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USS Midway, CFF Expand Strategic Partnership With Ongoing Initiative

The USS Midway Museum has authorized additional funds to expand its relationship with the Classroom of the Future Foundation.

In addition to underwriting AVID scholarships at the Innovation in Education Awards dinner, Midway, CFF, and innovative teachers will collaborate on building a three-year expansion plan for the museum's education programs with an online emphasis.

"From the beginning, CFF has enabled Midway to anticipate future student and educator technology needs," said Education Director Sara Hanscom. "We are able to incorporate state-of-the-art technology in our onboard classrooms and thus demonstrate its applicability and potential to educators and students."

The CFF initiative this year also will assess how the museum can utilize existing curricula and redesign it onto blended-learning platforms.

Today Midway hosts approximately 50,000 students (2nd-8th grades), studying STEM curricula. The programs were developed by local educators before Midway opened in 2004. Now local educators will provide insight and input on how Midway can meet future classroom needs.

Innovation in Education Awards to Be Expanded At This Year's Dinner

Nominations for this year's Innovation in Education Awards [can now be submitted](#) via the CFF website. The application process has been streamlined with a deadline of March 16, 2015.

This year a new award is open to nominations: Innovative Principal of the Year. "It's important that we recognize all the key drivers of innovative technology in the classroom," said Executive Director Bruce Braciszewski. "Certainly principals, along with visionary leaders, superintendents, and educators, play a vital role in the adoption of innovative education technology."

The Innovative Principal and Innovative Educator Awards are underwritten by Peterson Hill Marketing. SDG&E sponsors the Innovative Superintendent Award and San Diego Computer-Using Educators underwrites the Innovative Technology Teacher Award. These individual-recognition awards augment the



"Knowledge rests on knowledge; what is new is meaningful because it departs slightly from what was known before."

Robert Oppenheimer

innovative program awards that are the hallmark of the annual dinner.

Dr. Paula Cordeiro received the 2014 Visionary and Outstanding Leadership Award. She is dean of the School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES) at the University of San Diego.

Kathy Shirley received the 2014 Innovative Educator Award as Director of Technology and Innovation for Escondido School District/Bear Valley Middle School.

Dr. Devin Vodicka received the 2014 Innovative Superintendent Award for his work in the Vista Unified School District.

Matt Baier, Director of the Center for Innovation at Cathedral Catholic High School, received the 2014 Innovative Technology Award.

“A man can only attain knowledge with the help of those who possess it. This must be understood from the very beginning. One must learn from him who knows.”

George Gurdjieff



Celebrating 12 years
Innovation in Education Awards
May 20, 2015

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2015 Innovation in Education Awards

12th Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday May 20, 2015 • 5:00pm-8:00pm • University of San Diego



OUR MISSION

“To engage business, community, and educational leaders in creating innovative learning environments in San Diego County K-12 public schools that prepare our students to thrive in a competitive, global society.”

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Two SDSU Interns Join CFF

A San Diego State University MBA candidate, Paul Lamb, has joined CFF as an intern. He will focus on fundraising for the annual Innovation in Education Awards dinner in May. Broader business community involvement in the dinner is a major CFF priority this year.

The University of Michigan graduate has financial advising experience and is a board member of the SDSU Graduate Business Student Association. Paul is planning a career in finance with a focus on real estate.





Christie Santos will join CFF's marketing team and contribute content to CFF's website blog. She is a senior at San Diego State University where she is studying Journalism, with an emphasis in Media Studies. She was a member of SDSU's Society of Professional Journalists for two years, PRSSA for one year, and hosted two radio shows on KCR-San Diego State's college radio. She is also minoring in Spanish. As an aspiring social media journalist, her career goals include managing social networking for a company or working for an agency.

Top Ed-Tech Educator News Sources

One goal at the Classroom of the Future Foundation is to provide teachers with free resources to help implement innovation in their classrooms. Here's a list of 6 resources that are some of our favorites for keeping up with educational technology news and trends:

1. Edudemic (edudemic.com)

Easily one of our favorite sources of ed-tech news, Edudemic consistently will provide you with reviews, lists, news and great insights on educational trends.

2. Educational Technology and Mobile Learning (educatorstechnology.com)

We love this site for its frequent lists of educational apps, tools, websites, and products. In addition, they provide quality product recommendations, how-to tutorials, and links to helpful resources.

