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A Message from CEF President Liz Weigand

Dear Friends,

The Claremont Educational Foundation (CEF) is grateful to the Claremont community for the tremendous show of support this year. As we all know, the state of California's economic crisis has left our school district facing millions of dollars in cuts. Fortunately, however, our community recognizes that children are our biggest asset and hope for the future. We must do our part to inspire them to learn and to provide them with the education they deserve.

We are fortunate to have had a wonderful year, full of new and exciting events and opportunities. The Prius Raffle got us off to a great start, thanks to the generous donation from Claremont Toyota and the Hogan Family. We followed that up with "March Radness", a Dodgeball Tournament and Family Fun Event at Claremont High. In addition, we hosted our annual campaign kick-off event at the home of Ivan & Beth Misner in November, and held our annual "Mi Casa Es Su Casa" wine party at Hotel Casa 425 in May.

Due to the success of our fundraising efforts this year, we were able to contribute \$211,500 to the Claremont Unified School District for the 2011-2012 school year. These funds have been allocated to support specific programs and needs at each school site. As in years past, CEF will continue to fund art & music programs at each of the elementary schools. In addition, each site has also received money which will allow them to upgrade their technology needs by purchasing items such as document cameras and laptop carts. El Roble Intermediate School will upgrade their technology with the purchase of Student Response Devices, as well as a new laptop cart with a wireless printer. Additionally, the monies they received will allow them to extend their Accelerated Reader contract. At Claremont High School, they will be purchasing 20 iPads to help improve student achievement in mathematics, and we are also excited to mention that with the additional funds we provided, they were able to install the wireless infrastructure and become a wireless campus.

CEF's mission is to protect and enrich quality public education in Claremont. We know that this community cares about education, and we must continue to do our part to make a difference. We hope that you will renew your support of CEF's \$365 Campaign each year. It is surprising, but as little as \$1.00 a day really does make a difference for our students. While many of our donors may contribute more than \$365, we gladly welcome donations of any amount.

Please help us to continue supporting our mission – these are our children, our schools, our choice.

Sincerely,

CEF HONORS

Ivan & Beth Misner, Claremont residents and parents of CUSD graduates, will be this year's honorees at CEF's annual campaign kick-off event held in their home on Friday, Nov. 18. Since 2004-2005, the Misner's and the BNI-Misner Foundation have contributed over \$47,000 to CEF, and are the organizations largest donor. In addition to the annual gift, they have graciously hosted the annual kick-off event in their beautiful home for the past seven years. The Misner's are firm believers in public education and are committed to helping the students of CUSD.

Many thanks to Ivan & Beth Misner for all they do for CEF, for Claremont, and beyond!

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SLICE Continues to Grow!

The school year has started and we say goodbye to yet another successful summer of the Claremont Educational Foundation's SLICE of Summer program. The SLICE committee worked tirelessly to organize the enrichment courses that offered a unique experience for the families of Claremont and neighboring communities. After months of planning, this year's program was a HUGE success with SLICE enrollment growing by over 200 students from the previous year.

A primary draw to SLICE of Summer was the wide variety of enrichment and academic courses offered by some of CUSD's finest teachers. At the high school level, SLICE added new classes including Drivers Education, Music Appreciation, Musical Theatre, and French and increased enrollment in all online classes. The middle school program soared to new heights in Model Rocketry and heated things up in Cooking in the Garden.

Elementary SLICE students were offered new classes too, including reading, phonics, fine art and sculpture, how to play the drum set/piano/ukulele, stage performance and digital photography. Some of our most popular classes have been offered before, such as Speech & Debate, Stop-Animation Movies, Intro to Spanish, Writing and Geology. Students, parents and staff were welcomed and felt very comfortable at Vista del Valle Elementary, our summer home. Thanks Vista!

The SLICE committee is also proud to have offered 206 scholarships to students in the Claremont Unified School District. We also succeeded in employing 31 of CUSD's teachers, all of whom are excited to return next summer. In addition, the SLICE of Summer program is expected to provide upwards of \$20,000 to the Claremont Educational Foundation!

The SLICE committee would like to thank the members of the Claremont Educational Foundation, the Claremont Unified School District, our talented staff, the Red Cross team of volunteers, our supportive parents, and all of our amazing students. Thanks for a great summer and see you in 2012!



