

DONOR REPORT 2016-2018



Willow Glen Education Foundation



Boosting Outcomes Through SAT and ACT Prep

Great SAT or ACT scores can really improve the chances of getting into the right college, and the Foundation is making test coaching accessible to more students. During the 2016-7 school year, nearly 50 WGHS juniors took part in on-campus SAT prep.

Thanks to seven teachers trained in the revamped SAT format, participating students raised their scores by an average of over 100 points.

The Foundation also provides parent volunteers and free snacks for students when WGHS sophomores take the PSAT on campus every October, and when juniors take the SAT in March.

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FROM:

LESLIE CHAMBERLAIN

President, Board of Directors
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Since 2000, the Willow Glen Education Foundation has been bringing together parents, faculty, alumni, and corporate donors to supplement funding for public schools in our community. Thanks to your financial support, the foundation is able to provide academic and cultural enrichment at Willow Glen Middle and High Schools.

The Foundation continues to build upon the programs it has supported over the years, while also adding new strategies to reach more students than ever. During the 2018-19 school year, we're aligning our funding priorities with the program improvement goals set by our schools:

Willow Glen High School Improvement Goals:

- Decrease the opportunity gap
- Improve math skills
- Prepare students for post-graduate success

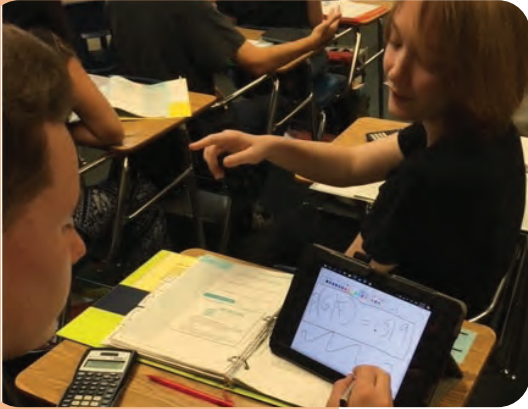
Willow Glen Middle School Improvement Goals:

- Project Lead the Way elective courses
- Math curriculum and teacher training
- Computer upgrades and software licensing

The Foundation spent more than \$115,000 during the 2016-17 school year and \$165,000 during the 2017-18 school year to enhance the equipment and training needed to make our student experience better than ever.

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PROGRAMS FUNDED BY DONATIONS TO WGEF



AVID

In spring of 2017, the Foundation moved to fund the introduction of the AVID program at Willow Glen High. AVID, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a set of strategies, practices, and resources to transform students and close the achievement gap.

The Willow Glen Education Foundation made it possible for six teachers and two administrators to receive training by the AVID organization during summer 2017. These science, math, language arts, and PE instructors are able to use their training to impact over 800 students in their classes. AVID-trained teachers also lead professional development for other WGHS faculty.

In addition, an AVID elective is aimed at students who may be the first in their families to be college bound. That class intensely focuses on those students' study skills and preparation for post-secondary success.



Lights, Camera, Action

In spring 2016, the Foundation purchased three video cameras, computers, and editing software, paving the way for the return of the film production class at the high school. Since 2001, WGHS film students have gone on to collegiate and film programs like Chapman University and USC, and professional careers at companies like Lionsgate and Walt Disney, earning two Emmys along the way. During the 2017-18 school year, the generosity of Foundation donors made it possible to add lenses, microphones, and other accessories to help students produce quality productions.



Authors and Special Speakers

What's even better than reading a page-turning book? How about seeing the author in person — at school? The Foundation brought international poetry slam winner Mike McGee to visit WGHS in November 2017. Besides being the Santa Clara County Poet Laureate, McGee has a deeply personal connection to the community, as he is a Ram alum! His presentation was followed by an eight-week writing workshop for students, which culminated in weekly open mic performances on campus.

Other visiting authors made possible by the Foundation include Benjamin Alire Saenz, Jennifer A. Nielsen, Will Kostakis, Leopoldo Gout, and Kate Schatz.



Donations to the Willow Glen Education Foundation also paid for:

Willow Glen High School

- Science – ELISA kits, chromatography kits, pGLO bacterial transformation kits, cow eyes, and sheep brains
- Agro-Ecology – New fences to keep the chickens in place at WGHS
- Art – Kiln for sculpture class
- Mock Trial – Coaching and tournament fees
- Campus Improvements – New skateboard lockers
- Activities – Mother-Son and Father-Daughter dances
- Teacher Appreciation – Back to School Night dinner and May luncheon

Willow Glen Middle School

- Academic Planners – Provided for all students
- Science – Project Lead the Way curriculum; sheep brains and worms for dissection; primate skulls
- Robotics – New and replacement Vex components and underwater robots
- Computers – 72 Chromebooks and Build-Your-Own Computer kits
- Eclipse Viewing – Curriculum and protective eyewear
- College Week – Speakers, activities, and raffles
- Literacy – WGMS book club, Language Arts teacher training, EL Achieve and Flocabulary



WGMS Math Teachers Grow Their Growth Mindset

Many Willow Glen Middle School math teachers spent two days at Stanford University in August 2018, for a special professional development event featuring noted professor, Dr. Jo Boaler.

Teachers were encouraged to boost their growth mindset to learn new strategies, problem-solving skills, and activities they can bring to their classrooms to help students learn from their mistakes and develop new ways of thinking for success in math.

FUNDING SOURCES

RamStarter

Jump starting each school year with early donations to nine student support organizations

The RamStarter program makes it easy for donors to make a big impact at our schools at the beginning of each school year. Organized by the Foundation, RamStarter raises money for nine organizations supporting our students, including Willow Glen Performing Arts Boosters, Willow Glen Athletic Boosters, Willow Glen Cares, WGHS student and family activities, WGMS PTA, WGMS and WGHS ASB, and Manos Unidas. Learn more at RamStarter.org.



Please consider a donation to the Willow Glen Education Foundation

We truly appreciate the generosity of our community. Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to support public education through the Willow Glen Education Foundation.

Donations can be made by check or given electronically, by simply going to WillowGlenFoundation.org. We can also accept shares of stock!

All contributions to the Willow Glen Education Foundation are tax-deductible (Nonprofit Tax ID #46-2106211).

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How do we do it? Our annual Tasting & Auction in November 2016 raised \$70,000; in 2017, the annual Tasting and Auction revenue grew to \$95,000. In addition, the Foundation receives a portion of the annual RamStarter campaign.

Please join us in support of these funding goals! We welcome volunteers in all areas, and we invite our community to join us in contributing to our positive school environment.