3. MindShift blog (blogs.kqed.org/mindshift)

Launched as a partnership between NPR and KQED in northern California, this valuable blog explores the future of learning, technology trends, innovations in education, groundbreaking research, and more.

4. Free Technology for Teachers (freetech4teachers.com)

Former teacher Richard Byrnes now dedicates his time sharing information about free resources that teachers can use in their classrooms. It's an award-winning blog with exceptional articles, recommendations, how-to articles, and more.

5. Ed-Tech: Focus on K-12 (edtechmagazine.com/k12)

This site explores technology and education issues that IT leaders and educators face when they're evaluating and implementing a solution. Although it's produced by CDW, a technology vendor, they focus on providing helpful ed-tech information and not pushing products.

6. CFF Facebook Page (facebook.com/CFFSD)

If you're looking for a central location to find top ed-tech articles, you'll love the CFF Facebook page! We review over 50 top ed-tech sites locally and nationally then post our two favorite articles every day throughout the year. Just LIKE our page and we'll share great articles to your newsfeed.



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“Knowledge is the only fountain both of the love and the principles of human liberty.”

Daniel Webster

Making a Difference A CFF Priority

The Classroom of the Future Foundation is dedicated to broadening awareness of its initiatives and contributions throughout the broader San Diego community. That's being accomplished in part through a partnership with the U-T San Diego.

The newspaper annually publishes 50,000 copies of a nonprofit guide that profiles leading organizations like CFF. Recently two full pages were dedicated in the special edition to the Classroom of the Future Foundation. Here is an excerpt of that exposure, showing how CFF contributes to the quality of education received by thousands of San Diego County residents.

“Any piece of knowledge I acquire today has a value at this moment exactly proportioned to my skill to deal with it. To-morrow, when I know more, I recall that piece of knowledge and use it better.”

Mark Van Doren

Classroom of the Future Foundation



THE AREA(S) WE SERVE

Partnerships between local businesses and K-12 public schools in the 42 school districts throughout San Diego County.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The 12th Annual Innovation in Education Awards program will be convened on May 20, 2015 at the University of San Diego. More than 500 educators, business leaders and students will celebrate innovation and honor achievement at this dinner gala. Sponsorships are available now and event tickets in March 2015.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

- Volunteer at the 12th Annual Innovation in Education Awards event on May 20, 2015
- Support local districts with their programs and events
- Serve as a speaker and/or mentor in the STEM programs
- Like us on the Classroom of the Future Foundation Facebook page at [Facebook.com/CFFSD](https://www.facebook.com/CFFSD)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

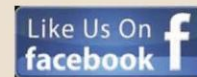
To engage business, community, and educational leaders in creating innovative learning environments in San Diego County K-12 public schools that prepare our students to thrive in a competitive, global society.

OUR 2015 GOALS

- To continue supporting innovative partnerships with school districts focused on project-based learning, STEM programs, model classrooms and one-to-one initiatives.
- To host the 12th annual Innovation in Education Awards program which includes distributing cash prizes to winning schools, honoring High Tech Academic Achievement Scholarship recipients and presenting the 2015 Visionary and Outstanding Leadership award.
- To conduct a Project RED pilot and Innovation Day in collaboration with the San Diego County Office of Education Technology partnership.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Sponsor our 12th Annual Innovation in Education Awards event on May 20, 2015
- Buy a table for educators to attend the award program
- Fund a student with the High Tech Academic Achievement Scholarships
- Make a donation via Classroom of the Future Foundation website at www.classroomofthefuture.org



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Linked Education Technology News

Each headline is linked to the complete article:

Top 10 of 2014, No. 2: Digital access and equity

Each year, the eSchool News editors compile 10 of the most influential ed-tech developments and examine how those topics dominated K-12 ed-tech conversations. No. 2 on our list...

New technologies aim to help personalize instruction

As more school leaders recognize technology's potential to help personalize instruction, ed-tech providers are developing products that can quickly zero in on a student's unique learning needs and...

Digital learning implementation guide launched

A new and free resource addressing six focus areas aims to help school leaders implement digital learning initiatives effectively. The Guide to Implementing Digital Learning (GIDL), from the State Educational Technology...

Remote instruction through immersive technology

Parker senior Elizabeth Kruse wasn't sure what to expect when she decided to take AP music theory this fall. She wasn't afraid the class would be difficult, but it was the...

5 top tech tools of 2014

Some of the year's top ed-tech tools include a free slideshow creator, a reading tool with embedded assessments, and an adaptive math practice game. How many of 2014's top tools...

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