

2002 Annual Report

Gunderson High School Foundation

Dear Foundation Members,

November, 2002

First of all, the Management and Board of Directors of Gunderson High School Foundation would like to thank you for becoming one of the Foundation's Founding Members. Your contribution made the Foundation a reality this year.

Secondly, I would like to report that the close of the first year of operation of the Gunderson High School Foundation yielded some very high points, but overall, the foundation had mixed results.

The efforts of the Foundation's organizing committee and the founding Board of Directors set the initial direction for the Foundation and drove us through the start-up process to incorporation in January. And, Gunderson students, teachers, administrators, and parents put significant effort into our initial fundraiser mailing and phone-a-thon in spring. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and VEP Community Association for their help and support during our fund raising. Through these efforts, we achieved several key goals through the year, and, I believe, made a positive impact on Gunderson High School.

We collected about \$30,000 in contributions of cash and equipment and helped enable Gunderson to receive an additional \$225,000 technology grant. We made a significant improvement to the Technology Magnet program at Gunderson by brokering the donation of \$25,000 worth of Sun Microsystems workstations, monitors, and collateral equipment from Samsung Semiconductor, Inc. The equipment donation from Samsung came at a very fortunate time in that Gunderson was in the process of applying for a \$225,000 Environmental and Spatial Technology (EAST) grant. Samsung's equipment donation demonstrated a significant corporate partnership in Gunderson's Technology Program to the EAST Grant Committee and helped offset a matching contribution requirement from Gunderson to receive the grant.

Our Spring Phone-a-thon was well received by Gunderson parents and families and got an excellent response in pledges. About 250 of the roughly 1000 Gunderson families made pledges totaling more than \$6700 showing very broad based community interest and support for the Foundation's purpose and goals. Unfortunately, only about 100 families followed through on their pledges despite two follow-up mailings to our pledgers. We believe that the poor follow through is due, at least in part, to the deteriorating economic conditions in Silicon Valley in late spring and early summer just after we completed the phone-a-thon.

However, we did collect enough of the pledges to be able to award our inaugural Technology Scholarship of \$2000 to Luis Marquez. To earn this award, Luis demonstrated outstanding work in Advanced Multimedia classes in his senior year. The Scholarship judges were very impressed by Luis' work at the Gunderson Technology Faire in May. The Scholarship Award was announced at Gunderson's Senior Honors Night at the end of May. Since this was the first time that we awarded this Scholarship,

Cash Flow Statement (unaudited as of June 30, 2002)

Income	
Memberships and Cash Contributions	\$3,500
Grants (note 1)	1,000
Extraordinary Contributions (note 2)	25,000
Total Income	29,500
Expenses	
Operating expenses	
Incorporation	\$500
Fundraising	750
Other	0
Scholarships and Program Expenses Paid	0
Extraordinary Program Expense (note 2)	25,000
Total Expenses	26,250
Net Cash Flow	\$3,250

Note 1 - \$1000 grant from the City of San Jose. This grant was earmarked by the Foundation Board to be used for the inaugural Technology Scholarship.

Note 2 – Extraordinary contribution of 8 professional grade Unix operating system workstation, monitors, and collateral hardware worth \$25,000 from Samsung Semiconductor, Inc. The Foundation, in turn, gave the equipment to Gunderson High School for use in its Technology Program.

Balance Sheet (unaudited as of June 30, 2002)

Assets	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,250
Uncollected pledges	4,750
Other receivables	0
Inventory	0
Other current assets	0
Total Current Assets	8,000
Property and Equipment	0
Other Assets	0
Total Assets	8,000
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Unpaid Scholarship Awards	2,000
Unpaid Program Expenses	0
Allowance for uncollectible pledges	4,750
Accounts payable	0
Accrued Expenses	0
Current portion of Long Term Debt	0
Total Current Liabilities	6,750
Long Tem Debt	0
Total Liabilities	6,750
Net Assets	\$1,250

we ran into a couple of logistics problems during the judging. The Foundation Board is making some adjustments to the process based on learnings from our first time through the process.

The year ended with the Foundation’s annual meeting in May. The Foundation Members present at the meeting re-elected most of the founding Board of Directors. One new Board Member, Jim Henderson, was elected, and Gunderson’s new Principal, Demerris Brooks, was welcomed to the Board.

We are beginning our second year of operation by incorporating the learnings from our first year, and by beginning to discuss focusing our activities on helping Gunderson High School to become a California Distinguished School within the next three years. We will flush out specific goals and activities around this theme over the next several Foundation Board of Directors meetings. In addition, we hope that we can count on your continued support of the Foundation’s activities to make Gunderson “the destination of students who want to reach their maximum potential.”

