

News Release

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Symantec Corporation CEO Goes Back to School to Celebrate Teach for America Week

John W. Thompson, President and CEO of Symantec Corporation, will visit Silver Creek High School on Monday, October 16, 2000, to help teach a speech class as part of his commitment to Teach for America Week.

Teach for America Week is an annual nationwide event in which American leaders from all professions spend an hour of their time teaching students. Politicians, business leaders, athletes, performers, community activists and other prominent individuals serve as guest teachers in schools where Teach for America corps members teach. These leaders are challenged to utilize their extensive professional and personal experiences to teach a compelling and effective lesson that will engage and inspire students.

Mr. Thompson has a wealth of experience to share. Since joining Symantec in April 1999, he has led the transformation of the company from a software publisher to a leader in Internet security solutions for individuals and enterprises.

Mr. Thompson joined Symantec after a 28-year career with the IBM Corporation. In his role as general manager of IBM Americas, he was responsible for sales and support of IBM's technology products and services, generating \$37 billion in revenues. His 30,000-employee organization worked with corporate customers, national and local government agencies, and small business owners in the United States, Canada, and Latin America to help them move their businesses and services to electronic commerce. **Mr. Thompson**, the son of a teacher, serves as the Honorary Chairman of Teach for America's Bay Area Invitational Charity Golf Tournament which raised \$167,000 in August to recruit, train, and support Bay Area teachers.

Silver Creek has four Teach for America Teachers. These college graduates have committed to teaching for two years before they pursue their respective careers. **Fred deFuniak**, Principal of Silver Creek, spoke very highly of the Teach for America teachers and the program. "We feel fortunate to have this program at our school. Teach for America teachers have perspectives and backgrounds that enrich the learning experiences of our students."

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