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President's Message Entering our 20th Year of Making A Difference in Willow Glen

Thank you for your support of excellent education at our Willow Glen public secondary schools.

The Willow Glen Education Foundation is entering its 20th year of serving both Willow Glen Middle School and Willow Glen High School.

As I begin my term as president of the Foundation, I am humbled by the long line of incredible volunteers who have made our schools better each and every one of these 20 years. Together, we've funded critical classroom equipment, necessary instructional supplies, innovative curriculum enhancements, cutting-edge teacher training, student leadership activities, and several entirely new classes—all for our students, every year. The Foundation also supports other parent and student groups, matches volunteers with educational needs, and coordinates scholarships for graduating seniors.

As you review the programs shared through this Annual Report, I invite you to visit our website, to share our stories by joining us on social media, and to support our work by returning as a donor for the 2019-20 school year.

Thanks to your support, our 20th year will be our best yet.



President 2019-20, Willow Glen Education Foundation Parent, WGHS Classes of 2017 & 2020



Money Well Spent To Help All Students Succeed

Parent and school volunteers lead the Willow Glen Education Foundation and work closely with the school to ensure your donations are used to support the program improvement goals set by each school.

Willow Glen High School Goals

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

Willow Glen Middle School Goals

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

In the 2018-19 School Year

The Foundation spent \$150,000 to enhance the equipment and training needed to make our student experience better than ever.

Our annual Tasting & Auction in November 2018 set new records, raising nearly \$90,000. An additional \$100,000 was raised through the popular RamStarter campaign, which makes it easy to donate to student leaders and to all WG parent groups, including the Foundation.

Please join the Foundation 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.

WHERE FOUNDATION FUNDS COME FROM

2018 - 2019





Sunday • Nov. 3 • 3-7pm WG Public Library Learn more about where donations come from and how they are used to support Willow Glen students:

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HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK SY 2018-19 Allocations

At Willow Glen Middle School

- Guest speaker Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and signed books
- Project Lead the Way science curriculum and computers
- Language arts classroom software and books
- Academic planners for all students
- Vex Robotics equipment
- Parent education nights
- Math teacher training

Angst Screening Addresses Teen Mental Health

The Foundation co-sponsored a screening of the documentary *Angst*, an hour-long film about anxiety, its causes and what we can do about it. "Based on the annual survey filled out by students and parents at Willow Glen Middle School, stress and other mental health issues are a concern for many kids in our community," says Willow Glen Middle School Principal Paul Slayton. "Thanks to funding by the Foundation and the Willow Glen Middle School PTA, we hosted a screening of the documentary *Angst* in the Little Theater. Over 80 kids and adults attended the showing, which was followed by a helpful discussion."

Science Students Get a Head Start With Project Lead the Way

Project Lead the Way is a science elective program at Willow Glen Middle School made possible by the Foundation. This popular hands-on and project-based curriculum includes two paths: biomedical and engineering. For the past eight years, the Foundation has paid for the curriculum, along with its supplies—such as sheep brains and cows eyes for dissection class (sounds gross, but the kids love it). This year, the engineering class ran into difficulties because their laptops were getting too old to run necessary software. Thanks to your generosity, over 150 students now have access to 36 new MacBooks to continue to track their experiments.

We Willow Glen Cares Expands to the Middle School

Making ends meet is tougher than ever in Silicon Valley. Forty percent of the students in our secondary schools live in poverty. Willow Glen Cares is a way the Foundation supports families in our midst.

During the 2018-19 school year, Willow Glen Cares expanded its services to the middle school. In the past year, we helped a total of 75 families with basic necessities such as laptops, school supplies, food, or clothing. The students who were able to access things like calculators, yearbooks, or tuxedos and dresses for prom will remember the kindness of our community.



Over 80 students and parents attended a free screening of Angst, an hour-long film about teen anxiety, its causes and what we can do about it.

Willow Glen Cares provides Willow Glen Middle and High School students who are homeless or live in poverty help with life's basics, school essentials, and mentorship so they can enter adulthood with more opportunities and confidence.





22 students of the Class of 2019 were awarded scholarships based on either financial need or achievement in fields such as academics, community service or leadership.



Now WGHS Principal, Tina first arrived at the school as a Chemistry teacher in 1997.

HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK SY 2018-19 Allocations

At Willow Glen High School

- Scholarships for graduating seniors
- Mock trial support: coaching and tournament fees
- Computers for math and science classes
- Tickets and signed books for students to see Hillary Clinton
- Homework center supplies: calculators, supplies and snacks
- Engineering class mousetrap car kit and other supplies
- Science classroom upplies for ecology, physics, and forensics
- AP class recruiting and test support
- Magazine subscriptions
- Language teacher training
- Updated Physical Education curriculum

Scholarships Help WGHS Grads Afford College

Through our annual fundraising and the generous donations of WGHS alumni organizations, the Foundation coordinated over \$40,000 in scholarships:

Class of 1953 Scholarships

Harriette Burr Memorial Math and Science Award Mary Alice Hamm Memorial Humanities Award Charlene Schucking Snell Memorial Scholarship

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Twenty-two students earned scholarships based on on either financial need or achievement in fields such as academics, community service or leadership. Awards ranged in amount from \$500 to \$5000.

Welcome Back, Tina Vanlaarhoven!

In August 2018, we welcomed back Tina Vanlaarhoven, this time as principal of Willow Glen High School. Ms. Vanlaarhoven first arrived at the high school as a Chemistry teacher in 1997. She also served as Assistant Principal of Instruction from 2002-11. "It's been wonderful to return to Willow Glen High School," says Vanlaarhoven. "The Foundation makes it possible for students to have experiences such as labs, field trips and specialized equipment in the classroom and outside that would not be possible without the support of the Willow Glen Education Foundation."

Thank you to our donors for your generosity and support!

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Student volunteers served up delicious appetizers to 350 guests at the 2018 Tasting.

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The 2018 Tasting & Auction raised nearly \$90,000 for academic and supplemental programs at Willow Glen High School and Middle School. We appreciate these generous donors.

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The RamStarter program makes it easy to support parent organizations and student leadership at the beginning of each school year. This boost in funds as classes begin helps to ensure a solid base for funding the year's activities. In addition, RamStarter raises money for nine organizations benefitting our students including the Foundation, Willow Glen Performing Arts Boosters, Willow Glen Athletic Boosters, Willow Glen Cares, WGMS PTA, WGMS and WGHS ASB, and Manos Unidas. 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.

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