

# 2003 Annual Report

## Gunderson High School Foundation

Dear Foundation Members,

November, 2003

The Gunderson High School Foundation finished our second year of operation on June 30, 2003 with some very significant accomplishments for the year. Again, we thank our Founding Members, our new members, and our corporate contributors that joined during the fiscal year. Through the generosity of our members, the Foundation was able to help sponsor and participate in three new programs this year as well as to expand the number of Foundation Technology Scholarship recipients. In addition, we attracted a couple of very significant grants. And, we received our not-for-profit determinations from both the California Franchise Tax Board and the Internal Revenue Service.

First, we are very proud of Gunderson class of '03 graduates Divya Mistry and Garret West, our Technology Scholarship winners for the 2003 graduating class. Divya won an award of \$1000 and Garret won \$250. Both students demonstrated outstanding accomplishment in Advanced Multimedia classes in their senior year. The awardees were chosen from qualified applicants, nominated by their teachers, by a panel consisting of three people--a Gunderson administrator, a Gunderson teacher, both independent of the Foundation, and a Foundation board member. The judging was based on the students' digital multimedia portfolios presented to the panel. Again, we congratulate to both Divya and Garret for their outstanding accomplishments.

The Foundation was also a sponsor and an active participant in Gunderson's Visioning Day last spring. All of Gunderson's administration and staff joined together with school volunteers, neighbors, and community members and came to a consensus on a vision for the school in a day long facilitated meeting. The outcome of the meeting was the following vision statement:

***Gunderson High School is a technological, collaborative, college-preparatory community that achieves academic excellence, respects individuality and celebrates diversity.***

As a partner in creating this vision, the Foundation and its board will actively seek opportunities to help the school achieve it.

In addition to expanding the Technology Scholarship and helping the Gunderson's Visioning Day, we helped sponsor Gunderson's entry into the Bot-ball competition, a competitive team learning experience in which students team up to gain and use knowledge of science, math, and technology to build and program a robot to solve a specific problem. Gunderson's Bot-ball team (also known as the Bot-ball "ring") placed 8<sup>th</sup> in state-wide competition. We also helped senior students participate in the Washington DC trip who might not otherwise, despite their best fundraising efforts, have been able to go.

We concentrated our fundraising efforts over the year on corporate donors and received roughly \$5500 in cash contributions from corporate sources. This was nearly 50% more than the total cash contributions to the Foundation last year! We give our deeply felt gratitude to *Great Oaks Water Company, Westfield Corporation, the Veronica Lewis for School Board Campaign Fund, and the Office of City of San Jose Vice Mayor Pat Dando*, for their generous contributions.

We also held an abbreviated 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Phone-a-Thon in which volunteer students, parents, staff, administration, and Foundation board members tried to invite as many freshman and sophomore families to join the Foundation as we could in a single evening. Nearly 100 families expressed interest in the Foundation and pledged nearly \$1300. After two reminder mailings to the pledging families, about \$500 of the pledges were ultimately collected. However, we thank those that did mail in their pledges and extend a warm and sincere welcome to 20 new foundation members. We also thank *Caldwell Banker Residential Brokerage* for their support of our phone-a-thon.

As a reward to our Founding Members, those that gave \$25 or more during our first year of operation, the Foundation Board elected to extend their memberships through our second year of operation. Although "off the hook" for the year, many, none the less, responded by sending in a contribution anyway, resulting in an additional \$450 of greatly appreciated contributions.

### Cash Flow Statement (unaudited as of June 30, 2003)

Income		
Memberships and Cash Contributions		\$5,290
Interest Income		6
Grants (note 1)		1,500
Extraordinary Contributions (note 2)		10,000
Total Income		16,796
Expenses		
Operating expenses		
Administration		1,110
Fundraising		118
Scholarships and Program Expenses Paid		2,727
Total Expenses		3,955
Net Cash Flow		\$12,841

Note 1 - \$1500 grant from the City of San Jose. This grant was earmarked by the Foundation Board to be used for the annual Technology Scholarship.

Note 2 – Extraordinary contribution of \$10,000 from the Dave and Aiko Fadness Trust. The Foundation earmarked this contribution to fund an annual engineering scholarship beginning with Gunderson’s 2004 graduating class.

