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Innovations in Education Awards to be held at Calit2 on May 25

Make plans now for what promises to be an extraordinary Innovations in Education Awards ceremony that will be held at one of the most innovative and forward-thinking education-oriented research centers in the United States!

This year's ceremony will be held at Calit2 on the UCSD campus. Headed by Larry Smarr, Calit2 is a daring experiment in creating the university research environment of the future.

The facility has recruited some of the most innovative minds in the country, dedicated to addressing large-scale societal issues by assembling multidisciplinary groups of the best minds available, both on and off the UCSD campus.

A special feature of this year's event at Calit2 will be a visionary showcase of futuristic education technologies on display. It's an ideal location to showcase some of the most innovative, creative and accomplished students and teachers throughout San Diego County!



*Headquarters of UCSD Division of Cal. Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology (Calit2).
Photo by Philipp Rittermann*



UCSD Provost Gabriele Wienhausen will speak at CFF Awards event

The founding Provost of UCSD's Sixth College, Gabriele Wienhausen, will speak at this year's Innovation in Education Awards.

Sixth College represents the challenge of integrating the connections between culture, art and technology, an ideal background for the CFF annual event. Sixth College serves

as a living laboratory for Calit2 where they created the first campus community web site, hired the first Chief Technology Officer and invented non-traditional computer labs for students.

Dr. Wienhausen came to UCSD in 1981 from Muenster, Germany to pursue biochemical research in metabolic adaptation to environmental stress. An award-winning instructor, she has held several senior administrative posts at UCSD.

She promises to be a riveting speaker in an unparalleled setting on May 25! ❖

Tickets Now on Sale

Sponsorships and other ticket opportunities for the CFF annual event on May 25, 2006 at Calit2 are available now.

Business sponsor tickets are \$200 for the general program or \$500 for the VIP reception before the awards ceremony. Tables of 10 for the general program are available for \$1,500.

In addition, a number of sponsorship opportunities are available at \$2,500 (Scholar), \$5,000 (Graduate) and \$10,000 (Visionary) levels.

Educator tickets are also available for \$50.

For more information, contact Bruce Braciszewski at (858) 292-3685 or cffstaff@list.sdcoe.net. ❖

Nominations for Award Entries Due March 31

You have only a few weeks left to nominate projects and initiatives for cash stipend awards to be made by the Classroom of the Future on May 25.

There are four categories of awards:

The **inspire** award (\$5,000) honors the program that uniquely gets students excited about learning.

The **innovate** award (\$5,000) showcases the highly creative program that facilitates enhanced learning.

The **achieve** award (\$5,000) honors the tangible results of a program that drives student learning.

The **impact** award (\$10,000) will be given to the program that best reflects CFF's tagline: inspire.innovate.achieve.

Video profiles of each award recipient will be developed and highlighted at the May 25 event.

Make plans to attend!

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High Tech Academic Scholarships Available

A \$10,500 grant by San Diego based Jack in the Box Foundation will go a long way toward the CFF's goal of awarding as many as 15 High Tech Academic Scholarships at this year's May 25 showcase.

High Tech scholarships are awarded to students who overcome personal or family challenges to succeed in the classrooms.

Their often-inspirational stories embody the "achieve" component of the Classroom of the Future's Classroom of the Future Foundation's mission.

The deadline for this year's High Tech Academic Scholarship applications is March 31. For more information, contact Cindy Bishop, Director of the San Diego Region of AVID, at (858) 292-3831. ❖

2005 High Tech Scholar Profile

Cindi Hernandez, El Cajon Valley High School: Being the primary caregiver for two younger brothers didn't stop Cindi from outstanding classroom achievement. After emigrating to the U.S. from El Salvador in the sixth grade, she learned English and then earned a 4.15 grade point average while taking advanced placement courses in government, calculus, physics and English literature. She attends UC Berkeley. ❖