

FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022



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GETTING SLED BACK TO THE FUTURE

With the world slowly getting back to a (new) 'normal', SLED spent the 2021-22 fiscal year concentrating on getting fundraising and programs back on track to ensure equitable access to enriching experiences for San Leandro students. It was a year of change with a new executive director, new board members, and lots of new ideas for how to expand SLED's impact.

We are all invigorated and inspired by using the current environment of change and adaptation to our advantage. Finding innovative ways to bring education opportunities to our community is exciting! SLED thrives when building and enhancing relationships with local businesses, community groups, and other education resources. These relationships as well as the enduring support from our sustaining donors makes our work possible.

Here's to creating more opportunities and life-changing experiences to students in the year ahead.



PROGRAMS IN ACTION

The year started off with a delivery - SLED provided science kits to remote learning students, giving them the ability to experiment, build, and learn even while out of the classroom.

Student internship stipends were a focus for SLED program expansion in the 2021-22 fiscal year. Working closely with the high school college and career staff, SLED pledged support for 30 student summer internships. Students got hands-on experience and learning at local businesses, Cypress Mandela trades training program, and SLUSD's own summer band camp. They had a chance to share their experience (and rave about it!) at the Internship Expo.

SLED continued our commitments to helping fund basic necessities for local school families in extreme need. By contributing \$10,000, the program brought food, clothing, school supplies, and hopefully some relief to our most challenged students.

With pandemic effects, some former SLED programs shifted slightly to fit changing needs. With social justice and community service a priority for our strategic goals, we implemented a pilot program to get funding directly to student groups at the high school. The projects funded included materials for an awareness campaign for SLHS' Club Rainbow, a field trip for the Cooking Club, and helping with funding for the much-missed and important rite of passage prom!

CURRENT PROGRAMS

- Teacher Mini-Grants
- San Leandro History
 Museum Field Trips
- Paid Student Internship Stipends
- Removing Barriers Fund
- Outdoor Education support
- Youth Opportunity
 Scholarship support

PROGRAMS IN DEVELOPMENT

- Science events for elementary and middle
- Field Trip transportation solutions
- College Incubator Summer
 Workshop
- College field trips for 8th graders





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With schools online for the majority of the fiscal year, our program spending adapted to fit the needs of San Leandro students. Despite the changes, SLED was able to fund many exciting projects, like the following:

- Expanded paid internship stipends to \$18,200 representing over 18 student experiences
- Increased Removing Barriers Fund donation to \$10,000
- Successfully piloted student led projects funding, granting over \$3,000 to student group/club activities focusing on community and social justice
- Provided \$10,000 worth of at-home science learning kits to remote students
- Committed \$45,000 to Teacher Mini-Grants
- Utilized over \$7,000 for discretionary program







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It is incredibly gratifying to see how much of our local community is dedicated to helping local students in whatever way they can. Regardless of if you have (or had) students in San Leandro, we firmly believe that education is everyone's business!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

My word of the year for 2021-22 was LEARNING.

I knew there would be a focus on learning in my first year as ED of SLED, but I didn't realize how inspiring and meaningful it would be. I learned SO MUCH about the needs of San Leandro students, what families in San Leandro want for their kids, and why SLED's volunteer board is so effective.

In an early spring survey, SLED learned that families value hands-on learning experiences like field trips and Outdoor Education more than anything else. (We also learned that field trips are very expensive.)

As the year progressed, we learned that science events at our schools are a priority for site administration. It's such a fun and engaging way to learn science. (We also learned that science festivals and assemblies are complicated to arrange. And expensive.)

With our pilot college workshop program, SLED learned that a program like this can be incredibly important for students who need support in an involved process like college applications. (We also learned it's worthy of expanding into a larger program, which hopefully won't be expensive.)

As we enter a new year, I'm going to predict our word of the year already. For 2022-23, my word of the year is GROWTH.

I can't wait to use all that we learned last year to grow our programs into lasting and sustainable learning opportunities that can help and affect as many of our local public school students as possible.

We hope you will help us learn and grow by becoming a sustaining donor in 2023!

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