### Balance Sheet (unaudited as of June 30, 2003)

	June 30, 2002	June 30, 2003
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,250	\$6,664
Uncollected pledges	4,750	790
Fadness Engineering Scholarship Fund		10,000
Other receivables	0	0
Inventory	0	0
Other current assets	0	0
Total Current Assets	8,000	17,454
Property and Equipment	0	
Other Assets	0	
Total Assets	8,000	17,454
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Unpaid Scholarship Awards	2,000	3,072
Unpaid Program Expenses	0	0
Allowance for uncollectible pledges	4,750	790
Accounts payable	0	0
Accrued Expenses	0	0
Current portion of Long Term Debt	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	6,750	3,862
Long Tem Debt	0	0
Total Liabilities	6,750	3,862
Net Assets	\$1,250	\$13,591

We are extremely pleased and excited to report these following two items. First, through an act of extreme generosity, long-time VEP Community Association members, neighborhood activists, and Gunderson alumnus parents, Aiko and Dave Fadness, endowed the Foundation with a gift that will allow us to award an annual engineering scholarship of at least \$2000 for a number of years! Second, the Foundation was successful in winning a \$30,500 grant for Gunderson from the City of San Jose Dept. of Recreation and Neighborhood Services Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund to augment the school's College and Career Center with two additional part time people in the 2003-04 school year.

The Foundation members present at our Annual Meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> re-elected Greg West, Ronnie Townsend, and Jeannette Harding to Board of Directors for two year terms. The Board then elected Greg West as President, Ronnie Townsend as Vice President, Robyn Schlice as Secretary, and Jeannette Harding as Treasurer. We were also treated to presentations from students involved in some of the activities that we supported over the year. We heard from students that attended the Washington DC trip, and from the Environmental and Spatial Technology (EAST) students about their class project on improvements to Gunderson's athletic fields. We also were treated to a demonstration from the Bot-ball ring. (Minutes of all Foundation meetings and corporate documents are posted on the web at [www.ghsFoundation.org](http://www.ghsFoundation.org))

Finally, 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

Jim Henderson,  
Treasurer

## Gunderson High School Foundation Board of Directors

**Gregory J. West, President**, is a nine year Gunderson parent. He is dedicated to the continued success of public schools. Greg has led youth, community, and school organizations and is also currently Vice Chair of the SJUSD Measure F Bond Oversight Committee.

**Ronnie L. Townsend, Vice President** is a 4 year Gunderson parent. He 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.

**Robyn Schlice, Secretary**, graduated from Gunderson High School in 1988. Her career focus, both during and since college, has been in working with at-risk youth 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.

**Jim Henderson, Treasurer**, 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. Jim is currently teaching Business at West Valley College.

**Demerris Brooks** is the principal of Gunderson High School. She is from a family of educators, enjoys working with middle and high school students and finds her work both exciting and fulfilling.

**Jeannette Harding**, is also a 1988 graduate of Gunderson High School. She returned to the school to teach from 1996 until last year. She is currently an Assistant Principal at Lincoln High School.

**Veronica Lewis** is a parent of three Gunderson High School graduates and is serving her third term on the San Jose Unified School District Board of Trustees. She has been an active school parent volunteer since 1974 at several San Jose Unified schools.

**Dr. Linda Murray (ex-officio)** is Superintendent of San Jose Unified School District, serves on 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.

## Gunderson High School Foundation Founding Members

<b>Corporate Members:</b> <b>Samsung Semiconductor, Inc.</b> <b>City of San Jose</b> <b>Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage</b> <b>DigiCopy (at Branham and Almaden)</b> <b>Individual Members:</b> Adrian Aguaristi Dennis Ah Yo Kris Ahn Maria Arambula Farial Aziz Candra Bailey Luis Bettencourt Alicia Birrueta Demerris Brooks Richard Brown Sharon Bryan 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	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 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
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## New Gunderson High School Foundation Members

<b>Corporate Members:</b> <b>Great Oaks Water Company</b> <b>Westfield Corporation</b>	<b>Individual Members:</b> David and Aiko Fadness Trust Catherine Aquino Irene De León Jane Burns Tien Dinh Michelle Gallardo	Emma Garduno Guadalupe Gonzalez William Hein Ky Hoang Alejandra Hoyos Dan Maguire Rigoberto Neri Firooz Palizi	Juana Pedroza Robert Schlice Brian South Lina Tafua Virginia Vela Terry Walker Allison Ward J. Williams
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