

Hillsdale High School Foundation eNewsletter

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Congratulations Hillsdale Class of 2015

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Hall of Fame

More than 200 alumni, community members, administrators, staff, parents and students gathered for the first annual Hall of Fame

Note from HHSF President

Dear Hillsdale Community,

As I end my six-year term as an HHSF board member, I can't help but be filled with pride. It has been an honor to have been a part of a fledgling organization that has soared to incredible heights.

This past year contributions from parents, alumni and the business communities reached an all-time high, more than tripling in growth since the Foundation's inception. Thanks to all of you, Hillsdale's Small Learning Community model is on solid ground. You should all be proud.

In the coming year I urge you to look to Hillsdale's future – a substantial growth in student enrollment and a new science building for starters – and to help the Foundation build a nest egg that will support this growth and sustain the variety and quality of programs and support you have come to expect.

induction ceremony on April 11, 2015. The event was a wonderful example of Hillsdale's continued influence on the lives of its graduates and staff.

Congratulations to inaugural inductees Dick Vermeil, Don Leydig, Mike McGinnis and John Holdren.



**Save the Date for the
9th Annual Golf Tournament
Brought to you by the
Hillsdale Athletic Boosters
Sunday, October 18th,
2015**

Crystal Springs Golf Course
6650 Golf Course Drive
Burlingame, CA 94010

8:00 AM shotgun start
Golf, Lunch, Raffle, Prizes,
Auction and more...

Watch for more information in
the Fall!

Contact Clinch Fuentes at
charmin_94403@yahoo.com
for more information

Register to play:
\$155 per person
**Includes: Golf cart, raffle
tickets, luncheon, and
prizes**

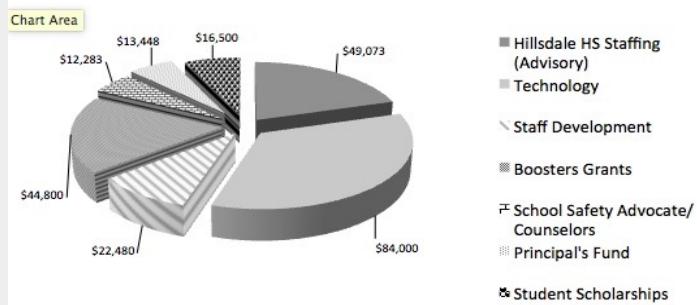
Whether you will have a student at Hillsdale in 2016 or not, the school is a community asset that should not be taken for granted.

As we end the year we say goodbye to Executive Director Ardythe Andrews whose guidance, prodding and dig-in attitude have been a key factor in the Foundation's success. We also say goodbye to retiring board members Chris Cantor, Ron Halili, Jane Mason, Doriel Nishioka and TinaMarie Romo. I thank them, as well as those continuing to serve – Ramona Barrantes, Brett Dyer, Jeff Gilbert, Lucy Lee, Don Leydig, Lisa Tsuruoka, and Todd Zucker – for their hard work, keen insights, support, commraderie, and Hillsdale spirit.

All My Best,

Mary Ellison
HHSF President

What Your Donations Funded



Your donations made so many big things happen at Hillsdale High School. From funding technology to advisory periods to professional development, your gifts helped Hillsdale High School provide a comprehensive and robust academic and extracurricular environment for all students. The Hillsdale community is fortunate to have the generosity of parents, alumni, staff and businesses who stand by the success of Small Learning Communities.

Thank You to Our 2015 Donors

You made Big Things Happen at Hillsdale High School in 2015

As the 2015 fiscal year comes to a close, we would like to recognize and thank our 2014/2015 donors! Of our 552 donors, 214 were alumni and community members. Just over \$25,000 of the \$340,000 raised was contributed through corporate matching.

Want to make BIG things happen at Hillsdale?

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 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 at llee@fbcl-visa.com for more information or to answer questions.

Hillsdale's Drama

Department invited to compete at top level

Congratulations to the cast of THE ADDAMS FAMILY!

After performing in the regional competition in early May in San Francisco, we are excited to announce that Hillsdale High School's production of *The Addams Family* has been selected as a nominee in the Best Overall Production category at the California High School Musical Honors finals! Additionally, we received nominations in the three other categories: Best Actor - Diego Dew, Best Supporting Actor - Gabriel Amaro, and Best Supporting Actress - Emma Houle.



Thank you to all who made gifts to the Hillsdale High School Foundation. No matter what the size of your gift, you made Big Things Happen at Hillsdale High School!

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SV Gives

Thank you for making SV Gives a huge success!



On May 5, 2015 HHSF participated for the first time in the second annual SVGives, a 24-hour online day of giving during which more than 800 nonprofits from San Mateo and Santa Clara counties participated to raise funds and awareness for their organizations. Thank you to the donors who helped us raise just over \$15,000 and thank you to our alumni who created a \$10,000 match. The \$25,000 is earmarked for scientific probeware that will allow students to increase their knowledge in the science classrooms.

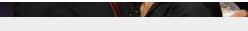
Scholarship Winners

The HHSF presented \$15,500 in scholarships to 13 well-deserving students at Hillsdale's award ceremony in May. Congratulations to the following students:

Carissa Brull
Mariko Ilnuma
Amanda Jew
Amanda King
Jonathan Leon
Amiel Manansala
Bailey Nestor
Eduardo Perez
Claudia Ruslim
Carolyn Sui
Shannon Taliferro
Sabrina Villar
Stacey Wong

Welcome Freshmen Parents

Over two days in June, the Foundation held four welcome coffees for the parents of incoming freshmen. Parents listened to brief overviews of Hillsdale's academic program then broke into small



The 2015 nominees competed in front of a panel of nationally recognized judges, including Rita Moreno.

groups led by current parents and administrators to answer questions and demystify Small Learning Communities. Thanks to all who assisted to help make these events a success.

Mark your calendars for the Freshmen Welcome Knight on **Thursday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m.** Students will tour the high school and receive house assignments.

Please visit our website at 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.