Spotlight on Technology

CHS Teacher - Cheryl Fiello

Cheryl Fiello, Teacher on Special Assignment for Technology at Claremont High School/ International Baccalaureate Biology Teacher and 2011 Apple Distinguished Educator of the Year.

By her own admission, **Cheryl Fiello** is not a "techie person." She grew up on a dairy farm and became fascinated with science. This led her to complete her undergraduate studies at UC Riverside in biology. She started teaching at Claremont High School ten years ago, but had a feeling that she needed a Master's degree to advance in her profession—and two years later she completed her M.A. in educational technology at Pepperdine University. While at Pepperdine she became frustrated with PCs and fell in love with Apple. "The future is in mobile devices, and Apple excels in that area," she explains. The feeling must have been mutual, since Cheryl was named an Apple Distinguished Educator in 2011—an honor that is given only once every two years to a total of 74 people in the entire country.

When asked about the importance of CEF donations, she expresses her profound gratitude for the donations the District receives. All of her technology funding comes from CEF, and every dollar goes directly into the classroom for our students. She is particularly excited about the most recent donation to CHS which will provide wireless access throughout the campus. "Wireless access is an essential piece of 21st century infrastructure. It allows us to leverage the technology we already have in place and provides an opportunity for us to expand our programs." She believes that the CEF donation for a wireless campus is the most important donation ever made because it provides an essential technological foundation for future learning.

While CHS currently uses iPods in three Spanish classes, there are many other opportunities for using this cost-effective technology tool. Cheryl can envision uses for iPods in all subjects. In math, a student could watch a video that explains quadratic equations. In physical education, the iPod could provide feedback 24/7 for students with calorie counters and exercise applications. "We have a social responsibility to provide students with an education that is relevant and current. Our students are immersed in digital media but our classrooms are devoid of it."

While Claremont is far behind in educational technology due to a lack of federal and state funding, there are other schools nearby which are doing exciting and innovative programs. Bonita High School is using iPods in 10 classrooms across various disciplines, and Cheryl has been partnering with them to share best practices. In Escondido they are using iPods to improve literacy in their iREAD program. In Aliso Viejo, the iEngage program likewise uses the iPod touch to improve student achievement and reduce the achievement gap, especially with mathematics and English language learners. This new technology allows for "differentiated instruction" which enables each student to work at his or her own pace and receive immediate feedback.

Your donations to CEF will help us continue to improve technology and provide our students with the tools they need to succeed.

CEF AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO OUTSTANDING SENIORS

The Claremont Educational Foundation awards scholarships each year to some of our district's outstanding seniors. The David L. Rose Instrumental Music Scholarship is named in honor of the school district's former assistant superintendent. It is awarded to a senior who has been involved in the school instrumental music program. Dr. Rose was crucial in establishing and then supporting Claremont's after-school music program, made necessary after budget cuts took out the previous in-school music program. CEF (formerly Ed-Net) was an important partner with the district in the development of the after-school music program.

