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Don't Miss the Best in Innovation

The most innovative and effective uses of technology in education throughout San Diego County again will be honored on May 20, 2015. This year the quality of nominations was markedly improved and twice as many nominations as last year were received, making judging a daunting task.

Tickets and tables are still available. Tables are \$1,500 (for eight) and tickets are \$300 for business partners and \$50 for educators.

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Here's an exclusive preview at the award winners for 2015:

Impact Award



In only four years, the San Diego County Office of Education **Leading Edge Certification** for the Online and Blended Teacher program has certified more than 600 teachers from more than 50 schools, districts, and institutions of higher learning. The nationally acclaimed program provides teachers with a solid understanding of how to strengthen online and

blended learning opportunities for all students.

Inspire Award

The **Feaster Charter Engineering Lab** (Feaster Charter School, Chula Vista Elementary School District) has taught more than 1,475 students how to use engineering to create a prototype with the potential to change our daily lives. Projects are grade specific. For example, second graders are designing and engineering freeze panels that reflect and trap cold air to help save polar bears from global warming. Honorable Mention: VIDA Design Lab Classes in the Vista Unified School District.



Innovate Award

Design39Campus (Poway Unified School District) is challenging students to create "new learning adventures" based on their individual interests. This customized approach to education includes groups of students organized by common interest as well as learning space and equipment configurations that are adaptable to meet individual student interests. Honorable Mention: A Model Common Core Digital District Framework in the Lakeside Union Elementary School District.



"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

William Butler Yeats

“Charles V said that a man who knew four languages was worth four men; and Alexander the Great so valued learning that he used to say he was more indebted to Aristotle for giving him knowledge than his father Philip for giving him life.”

Thomas B. Macaulay

Achieve Award

The **B3techies** program at Longfellow Elementary School (San Diego Unified School District) is a website and YouTube channel created by seventh graders to provide a variety of how-to and video tutorials that help educators embrace technology and enable students to learn 24/7. Honorable Mention: Cultivating Future Health Professionals in Lemon Grove at the Lemon Grove Academy for the Sciences and Humanities.



Individual Awards

The increasing breadth and depth of innovative technology in schools throughout the region is made possible in part by dynamic leaders who are embracing the potential of technology administratively and at every grade level. The following leaders will be honored at the May 20 dinner.

Visionary & Outstanding Leadership Award winner Thomas Greaves has spent 40 years in the computer industry, much of it developing innovative learning technologies. He has been involved in hundreds of 1:1 computing projects, including a pioneering Project RED initiative locally.



Innovative Superintendent Award winner Dr. Timothy Baird has been superintendent of the Encinitas Union School District since 2009. In that time the district has developed highly acclaimed 1:1 learning programs and has become a leader in green initiatives. (Award sponsor: SDG&E)

Innovative Educator Award winner Jeff Heil is an instructional technology coach for the San Diego County Office of Education. He is a leader in technology integration and educational equity and is an expert at integrating Google Apps into the classroom. (Award sponsor: Peterson Hill Marketing)



Innovative Principal Award winner Steve Bailey is principal of Emerald STEAM Magnet Middle school. He has helped develop innovative learning programs that emphasize exploration and design thinking so that students can develop their STEAM skills. (Award sponsor: Peterson Hill Marketing)

A second Innovative Principal Award winner, Rick Oser, is principal of the Lemon Grove Academy for Sciences and Humanities. He has helped lead programs that support the school's motto, "Keeping it R.E².A.L." (Relationships, Expectations for Excellence, Active engagement and Learning). (Award sponsor: Curriculum Associates)



The Innovation in Technology award for a member of San Diego Computer Using Educators (SDCUE) is Scott Moss. It includes a \$1,000 award in recognition of his nearly 30 years of educational technology experience as an educator, administrator, conference presenter, instructor, and Google Certified Teacher and a CUE Lead Learner.

In addition, \$40,000 in High Tech Scholarships will be awarded at the dinner, thanks to contributions by the USS Midway Museum and Jack in the Box.

“Knowledge, in truth, is the great sun in the firmament. Life and power are scattered with all its beams.”

Daniel Webster

Project RED Bolstered by Liaison

Former San Diego Unified School District Chief Information & Technology Officer Barbara Allen is now the liaison between CFF and seven local school districts as they implement a variety of 1:1 learning initiatives.

Based on several years’ research, the Project Red Collaborative is investigating how to integrate successful educational technology programs with business strategies that preserve resources and improve efficiency. In other words, doing more with less. The initiative grew out of the Classroom of the Future’s 2013 board retreat.



CFF worked closely with Barbara for the past 15 years in her capacity with San Diego Unified. Now she’ll bring that experience to bear on how to incorporate effective technological and academic instruction techniques in a 1:1 context. The 2015 Vision & Outstanding Leadership Award winner Thomas Greaves has also provided the latest national research on 1:1 learning initiatives.

Two Tech Experts Join CFF Board



Jim Murphy, vice president of information technology for Jack in the Box, Inc., has joined the Classroom of the Future Foundation’s board of directors. He oversees the operation of all infrastructure technology for a company with more than 2,800 locations. He has more than 25 years’ experience in information technology and will provide an important business-partner perspective to the CFF board.

In addition, Karen Connaghan, assistant superintendent/chief information technology officer for the San Diego County Office of Education, has joined the CFF board. Karen has held a number of increasingly responsible education technology positions with the district since 2009. Prior to that she was an educator where she was a computer instructor and instructional technology specialist.



CFF’s Social Media Update

Are you using social media in your classroom yet as a teaching tool? Here are some ideas to try:

1. Create a Facebook Group for your class
2. Create a custom hashtag for the class to use on Twitter or Instagram to projects by that common hashtag
3. Post student videos on YouTube or directly into Facebook
4. Showcase students' work in photos posted on Pinterest or Instagram
5. Tweet updates to parents from your Twitter account
6. Teach students to become storytellers on Twitter in 140 characters or less
7. Help students learn how to record a short video using a phone or tablet, add special effects, then post their assignment on YouTube

To discover more ideas that are being shared on social networks in the classroom, go to www.BuzzSumo.com, enter your topic, then discover the popular articles shared on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Pinterest, and Google+.



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