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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Uncertain Times Test Our Values

The rise of COVID-19, and the resulting transition to distance learning, has caused enormous upheaval in family, school, and community expectations. The uncertainty and disruption of our day-to-day activities has impacted us all.

EdUCate!'s successful Oktoberfest 2019 was followed by the disappointing cancellation of Taste of the Triangle 2020. Nevertheless, the board and volunteers regrouped and carried out a successful matching donation campaign! Thanks to our generous sponsors and donors, who contributed both financially and through service. As a way of thanking our would-be Taste restaurants during this challenging time, we also promoted a special Taste Restaurant Week in July.

Moving forward, EdUCate! seeks to continue to find creative ways to support our local public schools regardless of whether they're operating remotely or in person.

Although these uncertain times test our values, EdUCate! continues to value our youth and our community. We support every UC student's academic, social, and emotional development, and strive to help our community members be educated citizens who make a difference globally through local focus. If you would like to make a difference as part of EdUCate!'s board or volunteer force, please contact us. Consider a Dollar-A-Day donation, become a sponsor, or leave a legacy gift, and help EdUCate! provide vital funding and enrichment programs for all five University City schools. Together, our actions demonstrate our values. And what better place to do that than in your own neighborhood?

Mark Salata
EdUCate! President

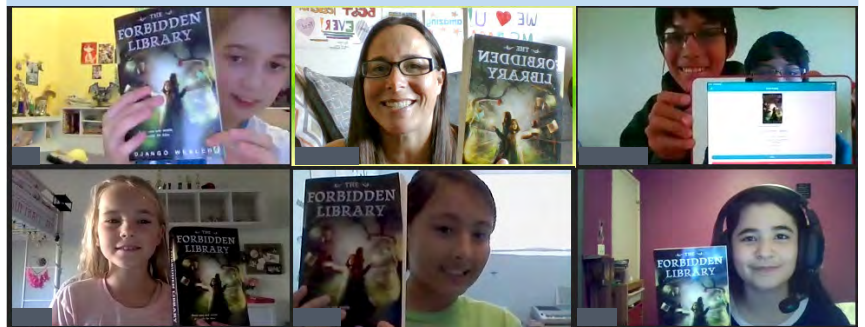


Granting Wishes

EdUCate! Teacher Grants

"Even though we aren't physically at school, we weren't going to let that stop us from enjoying these new books. We have been using them in our distance-learning Zoom book clubs, which meet every week to discuss the chapters we have read. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for these books. They've kept one of our most favorite and important classroom routines going through this tough situation."

Felicia Baca, Curie 5th grade Teacher



During the fall 2019 and spring 2020 award cycle, the EdUCate! Grant Committee awarded over \$40,000 to teachers and staff at the five UC cluster schools. Thanks to donors, teachers were able to supply their students with books, science instruments, comfortable small group seating, P.E. equipment, online program subscriptions, and more. The teachers, staff, and principals are so appreciative of the support provided by EdUCate! donors. To be part of the creative solutions funded by teacher grants, visit uc-educate.org.

"The generosity of EdUCate! has such a tremendous impact. I don't really know how to properly thank you and the foundation for this program and this kindness in a way that truly expresses how I feel. As an educator for over 18 years, EdUCate! is the first foundation I have experienced that offers such a support to a whole cluster. Thank you a million times over!"

-Michel Cazary, Spreckels Principal



EdUCate! Oktoberfest

Stay tuned for a Fall online auction.



Honor a Teacher

Express your thanks to UC cluster faculty and staff who've made a positive difference in your child's life! Honor a Teacher with a donation to the EdUCate! foundation and your chosen recipient will be recognized with a personalized certificate. Congratulations to all of the faculty and staff who were honored during the 2019-20 school year!

Curie

Christine Rodriguez
Jeanette Monastero
Lisa Downard
Sue Newberry
Susanna Holcomb

Doyle

Dan Harney
Nina Podhorsky

Spreckels

Anne Wedemeyer
Deron Bear
Gabriela Herrera-Ramos
Monica Iavarone
Shawn Knapp
Terry Cowell

Standley

Craig Sacchetti
Eugene Park (2)
Jennean Danielson
Leane Leezy (2)
Melinda Prietto
Sean McCarroll
Shelley Rannikko
Tex Laird-Jackson
Tim McLellan

UCHS

Ana Kuburovich (3)
Andrew Zafuto
Ashley Franz
Brandon Corenman (2)
Brandon Tarrac
Candace Kasperick
Delia Martin (2)
Donna Fallon
Jeff Olivero (2)
Jennie Dohoney
Jennifer Huszar
Jessica Bosch
Joseph Krupens (3)
Kimberly George
Lisa Perry
Michael Brown (2)
Michelle Fournier
Phillip Huszar (2)
Sanjeev Date
Scott Patterson (2)
Valerie Coon

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any time of
the year at
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Math Academy Counts

Success at Standley Middle and UC High
Includes EdUCate! Math Academy

Thanks to the volunteer service of local residents, UC High students, teachers, and credentialed staff, many students benefited from the afterschool Homework Academy program at Standley Middle. Twice each week (while students were still meeting in person), about 75 students gathered in the Media Center for help with math and other subjects. As part of the program, UC High School's EdUCate! Math Academy hosted peer-to-peer tutoring, overseen by teachers, to serve students needing extra math support.

