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Innovation in Education Awards Set for May 26

The annual Innovation in Education Awards program will be held Thursday, May 26 at PETCO Park.

It promises to be an extraordinary event that showcases education initiatives using technology that inspire, innovate and achieve, the hallmarks of the sponsoring Classroom of the Future Foundation.

As a joint event with the San Diego County Board of Education, this recognition program exemplifies the close ties between CFF and district superintendents throughout the county. ❖

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Nominations for 2005 Innovation in Education Awards due May 5

Leadership by example. The **Innovation** in Education Awards Program does exactly that by showcasing innovative, creative and effective new uses of technology in education. A joint program of the Classroom of the Future Foundation and the San Diego County Office of Education, these annual awards not only feature innovative uses of technology in schools, they create momentum for continued innovation as well as foster greater communication, coordination, and partnership between educators, administrators, students, and parents. The Innovation in Education Awards set both the tone and the standard for the educational community to inspire, innovate and achieve—all in the best interest of students.

The Innovation in Education Awards recognize exceptional programs in three categories:

- * **inspire** This award illustrates the unique attributes of the program that get kids excited about learning. This award specifically focuses on the "program characteristics" responsible for increasing student interest and enhancing student learning.
- * **innovate** This award showcases the creative innovations of the program that facilitate enhanced learning. This award

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specifically focuses on the "program actions" that improve effective teaching and learning, and drive achievement.

* **achieve** – This award demonstrates the tangible results from the program that drive student learning. This award specifically focuses on the "program evidence" that directly correlates to positive student outcomes.

In addition, a best-of-show award called the **impact** award will be given to the one program that best embodies all three attributes of **inspire.innovate.achieve**.

Nomination Process

Nominations only accepted on line at www.classroomofthefuture.org/2005event

Tickets for Innovation Award Night Available

It's not too soon to make plans to attend one of the most inspiration programs in local education.

Tickets are now available for the Innovation in Education Awards program whose theme is "inspire.innovate.achieve-Making a Difference for All Students."

The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at PETCO Park.

Ticket information:

- > \$50 for educators (reception, dinner & awards)
- > \$175 business tickets (reception, dinner & awards)
- ➤ \$500 VIP tickets (VIP reception, dinner, awards, two Padre game tickets)
- \$1,500 Team package (ten (10) tickets for reception, dinner & awards program)

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

Innovation in Education Awards will be announced. And a dozen High Tech Achievement Scholarships will be presented to AVID senior scholars. Our invaluable sponsors and contributors also will be acknowledged.

Corporate sponsorship packages for the awards event are available.

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For more information about the event and sponsorship opportunities, contact Bruce Braciszewski at (858) 292-3685 or email cffstaff@list.scdoe.net .

One-to-One Program Earns AFFY Award

The innovative **One-to-One @ Home and School** program has been feted by a statewide education association.

The Alliance for Distance Education in California presented one of four 2005 AFFY Awards to the **Lemon Grove Middle School** program.

The innovative approach to linking classroom work with the home via the Internet and wireless tablets 24/7 quickly has become the prototype for other programs now in development.

"It is an education model that challenges traditional classroom methods by freeing students to learn at their own pace and by liberating educators to focus more on teaching," noted AFFY judges.

"For the first time, these students are part of the connected-community concept premised on anytime, anywhere learning," they added. ❖

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