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Cox Communications is Lead Sponsor of Innovation Awards



Longtime Classroom of the Future Foundation sponsor Cox Communications, together with Cox Kids Foundation, has agreed to be this year's Innovation in Education Awards title sponsor!

Cox's Sam Attisha has been an active member of the CFF board of directors and it's appropriate that his leadership has led to this year's awards sponsorship because this is the 10th anniversary of the Cox Kids Foundation, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for kids and their families.

The awards dinner will be held onboard the USS Midway Museum on May 14, 2009, beginning at 5 p.m. CFF was one of the first San Diego organizations to hold an event onboard Midway in 2004. But the story gets even better!

On March 10, 1945, the daughter of the founder of Cox Communications christened the USS Midway! At the time, the USS Midway was the largest and most technologically innovative ship in the world. It's incredible to think that 64 years later Cox Communications is the lead sponsor of an event that showcases innovations in education!



The USS Midway Museum will donate a Guest Pass to every attendee at the dinner! That makes sponsorship and attendance an even better investment!

Tickets Available for Midway Event!

As always tickets to the awards dinner are always a great value. Only \$50 for educations, \$200 for business sponsors and \$1,500 for a table of 10. This year, attendees will receive a sneak preview of an amazing classroom retrofit now under way onboard the USS Midway.

The Museum and CFF have designed new "smart" classrooms to accommodate the Museum's expanding education program. More than 30,000 students a year learn math, science, history, and social studies in a unique environment on Midway. The program is so popular and than entire school year's calendar was "sold out" after only two weeks of reservation acceptance.

Join us on what promises to be an extremely memorable night! For more ticket information, call (619) 292-3685 or visit www.classroomofthefuture.org to register online.

You Won't Want to Miss These Innovative Award Winners!

The awards competition was never more competitive than it was this year. After a great deal of deliberation, the following winners were selected. You'll definitely want to attend this year's ceremony to learn more about:



Students learn math and science in USS Midway classrooms.



Midway students frequently apply classroom theory to real-life situations.



Hands-on learning is a cornerstone of the Midway Museum education program.

impact Award: "Singin & Signin" in Fallbrook Union Elementary School District. Childhood songs, chants, and gestures are used to teach complex subjects, proving the old adage of "learning by doing!"

inspire Award: "The 39 Clues Project" by Skyline Elementary (Solana Beach Elementary School District). 5th graders studying novels interact with those books' authors, illustrators, and publishers via online technology.

Honorable Mention: "Worlds Apart: Brimingham vs. Ghana, a Classroom Blogging Project," by Emerald Middle School (Cajon Valley Union School District)

Honorable Mention: "Endangered Animals Need YOUR Help," by Del Sur Elementary School (Poway Unified School District)

innovate Award: "Writing & Technology for the 21st Century" by the Encinitas Union School District. Students participate in an innovative writer's workshop environment that makes use of podcasting, clamation, and video production to improve their writing skills.

Honorable Mention: "Riverview International Program" by Riverview Elementary School (Lakeside Union Elementary School District)

achieve Award: "Digital Media Design" by East County Academy of Learning (Lakeside Union Elementary School District). Utilizes special-education students' intense interest in podcasting, multimedia and other technological activities to modify their sometimes inappropriate behavior.

Honorable Mention: "Using Technology to Improve the Teaching and Learning of Mathematics," by Mount Carmel High School (Poway Unified School District).

Innovation Awards not only salute innovative uses of technology in education, the cash awards of \$5,000 and \$10,000 are reinvested in additional education programs. Honorable mention awardees will receive a Blu-ray player donated by Sony Foundation for their school or district.

Dedicated Sponsors Make Innovation Recognition Possible

Even in these difficult economic times, many leading San Diego businesses and organizations again have stepped up to become sponsors of this year's awards and scholarships. We are deeply grateful to the following who truly believe in the value and potential of innovative technology in the classroom:

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Education Headlines of Note

Technologies That Will Impact Future Education

A Microsoft-funded study of technology trends in education reveals startling transformations that already are taking root in the classroom. The study divides the trends in three phases:

In the next year: web-based tools are fostering collaborative environments that encourage student teamwork and critical thinking skills. Online communication tools are enabling students to connect with peers around the world. (Every year CFF innovation awards demonstrate how San Diego educators on leaders in this trend.)

Two to three years: Mobile devices such as smart phones will approach the capability of laptop computers. Cloud computing which distributes processing power and software across many computers will provide teachers and students with affordable and even free software accessible by smart phones and other mobile devices.

Four to five years: Rapidly development software technology will enable students to configure and manage web content rather than simply view it. This "personal web" approach will engage students more fully as they take an active rather than passive role on the web.

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