



# WILLOW GLEN FOUNDATION AT WORK

## Highlights of the STEM Pathway

In 2013-14, the Foundation provided Willow Glen High School and Willow Glen Middle School with resources that supported the collaborative development of innovative and hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) courses, creating a unique STEM pathway from middle school to high school – and on to college and career.

### STEM Step One: Willow Glen Middle School

This year, Willow Glen Middle School science teachers attended *Gateway to Technology* (part of *Project Lead the Way*), an intensive training program hosted by San Jose State University, preparing them to effectively implement an engaging 8th grade engineering curriculum. Next year will see the enhancement of the science program, with biomedical courses that will include a novel approach to forensics. Principal Shannon McGee sees enormous potential for these programs, and looks forward to new content, additional teacher involvement, increased enrollment, and ultimately more students pursuing these subjects in high school and beyond. Engineering teacher Samta Nema sums it up succinctly, stating that the best part of teaching the engineering course is that it is “*student centered*.” Students also praise the course: “*I like the project challenges and how we apply what we learn in our designs. It’s a really fun class.*” Adds another: “*I really like being able to build something out of nothing, and working together with other people.*” One challenge of program implementation is the cost of teacher training and equipment. Says Principal McGee, “*If the Foundation didn’t help, we’d be struggling.*”

### The STEM Path Continues: Willow Glen High School

Continuing the STEM path, Willow Glen High School offers programs in Biomedical Science, Engineering, and Computer Science. What started as one class in Biomedical Innovations has blossomed to include Principles of Biomedical Science, Human Body Systems, and Medical Interventions. Like the middle school courses, these classes rely on curriculum and teacher training developed by *Project Lead the Way*. In addition to these popular STEM courses, Willow Glen High School offers introductory and advanced courses in Computer Science, developed in close collaboration with Santa Clara University. About a third of Willow Glen High School students currently take advantage of one or more courses in this series. Just as it does for the middle school, implementation of the high school program presents funding challenges. As Principal Kaia Hamilton explains, “*The programs require continual updates of software, consumables, and equipment. Without funds from groups like the Foundation, many of these things wouldn’t happen. It would be an enormous loss.*”





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*“So much of what we’re doing is a direct result of parents and the community standing up and supporting us. There’s no doubt about it.”*

– Kaia Hamilton,  
Principal,  
Willow Glen  
High School

Summer 2014

Dear Friend of the Willow Glen Foundation,

It’s been another fantastic year for Willow Glen High School and Willow Glen Middle School, and we continue to be thankful to our community of supporters who have paved the way for the Willow Glen Foundation to be able to provide resources that allow our schools to move ahead on a clear and vibrant path.

The Foundation’s mission is straightforward. We work to develop resources and fund programs that inspire, promote, and support the academic achievement and cultural enrichment of all students. This means reaching out to our community throughout the year and asking you to join us in fulfilling our mission. Like our schools, we can’t do it alone. Fortunately the Willow Glen community never fails to step up. This year, with an outpouring of support, the Foundation’s Annual Tasting & Auction once again topped its previous record fundraising total – netting more than \$52,000. Together with other donations, this event allowed the Foundation to provide more than \$65,000 directly to Willow Glen Middle and High Schools, funding requests that the schools strategically integrate into their overall enrichment efforts.

These resources propelled our schools forward in so many ways, from supporting teachers to enrich classroom curriculum through professional development and supplies for engineering labs, to providing resources that build community across the two campuses, to fostering academic excellence in a myriad of ways.

Willow Glen Middle School and Willow Glen High School both provide outstanding academic opportunities, co-curricular options, and extra-curricular programs – individually and as a team. One such effort that has made enormous strides in the past year is the development of a unique and innovative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program, starting in middle school and moving seamlessly through high school. The Foundation is proud to provide resources for these endeavors, that continue to strengthen our schools, our students, and our community.

