to go into the new lab spaces that will open in the fall. The acquisition of these carts will provide critical resources to what is becoming a model science program on the Peninsula.

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As this year is ending, we would like to recognize and thank our 2016/2017 donors! We have raised almost 90% of the \$360K needed to meet our budgeted items. We

they defend reflect our inquiry model of any contribution you can make to Hillsdale High School. Please donate now to help us make up the \$7,500 challenge match and purchase the second cart for \$15K.

Raise your glass to the heroes of or contact me for more information. Hillsdale High School!

Congratulations to the Hillsdale High 2016/2017 Outstanding Service Award **Recipients:**

Ramona Barrantes, Danielle Flores, Linda Fox, Meredith McElroy, Stacy Plackowski, Danielle Robledo, Tom Stucke



Jane Mason, Ramona Barrantes and Lucy Lee (HHS) Foundation)

Michael Callahan, Beloved English and Journalism teacher and Department **Chair,** was at Hillsdale from 1957 to 1989. He passed away in December. The Hillsdale High School Foundation and Alumni Association joined with the

were fortunate to receive almost \$40K in corporate education, a model that will be enhanced by matches this year. Please see the bottom of this newsletter for the current list of donors to date. Please consider joining this list before the year end.

> Anyone interested in learning more about joining our Board of Directors please check out board positions here

Thank you. We truly couldn't do it without you! Jennifer Russell, Executive Director

HHS Hall of Fame

We hope you can join us for this year's third annual Hillsdale High School Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The event



will be held at Hillsdale High School on Friday, May 5th

- 4:00 5:00 PM Student led Campus tours
- 5:00 6:00 PM Reception with Hors D'oeuvres and Beverages in Hillsdale Theater Foyer
- 6:00 7:15 PM Induction Ceremony in Hillsdale's Theater
- 7:30 9:30 PM HOF Banquet with no host bar at Van's Restaurant the

You will find photos and biographies of this year's inductees and may register for the event by going to the Hillsdale High School Alumni Association website hillsdalehsalumni.org. Biographies, Pictures, and Videos of the 2015 and 2016 Hall of Fame events are also available for viewing on the website.

Let's Hear from the Boosters

Knights United: A Knight Out was held on January 28th of this year. It was a big success and demonstrated what can happen when all the booster groups work together to put on a school wide event. We are looking forward to holding it again next spring. The Foundation Callahan family to host a Celebration of Life was happy to be able to provide almost \$30K in grants to on March 18th. More than 100 family, boosters again this year.

friends, and alumni students and faculty joined to pay tribute at Hillsdale, a uniquely appropriate setting where he taught and mentored generations of students.



Grad Seats and Recognition Gifts

As the school year comes to a close, consider improving your family's assigned seats by <u>purchasing upgraded premium</u> graduation seats.

Also consider honoring a teacher, staff member, or your student with a tribute gift, theater seat plaque or walkway brick in his or her name. Click here to order.

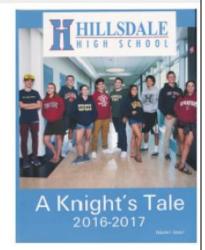
Marcella and Joe Dew were honored to buy Theater Seat Plaques for their children, Diego '15 & Sophia '18, to commemorate their family's participation in HHS performances.



Athletics Boosters would like

to thank the contributors to the HHS Foundation for the grant that was given for the 2016-2017 school year.

With this donation, the HHS Athletics Boosters supported the creation of the first ever "A Knight's Tale" magazine. This magazine has done a



great job in showing the many facets of our student body including academics, sports, visual and performing arts as well as our Alumni Association. Link to this magazine here on the Foundation Website.

For a full list of Athletic Accomplishments for 2016-2017 year click here.

Dance Boosters

Congratulations to Sabrina Braccini, her guest choreographers, and the HHS Dance Ensemble for the wildly successful Knight Moves XIX performance.



The HHSF will be hosting its third annual you would like to share your experiences contact Jennifer Russell to volunteer.

Foundation Donors

HHSF is deeply grateful to the following current families, community members, alumni, sponsors and corporations for their generous gifts received this past school year. For Knights and up donors, please contact Jennifer Russell at execdirector@hillsdalehsfoundation.org if there is any issue with the way your name has been listed so we can correct it before June for engraving it on the plaque to hang in Sir Cedric's Court.

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The HHS Dance Boosters would like to thank the HHS "Welcome Freshman Parent Coffees" in the Foundation for the generous grant that was presented cafeteria June 8th at 8:30am and 6:00pm. If earlier this school year. With this grant, we have been able to enhance our already spectacular dance program, with the incoming Freshman parents, please as well as help with the costs of Knight Moves XIX. Thank you for supporting the arts at Hillsdale High School!

Music Boosters



The Hillsdale Chamber Singers and the Chamber String Orchestra are the top vocal and orchestral groups in the Music Program and are open to students only by audition. On, April 22 Mr. Yowell, the choir and orchestra instructor held auditions for in-coming 9th grade students hoping to land a spot in these two exciting groups. If any of next year's freshman, sophomore, junior or senior students would like to audition for next year's groups please contact Mr. Yowell There are also two other fine groups, the Women's Choir and the String Orchestra that are open to all students without an audition. We always need more men in the Chamber Singers. Even if you have never sung before you should try out. Contact Mr. Yowell for information.

We encourage everyone to come to the End of the Year Spring Concerts. The music performed ranges from classical to contemporary Jazz and Pop. End of the Year awards will also be presented.

May 11: Women's Choir, Chamber Singers and the HHS Jazz Ensemble

May 12: Chamber String Orchestra, String Orchestra, Concert Band & Wind Ensemble.

(Both concerts begin at 7:00 pm and admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and senior citizens)

Music boosters is extremely grateful to all the parents who have contributed to the Foundation as these

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donations have allowed us to purchase much needed items. Percussion items, that will be used in the spring concerts and hand chimes for the choir department are just a few examples. (here is Mr. Yowell giving a mini lesson at our last booster meeting).

Drama Boosters



- May 5 & 6: H.I.T. Squad Presents "This is H I T !!!"
- H.I.T. Squad's annual spring improvisation performance. This year the team will create an improvised musical before your eyes.
- Intermediate and Advanced Drama Auditions on May 8th.
- Marty Awards on May 13th Please join us for yummy food, fun performances, and our annual awards ceremony!
- Our Fall 2017 musical will be LES
 MISERABLES! Auditions will be in August
 2017. To view <u>AUDITION GUIDELINES click</u>
 <u>here.</u> For more info or to register for auditions,
 contact Allison Gamlen or hillsdaledrama.com

The generous grant money provided by the Hillsdale Foundation helped to fund 3 fully staged and very successful productions (including several scholarships for students who couldn't make the financial contribution), The TheatreWorks Young Playwright's Project, A field trip to TheatreWorks to see RAGS, Hillsdale Improv Team events, several guest teachers and artists, and will fund our annual senior scholarships. We thank the Foundation and its donors for making this possible.

The PTSO, Hillsdale's Parent Teacher Student/Staff Organization, has been able to pledge to multiple on campus clubs including a national competition for

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robotics. The PTSO used the funding from the HHSF to help support the "Every Fifteen Minutes" program, The Hillsdale Effect club, and the staff gratitude breakfasts throughout the year.

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