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## You Can Support Those Who Drive Educational Innovation and Achievement

A few sponsorships remain available for the 2012 Innovation in Education Awards dinner, "Celebrating Innovation and Honoring Achievement," on May 17, 2012, beginning at 6 p.m. at the University of San Diego.

The program honors inspirational, innovative, and achievement-driven uses of technology in classrooms across San Diego County. The ways in which teachers and students are incorporating the lightning-fast advances in learning technology are inspiring!

There will be three \$5,000 awards (inspire, innovate and achieve awards) and a \$10,000 impact award.



Platinum Equity is this year's title sponsor and impact award sponsor. Award sponsors are Qualcomm, EDmin and Mission Federal Credit Union. Other sponsorships at the \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$2,500 are available, and each includes a variety of benefits. Part of each sponsorship enables teachers to attend the prestigious awards ceremony.

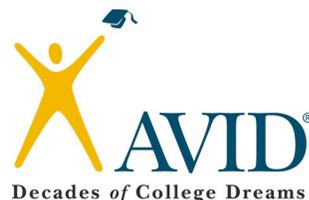
### AVID Scholarships

In addition to the awards, the USS Midway Museum has donated \$10,000 this year for AVID student scholarships. President & CEO Mac McLaughlin will make awards to five worthy students (\$2,000 each).

Converting the museum's popular education programs to online availability has become a major CFF initiative.

Also supporting AVID student scholarships is Jack in the Box who donated \$20,000. This makes awards to 12 students (\$1,500 each) and one award at \$2,000.

Additional information is available at [www.classroomofthefuture.org](http://www.classroomofthefuture.org) or by calling Bruce Braciszewski at (858) 292-3685.



*"Talk about those subjects you have had long in your mind, and listen to what others say about subjects you have studied but recently."*

Oliver Wendell  
Holmes

## An impact Award, Two Years Later

Several years ago the Escondido Union Elementary School District had an idea. Match classroom technology with the technology students wanted to use. Enter the iPod into the classroom. Curriculum was developed using the iPod Touch, employing applications in math, English and other subjects. Class plans were tailored to a 1:1 learning environment.



They became more motivated using iPod Touch. Students learned at their own pace. Various apps gave them instant feedback on their work and, of course, the iPods proved portable. The impact of the innovation began with engagement and soon grew into academic achievement.

It didn't take long before the iPod Touch program became CFF's 2010 impact award recipient. Students progressed at rates never thought possible, some two grade levels in six months of language instruction. Phenomenal academic progress has been made by severely autistic students using iPod Touch.

Success at Escondido has encouraged other districts to adapt these techniques and technology.

This school year the program has grown to approximately 150 participating teachers. Now innovative instructors and administrators at Escondido are looking to see how to incorporate iPads into their classrooms.

As Kathy Shirley, Director, Technology and Media Services, notes, "This kind of innovative technology doesn't represent the future of education, it represents the current potential of education."

*"It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data. Insensibly one begins to twist facts to suit theories, instead of theories to suit facts."*

Arthur Conan Doyle  
as Sherlock Holmes

### SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Innovations in Education Awards "Celebrating Innovation and Honoring Achievement" will be held on May 17, 2012 at the University of San Diego, Hahn University Center, San Diego. Click on our link: <http://cff.kintera.org/2012event> to register or sponsor the event.

## Ravi Rajaratnam Joins CFF Board



As the Classroom of the Future Foundation focuses more on the online environment, new board member.

Ravi Rajaratnam is certain to play an important role in a number of initiatives.

Rajaratnam is Vice President, Solutions Delivery at Bridgepoint Education, a national leader in online education. He is responsible for all software development at Bridgepoint, including strategic planning, information technology and business analytics.

Over the course of a 24-year career, he has held several senior-level information technology positions.

*“Stay at home in your mind. Don’t recite other people’s opinions. I hate quotations. Tell me what you know.”*

Ralph Waldo  
Emerson

## Qualcomm Inspires Students With Hands-On Installation, Learning



**Qualcomm’s Mark Sievers played a key role in organizing the initiative that provided new computer equipment as well as mentoring by Qualcomm employees to a group of enthusiastic Emerald Middle School students recently.**

Emerald Middle School students not only are learning how to use innovative technology, they are learning how to install it for specific educational purposes.

Recently CFF partner Qualcomm donated 39 large-size monitors to the school’s STEM Academy and showed students how they could integrate the monitors with their iPods. The monitors will enable students to edit student productions created with iPods.

“We want our students to see themselves as producers and contributors. Qualcomm taught them they have the power to improve their learning environment physically as well as being engaged mentally,” said Kathy Skube, the school’s principal.

## CFF Embraces Social Media World



The Classroom of the Future Foundation has made a major commitment to social media, beginning with a dedicated presence on Facebook. The goal is to broaden CFF’s awareness and position the foundation as the “go to” resource for the latest developments in innovative learning technology.

Randy Everett, an online IT manager for [signonsandiego.com](http://signonsandiego.com), has volunteered to develop a social media strategy for CFF, including twice-daily updates to its Facebook page. “Our goal is

to use our social media tools to establish the Classroom of the Future Foundation as the top source of credible information and stories about Educational Technology for the local education community,” said Everett.

University of San Diego executive assistant Hernando Quandt is assisting to make the regular Facebook page updates.

“CFF’s board of directors fully recognizes the value of social media in today’s educational environment,” noted Bruce Braciszewski, CFF’s Executive Director. “The work of our staff and volunteers represents a marvelous opportunity to

engage the community in the value of innovative education technology and to position our organization as a reliably and timely information resource.”

A sample of recent postings:

- San Ysidro School District::21<sup>st</sup> century
- Teachers Are Desperately Underpaid
- What Technologies Will Shape the Future of Higher Ed?
- Connecting With Education Leaders Easier Than Ever
- 15 Interesting Facts About Wikipedia
- Students Happily Going Digital



Win tickets to our Innovation Awards Program!

**“Like” us on our Facebook page - <http://goo.gl/foWkc> or scan the QR code (above) and be eligible to win two complimentary tickets to the May 17<sup>th</sup> Innovation in Education Awards’ dinner. Three sets of tickets will be drawn for the event.**

## Sony Education Open House Set

Educators are invited to explore Sony’s latest education technology at an open house on Thursday, April 26, 2012, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided, as well as some great prizes for event attendees.

The open house will be held at Sony Electronics, 16530 Via Esprillo, San Diego, 92127. Register by visiting <http://bit.ly/Sony/Education>.

## AP Computer Science Principles

The San Diego County Office of Education will conduct a free seven-part workshop on “AP Computer Science Principles,” at the Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center.

Classes will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on consecutive Wednesdays beginning April 11 and concluding on May 23.

Each week will involve hands-on time at the computer and peer instruction based on lectures—where participants will develop their understanding through engagement via Q&A and discussion. The technology-preparedness course was piloted with 1,000 students at five universities, including UCSD.

Space is limited. To register, contact Ange Mason at (858) 523-5064 or by email at [amason@ucsd.edu](mailto:amason@ucsd.edu) and include your school affiliation.

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