With support from local businesses and individual donors, along with committed volunteers and dedicated educators, the Willow Glen Foundation has been able to make an enormous difference for our youth – supporting them to be successful students today and leaders in the future.

With sincere thanks for your many contributions.

Karen Carter  
President

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# FOUNDATION ALLOCATIONS 2013 - 2014

## Funds Support Academic Excellence and Cultural Enrichment

*“The Foundation has been a key funding source, providing teachers access to professional development and technology for classrooms. Our new engineering programs are engaging students, getting them motivated as they learn new things in new ways.”*

– Shannon McGee,  
Principal,  
Willow Glen  
Middle  
School

This year, the Foundation supported Willow Glen High School and Middle School with resources that were combined with funds from other partner groups to allow the schools to fuel innovation and creativity with state-of-the-art tools, professional development, and programs.

### Willow Glen Middle School received more than \$33,000 for:

#### Technology and Tools

- Tablets for the Science Department to support new curriculum
- LCD projectors, document cameras, and speakers for classrooms
- Durable headphones, increased memory on 110 computers to enhance speed and storage capacity, and lockable netbook wall cages for the Tech Department
- iPads with Applecare and cart for classroom use to support teacher instruction and small group learning opportunities for students

#### Motivation and Inspiration for Students

- Specially designed field trips, including *Physics, Science & Math Day* at Great America
- Author assemblies and purchases of classroom and library books
- Student annual academic planners

#### Materials and Equipment for Curriculum Enhancement

- Engineering class software, kits, and equipment to support new curriculum
- *Project Lead The Way* Medical Detectives training and materials for implementation
- Subscription to Online Design Science / Math supplement for all students
- Enhancement program for Social Studies focused on reading and writing
- Pickleball standards for Physical Education Department

### The Foundation allocated more than \$33,000 to Willow Glen High School for:

#### Technology and Tools

- iPads, LCD projectors, and document cameras for classroom use
- Headsets and microphones for advanced language classes

#### Motivation and Inspiration for Students

- Upgrades to the College and Career Center
- Mock Trial Club state finals (Foundation covered a portion of costs)
- Author assembly and purchase of books

#### Materials and Equipment for Curriculum Enhancement

- Steel dial calipers, mousetrap car kits, and aluminum rulers for Engineering classrooms
- DNA model for Life Science classrooms, offering a 3-dimensional macro-manipulative to help students visualize the molecule’s intricacies
- Water carboys to enable electrophoresis and for other labs requiring distilled water
- Digital balances to enhance labs, allowing students to accurately weigh compounds before, during, and after experiments
- iPod Touches with cart and charging station to enhance fitness, health, and wellness program developed by the Physical Education Department





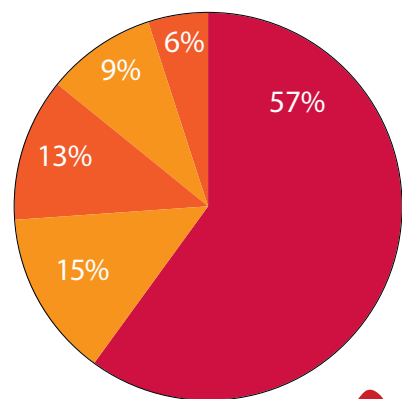
*"The generosity of the Willow Glen community never ceases to amaze and impress me. Together, we can do so much for our youth as they pursue their dreams in middle school, high school, college, and beyond."*

– Karen Carter, President, Willow Glen Foundation

## FUNDRAISING 2013 - 2014

### Willow Glen Foundation Funds Come from You!

Foundation funds come from generous individuals and businesses throughout the year and in a variety of ways, including the Annual Tasting & Auction, annual membership dues, corporate giving, grants, a direct mail appeal, and individual contributions.



- 57% Tasting and Silent Auction
- 15% Scholarship Funds
- 13% Individual Contributions/ Membership Dues
- 9% Direct Mail
- 6% Corporate Giving/ Grants



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