Sincerely,

Gregory West,
President

Jeannette Harding,
Treasurer

Gunderson High School Foundation Founding Members

<p>Corporate Members: <i>Samsung Semiconductor, Inc.</i> <i>City of San Jose</i> <i>Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage</i> <i>Great Oaks Water Co</i> <i>Westfield Corp.</i> <i>Employees of HiFN</i> <i>DigiCopy (Branham)</i></p> <p>Individual Contributing Members: Adrian Aguaristi Dennis Ah Yo Kris Ahn Maria Arambula Farial Aziz Luis Bettencourt Alicia Birrueta Demerris Brooks Richard Brown Sharon Bryan</p>	<p>Esau Cardona Katherine Cazarez Jenny Chang Gabriela Chavez Guadalupe Cortez Desiree Cortez Sara Cuecuecha Pat Dando William Del Biaggio Jim Del Biaggio Maria del Socorro Maldonado Tien Dinh Salvatore Duckworthlanzo Sandy Eaton Kathleen Espinoza Linda Ferdig-Riley Alex Fraser Steve Gregerson Donna Hamilton Bertha Hamilton Jeannette Harding Jim Henderson Consuelo Herreras Michael Hwang Anthony Iorns Ralph Jensen</p>	<p>Rebecca Jones Naoko Kai Sukhvinder Kaur Abraham Khalil Norman Kincl Evaristus Kinnah Karen Larsen Phu Le Linda Lee Veronica Lewis Lynn Lovely Deann Madden Mary Malmgren Irma Marfil Alison Martins Nicola Mein Kimberley Melendez Miguel Meneses Roberto Montenegro Guillermo Morales Bert Murdoch Dr. Linda Murray Gladys Newsham Hung Nguy Tran T H Nguyen Gene Okumura</p>	<p>Joseph Petzak Nelia Pia Anna Quinnell Karen Ramsell Charles Reinert Edward Robbins Dora Robertson Lillian Ruckman Samuel Saldana Michele Sanchez Sandra Schenk Robyn Schlice Kathleen Shrader Cheri Silveira-Moliere Leonard Smith Angela Stock Jose Torres Ronnie Townsend Ha Thu Tran Peter Tran Hien Tran Mandy Tuggle Maria Vogel Greg West</p>
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Gunderson High School Foundation Board of Directors

Gregory J. West, President, a nine year Gunderson parent and 22 year semiconductor industry veteran was most recently Director of Engineering at Samsung Semiconductor, Inc. A graduate of Stranahan High School in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, he earned his BS from Milwaukee School of Engineering and MS from Santa Clara University. A product of public education through high school, Greg is dedicated to the continued success of public schools. Greg has led youth, community, and school organizations and is also currently Secretary of the SJUSD Measure F Bond Oversight Committee.

Ronnie L. Townsend, Vice President, a 4 year Gunderson parent and 19 year computer industry veteran, is most recently a software engineer with Sun Microsystems. A graduate of Oak Ridge High School in Orlando, FL, he earned his BA from Harvard University. Ronnie is a strong believer in the power and importance of education serving on an SJUSD task force chartered with implementing programs to improve the reading level and overall academic achievement of Gunderson's diverse student population. He has also been involved in youth sports having coached PAL football for 6 years.

Robyn Schlice, Secretary, graduated from Gunderson High School in 1988. She earned her BS in Administration of Justice and an MA in Political Science and Public Administration from San Jose State University. Robyn's career focus, both during and since college, has been in working with at-risk youth. She is employed by the Santa Clara County Superior Court Probation Department, and has worked with the Boys Ranch, Juvenile Drug Court and is now Project Coordinator for the Educational Rights Project, a collaborative effort to identify and serve children needing educational services.

Jeannette Harding, Treasurer, also a 1988 graduate of Gunderson High School, returned to the school to teach in 1996. She teaches World History and Social Science and chaired the Social Sciences Department from 1998 to 2000. Jeannette attended San Jose State University earning her BA and MA in History, and her MA in Administration and Supervision. She is also a graduate of the California School Leadership Academy program. She was a member of the grant writing team for Gunderson's Bay Area School Reform Collaborative grant. She also co-coordinates the Link Crew program at Gunderson.

Demerris Brooks is the principal of Gunderson High School. She has been with San Jose unified School District for 8 years as a teacher, Assistant Principal, and Manager before coming to Gunderson. She is an alumnae of Notre Dame High school in San Jose, earned her BA in English Literature from the University of California at Berkeley, her MA in Education from Stanford University, and her MA in Educational Administration from Santa Clara University. Demerris is from a family of educators, enjoys working with middle and high school students and finds her work both exciting and fulfilling.

Jim Henderson is a graduate of San Francisco State University with a Bachelor's degree in accounting. He retired from IBM in 1999 after a 30 year career. He held various management positions for 18 years, most of that time spent in finance and accounting. From 1993 -1999, Jim managed IBM's K-12 community relations and public affairs programs in California. From 1999-2002, Jim was a consultant with the San Jose Unified School District where he directed the high school transformation project. Jim is now an instructor in the Business Department at West Valley College .

Veronica Lewis is a parent of three Gunderson High School graduates. In 1994, Veronica was elected to the San Jose Unified School District Board of Trustees and was elected to her third term this year. She is currently serving as School Board President. Veronica graduated from Sunnyvale High School and attended De Anza College. She has been an active school parent volunteer since 1974 at several San Jose Unified schools including Carson, Muir, Steinbeck, Pioneer, and Gunderson. Veronica was also San Jose Unified School District Bond Measure C Committee Chairperson.

Dr. Linda Murray (ex-officio) is Superintendent of San Jose Unified School District. She earned her Doctorate from State University of New York at Albany. Under her leadership, since 1993, the district has increased student performance each year and has increased the number of Blue Ribbon and Distinguished Schools. She has led the passage of two major capital bond measures. Dr. Murray also is a member of many local community and service organization boards and was named Woman of Achievement in Education and Woman of the Year for the 24th Congressional District.