In the 2020/21 school year, we hope this program will continue to be as impactful as it has been in years past. Community volunteers are essential to the program's success. We invite you to consider being a part of this foundational program. Please contact president@uc-educate.org if you are interested in volunteering in your community with this program.

Congratulations 2020 Scholarship Recipients

Sonnenberg Business Scholarships: This award from the Sonnenberg family and CPA firm honors students planning to pursue business-related careers. Congratulations to Maya Poblete and Rita Vong.

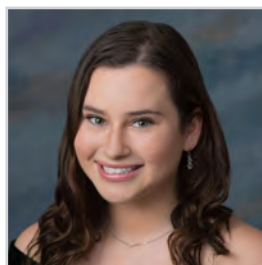


"I am honored to have been given this amazing award to help pursue my goal in achieving a degree in Business."
Maya Poblete

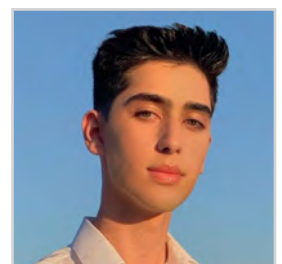


"Through these circumstances right now, this scholarship has tremendously helped support my payments for college."
Rita Vong

EdUCate! Volunteer Service Scholarships: Two UCHS students were honored for their spirit and practice of volunteerism in our community. Congratulations to Shayna Meltzer and Zaid Dibis.



"I intend to utilize the skills that I have gained from my community service and leadership experiences... to make positive changes in our world."
Shayna Meltzer



"Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to worry less about my expenses... and focus on the most important aspect, learning."
Zaid Dibis



Taste of the Triangle Sponsors Doubled Your Donations in June

Getting Creative with COVID-19

No tickets needed! Since this year's Taste of the Triangle, originally scheduled for May 8 at Room and Board, was sadly canceled due to coronavirus risk, our generous event sponsors doubled your donations during the month of June. Community members donated more than \$12,000 to help close the gap created by the cancellation of this beloved event. Thank you for making a positive impact in the lives of local students!

Additionally, the first-ever EdUCate! Taste of the Triangle Restaurant Week, held July 11-18, showed valuable support for our local restaurants. We can't wait to get together in person next year to celebrate with community members and local restaurateurs.

Thank you to our Taste of the Triangle Restaurant Week Sponsors, who also matched donations in June.

Participating restaurants:

- Ahi Sushi & Grill in Vons Center, University City
- Amardeen, Lebanese & Mediterranean Cuisine in Renaissance Center
- California Pizza Kitchen in La Jolla Village Square
- Crossroads Deli at La Jolla Crossroads
- Eureka! at Westfield UTC
- The French Gourmet in Pacific Beach (UC Delivery)
- Head Lettuce in Regents Marketplace
- Lorna's Italian Kitchen in Vons Center, University City
- Outcast Grill at Governor and Regents, University City
- Round Table Pizza in Sprouts Center, University City
- Seasons 52 at Westfield UTC
- SpitFire Tacos in Regents Marketplace
- Vitality Bowls in Renaissance Center



Steve and Terri Gray
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Raise Your Hand for Principal Grants

Thanks to generous donors at the 2019 Taste of the Triangle VIP Reception, principals at our five UC public schools received more grants this year! These grants funded critical needs such as:

Mending Matters Mental Health Program: support for middle and high school students in emotional turmoil.

School planners: tools to teach time management and goal setting to every Standley Middle schooler.

RazKids online learning: comprehensive reading resources for Curie and Doyle elementaries.

Descubre en Español: school-wide Spanish language program for Spreckels Elementary.

Huge thanks to the anonymous supporter who donated \$10,000 this year! This special donation increased Principal Grants and funded even more wonderful programs.

You Can Make a Difference

Are you passionate about public education in our neighborhood? Looking for a way to have wide-spread, positive impact? **EdUCate! is always looking for volunteers** to serve on the board, with special projects, and during events. Contact us at information@uc-educate.org and put your talents to use!

Thank you EdUCate! donors, July 2019 – June 2020

Golden Triangle Society (\$10,000+)

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San Diego County Board of Supervisors
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