



# Synergies

*The power of  
partnerships  
for our  
schools*

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Welcome to *Synergies*, a periodic newsletter of the Classroom of the Future Foundation. *Synergies* provides an overview and update of the projects and initiatives of the Foundation and profile significant partners and supporters.

If you have any particular story ideas, we certainly welcome them. Or, if you would prefer not to receive this newsletter, we will remove your name from our distribution list. Please contact Bruce Braciszewski at (858) 292-3685 or email [cffstaff@list.scdoe.net](mailto:cffstaff@list.scdoe.net). ❖

## *CFF Awards Dinner aboard USS Midway*

This year, the annual Innovations in Education Awards Dinner for the Classroom of the Future Foundation will be held aboard San Diego's newest museum and visitor attraction, the historic USS Midway aircraft carrier!

In fact, our dinner in May will be one of the very first events held aboard, even before the museum is open to the public!

It's a fitting location because Midway was the world's most technologically advanced carrier when launched in 1945 and frequently demonstrative as an innovative spirit that set new standards for naval aviation.

It promises to be a very special event whose theme is "Innovations in Education Making a Difference for All Students."

### **"Innovations in Education"**

May 26, 2004

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

USS Midway  
San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum

at

Navy Pier  
(near the Broadway Pier, downtown)

Attire: slacks and nonskid shoes!



#### Ticket information:

- **\$40 for educators**  
(reception, dinner & awards)
- **\$150 business tickets**  
(reception, dinner & awards)
- **\$500 VIP tickets**  
(reception, dinner, awards, signed copy of a new book *Midway Magic*, and commemorative ticket package)
- **\$1,500 Table**  
(ten (10) tickets for reception, dinner & awards program)

This year's event will serve several purposes. Of course, the highly regarded innovation awards will be announced.

In addition, the High Tech Academic Achievement Scholarship Awards (co-sponsored by the T-Sector) will be announced. These scholarships are awarded to local AVID students and are

made possible by financial support from:  
**Wind River, Peregrine, Blue Hornet,  
BasicLink, Gary & Nancy Sutton and the  
CFF – Joe Rindone Memorial Scholarship.**

Our invaluable sponsors and contributors will be acknowledged.

We also will introduce a new corporate partnership program for innovations in education that represents a tremendous opportunity for San Diego business leaders to invest in local education.

Corporate sponsorship packages for the awards event are available. Several leading businesses have already signed up as event sponsors. They include: **Mission Federal Credit Union, Cox Communications, SAIC, General Atomics, Cubic Corporation, Apple Computers, The San Diego Union-Tribune, Plato Learning, Douglas Barnhart Inc., National University, Sony, Televideo San Diego, SBC, QUALCOMM.**

For more information about the event, contact Bruce Braciszewski at (858) 292-3685 or email [cffstaff@list.scdoe.net](mailto:cffstaff@list.scdoe.net) or visit [www.classroomofthefuture.org/2004event](http://www.classroomofthefuture.org/2004event)  
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### *Awards Host Committee Is Set*

Community leaders have quickly lined up to lend their support to this worthwhile event. They include:

- Ron Martin, Chair
- Linden S. Blue
- Malin Burnham
- Rudy Castruita
- Bill Geppert
- Rick Johnson
- John Kernan
- John Mutch
- Dave Stepp
- Dan Sullivan
- Leslie Zwissler

## **QUALCOMM** *Supports CFF Programs*

A \$15,000 grant from **QUALCOMM** is making an important CFF/Cajon Valley School District project possible.

The financial contribution enables CFF's Innovation Office to work closely with Cajon Valley on a variety of opportunities.

In addition, **QUALCOMM** has agreed to recruit employee scientists and engineers as volunteers to work with middle school teachers and students in math and science.

**QUALCOMM** will also provide invaluable IT expertise to school district officials, who are undergoing a major transition to a new student information system and server infrastructure.

It's a great example of three-way partnerships that are being forged between CFF, schools and business leaders. Congratulations and a heartfelt thanks goes to **QUALCOMM** for their support. ❖

### *Secretary Riordan Visits CFF*

California's Secretary for Education, Richard Riordan, met with CFF members at the Joseph Rindone Regional Technology Center on March 8.

The Secretary and Superintendent Rudy Castruita conducted a live webcast, discussing the future of technology in education and the need for a broad base of partnerships between educators and the community.

CFF hosted a reception for the Secretary that included many community leaders representing the Apple, Economic Development Corp., Business Roundtable for Education, Plato, Sea World, and General Atomics, among others. ❖