Back to the Future at San Leandro High School

Alumni from the Class of ’56 return to the home of the Pirates.

On November 2, 2017, we were happy to escort some VIPs on a campus tour of San Leandro High School. The gang of six had come from all over California, Arizona and Minnesota to gather for the first time since graduating from San Leandro High School in 1956.

San Leandro High School opened at its current location in 1949 and, when the Class of ’56 attended, it consisted of just three buildings: the main hall, gym and vocational shops. The group marveled at the changes since then including a complete overhaul of the athletic facilities, shops (now called the Career Technical Education building) and the addition of a science wing and the Arts Education/Performing Arts Center. The alumni had a chance to interact with some students in Mr. Shyer’s automotive class as well. Of course, while the basic principles of gasoline engines haven’t changed much over the years, having young women in the class definitely was a new thing!

Perhaps one of the most touching moments was seen outside of the journalism classroom in the main building. Half a dozen issues of the school newspaper, “The Cargo”, were on display showing the publication over the years—including an issue from 1955. As the alumni peered through the glass, two caught their names in print on the first page! While much has changed in the interceding sixty-plus years, some things remain constant for San Leandro High School students; an appreciation for where they’ve been, pride in where they are now and high aspirations for where they are headed!
5th Annual Gala Raises $86,000 for San Leandro Schools!

Over 250 people turned out to support San Leandro’s public schools and break all previous Gala fundraising records! This year the venue was changed to the Snow Building which offered amazing evening views of San Leandro and beyond.

Also new this year, SLED held a Winner’s Choice Vacation Raffle. Congratulations to Naissa Foster who opted for a week on the beach in Costa Rica! And thanks to twenty attendees who answered the call to support the creativity of teachers in the classroom by underwriting $250 Teacher Mini-Grants!

Be sure to save the date…

Friday, September 7, 2018
6th Annual SLED Gala

This one promises to be extra special as SLED celebrates its 10th Anniversary of supporting quality public education in San Leandro!
Special thank you …

Thanks to all of our generous sponsors, in-kind donors and the many volunteers who helped to keep costs low. This year, the Gala had a net profit of 78%—over $67,000—making the SLED Gala one of the most cost-effective fundraisers around!
Youth Opportunity Scholarships
Helping kids discover their passions and talents.

Last year, SLED became a partner of the Lampert-Byrd Foundation which provides $250 - $500 scholarships for low-income middle school students to explore extracurricular activities. SLED staff work with John Muir and Bancroft Middle Schools to help students identify activities and apply for the scholarships. Since the partnership began, SLED has facilitated over $19,000 in Youth Opportunity Scholarships from the Lampert-Byrd Foundation to San Leandro students.

6th grader, Isabele Perez, used her scholarship to pursue her interest in art.

6th grader, Roberto Hernandez, gave piano lessons a try.

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