



## November 2015 Superintendent's Letter

Dear Friends of East Side Union High School District,

Please follow the link to our Annual Student Achievement Report. The purpose of this report is to display benchmark data points for the Key Performance Measures (KPMs) outlined in the East Side Union High School District Strategic Plan as well as overlapping metrics used in the evaluation of the Local Accountability Plan (LCAP) and to look at progress made over the last several years toward preparing all students for college and career.

We are excited to see our graduation rates continue to improve, our drop out rates continue to decline and the number of all students completing the A-G, UC course sequence continue to grow. We are also excited to see suspension and expulsions rates continue to significantly drop.

However, many students struggle to meet college and career readiness upon graduation from high school. In addition, there are gaps between how well Asian students, Hispanic students, and African American students meet this goal. In order to measure how well students graduating from the East Side Union High School District are prepared for our 21st century global economy, key data points have been selected, which can be measured over time. For more information, [click here](#) to view the Strategic Plan Key Performance Measures presentation and report, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their December 10, 2015, Board Meeting.

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I also want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are very blessed to live in a community that is diverse and continues to give back to those who are less fortunate. Thank you all for your continued support of East Side Union High school District.

Sincerely,  
Chris D. Funk  
Superintendent

### **Student Recognition, Cristina Lawson (center)** Silver Creek High School

Business student, Cristina Lawson, a 10th grader at Silver Creek High School, competed in the Network For Teaching Entrepreneurship National Business Plan Competition in New York. She worked on a business plan and was one of 12 students who won the first round of competition out of 50 students from across the country. [Read More](#)



**Student Recognition, Darius Carbin (far right)**  
Mt. Pleasant High School

Darius Carbin competed in the high jump at the IAAF World Youth Championships in Cali, Colombia, winning a bronze. [Read More](#)



**Teacher Recognition, Coy Garrett**  
Yerba Buena High School

Coy Garrett has been a dedicated teacher and role model for many years. ESUHSD named her Teacher of the Year for 2015. In 2002, she began her current position at Yerba Buena High School. [Read More](#)



**Staff Recognition, Hieu Nguyen and Khai Vu (left to right)**  
Yerba Buena High School

Yerba Buena High School custodians, Hieu Nguyen and Khai Vu, were recognized by the Children Moon Festival Committee at their annual festival for their many years of service, hard work and dedication to Yerba Buena and its community. They have worked at YBHS since 2001.



## Silver Creek High School Cisco STEM Innovation Challenge

Providing valuable first-hand experience in the STEM field

Recognizing the current and future increase in STEM careers, Silver Creek offers Information and Communication Technology Pathways and builds relationships with industry partners for the good of its students. Silver Creek is a Cisco Networking Academy and has had a successful partnership with Cisco for the past 7 years.

The Cisco STEM Innovation Challenge took place on November 16, 2015. There were 128 students and 100 Cisco employees who participated in the event. The objective of the event was to give students the exposure to Cisco innovations and to inspire new ideas, solutions and career choices. Cisco Systems CEO Chuck Robbins delivered the keynote address at the event. He spoke about the future of technology and STEM education in relation to career opportunities in Silicon Valley.

There was a Working Session where mentors guided students in building products and putting together marketing strategies. A total of 16 students won iPads during the STEM Innovation Challenge. [Read More](#)



## Andrew Hill High School Science Fair

Building strong relationships with feeder schools

IB Science students at Andrew Hill shared their science projects with Hellyer Elementary School students, parents and staff at their annual Science Fair. This provided elementary school students with early exposure in the STEM field. The goal was for Andrew Hill students to publicly present and share their findings and experiences with their community.

This served as a positive experience for IB students, inspired future Falcons and

will lead to future collaborations with Hellyer and other local elementary schools to expose students to science experiences at an early stage.



## Hall of Fame Dinner

Honoring East Side Union High School District alumni since the 1970's

East Side Union High School District Education Foundation is honored to announce the Thomas P. Ryan Hall of Fame Class of 2015. Eleven East Side high school graduates were inducted at a dinner ceremony on November 21. These alumni have achieved notable success in public service, arts, science, athletics, business, education and more. [Read More](#)

Inductees include Chandra Lopez Brooks, Lorena Ramirez Collins, Joe Coto, Larry Esquivel, Curtis L. Green, J. Manuel Herrera, Camille Llanes-Fontanilla, Duane Morgan, Noelani Sallings, Anna Stearns and Terry Wiley.



## Foreign Exchange Program

Associate Superintendent, Marcus Battle, is spearheading ESUHS's Foreign Exchange Program. The District has established partnerships with the Council on International Educational Exchange and Quest Exchange. There has been interest from prospective students from China, Vietnam, Brazil and the Philippines, among other countries.

The District is also looking for local host families. Generous stipend and tax credit available for hosts. [Read More](#)



## In the Media

Several of our students and teachers were recognized in the media the first half of the school year. Click the links below to see their interviews.

[NBC Hispanic Heritage Vignette](#)

[Telemundo Hispanic Heritage Vignette](#)

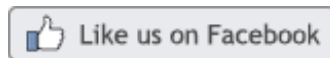
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