

Sciencepalooza!, White House Presidential Scholars, Electric Vehicle Program and More!



EAST SIDE
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Silicon Valley

Preparing every student to thrive in a global society.

February 2016 Superintendent's Letter

Dear Friends of East Side Union High School District,

The school year is humming along and I'm extremely excited about all of the amazing accomplishments that have taken place. This version of our newsletter is focusing on highlighting the work of our staff and students for the past few months.

This is also the time of the year that we are reviewing our commitments that we have made in our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). We have three more community engagement meetings scheduled for Calero and Foothill on February 23rd and at Mt. Pleasant High School on February 24th. These LCAP meetings are open to the entire community. In addition, if you have not taken the LCAP survey, please do by clicking on this link <http://www.esusd.org/Community/Local-Control-Accountability-Plan-LCAP/index.html>

We are excited to host Mayor Sam Liccardo's State of the City Address at W.C. Overfelt on March 5th in the Gymnasium at 10am. Outside of the gym in the quad area, there will be a Resource Fair with information about city resources and job opportunities. We invite the entire community to join. <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?lr=ffcsvncab&oeidk=a07ec0pqqhpdda7b029>

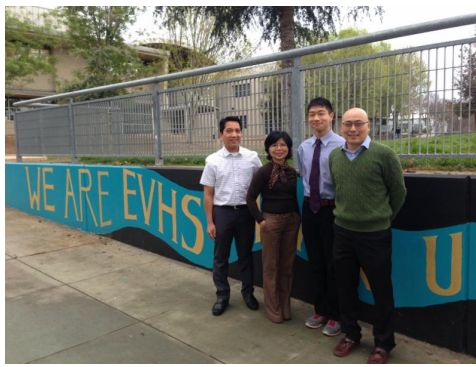
Thank you for your continued support of all of our great East Side schools.

Sincerely,
Chris D. Funk
Superintendent

Student Recognition, Anton Cao (second from the right) Evergreen Valley High School

Anton Cao, an 11th grader at Evergreen Valley High School, earned perfect scores on his Advanced Placement (AP) Exam in spring 2015.

Cao was 1 of only 12 students in the world to earn every point possible on the AP Calculus AB Exam. Looking across approximately 4.5 million AP Exams taken by 2.5 million U.S. public high school students in 2015, only 322 students earned every point possible on an AP exam, a rare accomplishment.



White House Presidential Scholars

Several ESUHSD graduating seniors have been selected as candidates for the prestigious United States Presidential Scholars Program.

Scholars are chosen on the basis of their accomplishments in many areas - academic and artistic success, leadership, and involvement in school and community - and represent excellence in education and the promise of greatness in America's youth.

These students are invited to Washington, DC in June to participate in the National Recognition Program, featuring various events and enrichment activities and culminating in the presentation of the Presidential Scholars Medallion during a White House-sponsored ceremony.

Candidates

Evergreen Vally High School: Auni Bagchi, Michelle Du, Flora L. Feng, Yuchen S. Jiang, Inderpal Kaur, Ashwinee Panda, Christina L. Trinh, Aayush Tyagi

Independence High School: Kevin Cao

Piedmont Hills High School: Walt B. Leung, Royson Lin, Linda Xiao

Silver Creek High School: Sabrina Jones

Learn more: [U.S. Presidential Scholars Program](#)



Athletic Recognition

Congratulations to our Fall sports championship teams! Special recognition to Oak Grove High School for competing in the NorCal State Championship as the CCS Division Champs.



Staff Recognition, Jacob Headley

Overfelt High School

Jacob Headley, Activities Director at Overfelt High School, won the Bob Burton Spirit Advisor Award from the California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA).

While at Overfelt, Mr. Headley has brought back the yearbook after an extended hiatus, took over Prom because no other teacher on campus would touch it, went from having four lunch rallies to having monthly rallies, quarterly spirit weeks and has also brought in more than \$12,000 in funding.

As a Leadership teacher, he enjoys seeing his students create something new and different and making it their own. He is also proud of developing a school culture that is fun and engaging to the students! [Read More](#)



Sciencepalooza!

Exclusive ESUHSD Science Fair

In its commitment to focus education on 21st century skills, East Side Union High School District had its 17th annual sciencepalooza! event at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds on January 23rd. Doves of excited and nervous East Side students filled the venue to exhibit their projects and share their concepts with judges. Areas of concentration included biological science, physical science and engineering.

Sciencepalooza! allows students to gain experience in meeting deadlines, developing ideas or replicating tried-and-true experiments, conducting research, and analyzing and communicating their results. The event was primarily sponsored by the Synopsys Outreach Foundation.

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Below are several of the Award Winners:

Synopsys Quality Award
Carol Evans Award-Most Entrants from a School
Best Use of Technology Award
School
Best Engineering Projects
Best Projects Concerning the Environment
Rookie of the Year

Overfelt High School
Silver Creek High School
Evergreen Valley High
School
Santa Teresa High School
James Lick High School
Overfelt High School



Independence High School Electric Vehicle Program New Electric Vehicle Program, First in the District

Independence High School launched its new [Electric Vehicle Program](#). Students will have the opportunity to incorporate their math and science skills to build the 3D-EV Capstone Electric Car.

Given the current deficiency in skills required for hybrid and electric vehicles in Silicon Valley, the goal of the new electric vehicle program is to provide students with hands-on, real-world career training and marketable skills for today's automotive marketplace. Several alumni from Independence High School's Automotive Technician Program currently work at Tesla and Lexus and there is demand for these skills in this industry.

Among its industry partners: [SmarterSTEM](#), Lexus, SJSU Mechanical Engineering, and Winchester Auto Parts.



NFTE Design Challenge

Silver Creek High School

Silver Creek High School hosted a City-Wide Network For Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Design Challenge. The challenges provided the starting points for a semester-long innovations projects that will culminate in the presentation of original entrepreneurial solutions to today's pressing social problems. Mayor Sam Liccardo was the keynote speaker at the event.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Writing, Art & Multi-media Awards Ceremony

Student artwork from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Writing, Art & Multi-Media Awards Ceremony in January is displayed at the District Office.

Grand Prize Winners

Kim Vi Tran - Art Category

Jennifer Hernandez-Garcia - Writing Category

Keilani Sayos & Wesley Chen - Multi-Media Category



Bright Futures

Bright Futures is a community of youth and caring adults who support each other in developing personal responsibility and an inspiring vision for their lives. The organization provides vulnerable, under-performing and low-income youth in San Jose with extensive support to help them discover and achieve their potential.

Bright Futures has a 15-year track record for success and has been among the top-rated intervention programs by the San Jose Mayor's Office.

In January, they had a Welcome Home celebration at Overfelt for the youth that participated in a retreat.

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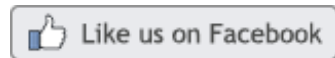
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