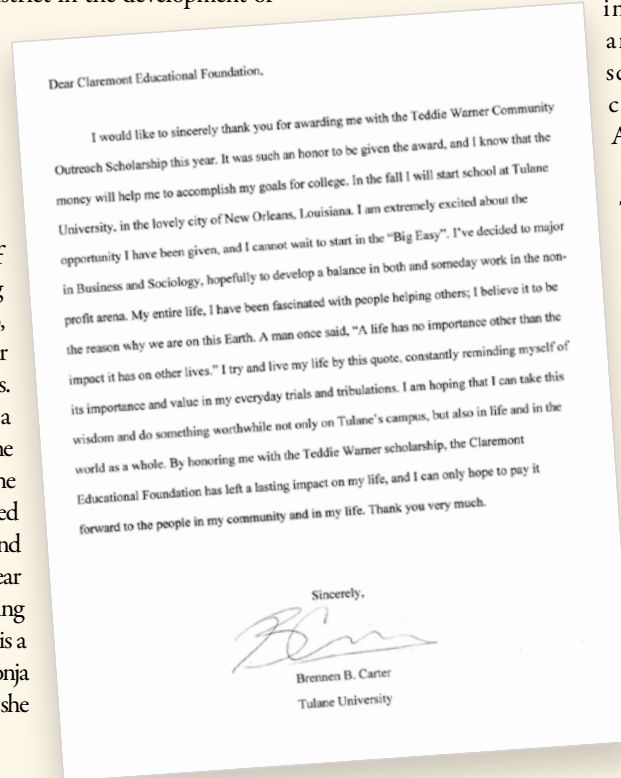
The David L. Rose Scholarship

This year's winner of the David L. Rose Scholarship, **Sonja Hourany**, first joined the after-school music program in the fourth grade. She plays clarinet, saxophone, and tuba. She was a member of many of Claremont High School's music groups, including marching band, concert band, jazz band, jazz combo, and percussion ensemble. She further developed her leadership skills by serving as drum major for 2 years. In her application she declares that "playing music is a passion for me...I have met many people through the band program that have helped me explore music in the real world." Her band director wrote "I have witnessed first-hand Sonja's teaching ability, her dedication, and her passion for music." Sonja is currently in her first year at University of California, Irvine, where she is studying economics. She continues with the jazz combo and is a member of the UCI jazz band. CEF congratulates Sonja on all her accomplishments and wishes her the best as she continues her studies and her involvement in music.

The Teddie Warner Community Outreach Scholarship

The Teddie Warner Community Outreach Scholarship was established to honor a student who has devoted significant time and energy to volunteering in the community. Teddie was a long-time member of Ed-Net and CEF's boards, has volunteered in many capacities in the community, and spent time as coordinator for the school district's volunteer program. She currently works with the Claremont After School Program (CLASP).

This year's winner of the Teddie Warner scholarship, **Brennen Carter**, spent time volunteering on service trips to New Orleans and Georgia, tutoring his peers, coaching AYSO soccer, and planning and participating in a service trip for Habitat for Humanity. The IB (International Baccalaureate) program director at Claremont High School describes him as a "leader and pathfinder." CEF received the letter on the left from Brennen this summer.



Tournament WINNERS! Claremont Rotary



CEF's inaugural March Radness Dodgeball Tournament was a huge success last spring, and we are already making plans for this coming year's big tournament. March Radness offers a chance for us to return to our past when we played dodgeball on the playground or in the gym on a rainy day, but this time we are also raising critical funds for our schools! Of course, we will have winners to celebrate from tournament play, but we will also have awards for the best uniforms.



MARCH RADNESS

Best Uniform WINNERS! The Players

Last year, March Radness helped us to raise \$25,000 toward our annual fundraising goal. This year, we are planning for more teams, more fun, and more dollars. Make plans to join us **March 18, 2012** by recruiting your team, planning your uniforms, and organizing your sponsors. When do you ever have the opportunity to have so much fun while doing something so important?

Thank You!

To Everyone Who Got on the Bus.



In addition to the generous gifts listed below, CEF would like to thank its many energetic volunteers, those who made in-kind donations and especially Pomona College's contribution of Renwick House for use during the CEF Thank-A-Thon.

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Oakmont Shines the Light



At Oakmont Elementary, new Principal Stacey Stewart has outfitted 11 classrooms with individual document cameras with funding provided by CEF. This will be the first time Oakmont has used this technology in any of their classrooms. Ms. Stewart states, "The document cameras and projectors are amazing tools that are allowing our teachers to share full color, full motion visuals with students. These tools give our students a more dynamic and interactive classroom experience. The document cameras have helped make the most out of any lesson by allowing the teachers to move past the whiteboard and into the world of three dimensional shapes."

Ms. Stewart further stated that "the document cameras are able to magnify and project the images of actual, three-dimensional objects. They are high-resolution web cameras mounted on arms to facilitate their placement over a page. This allows our teachers or students to write on a sheet of paper or to display two or three-dimensional objects while peers watch. The camera can also take pictures which are projected onto a screen giving the illusion of being live. Our document cameras and projectors have truly become efficient tools on campus, and we are confident they will have a great impact on student learning. We love them!"

CEF Funds Music at El Roble

Brandon Johnson
Instrumental Music Director

Through the generosity of the Claremont Educational Foundation, El Roble Instrumental Music was able to launch a new beginning guitar class in the spring of 2011. CEF provided funding that helped in the purchase of 33 classroom acoustic guitars, enabling each student enrolled in the class the use of a classroom guitar.

Students in the Beginning Guitar class study basic music theory and music history as it relates to guitar performance. The students also focus on the creation of their own musical compositions using the performance skills gained in class.

Beginning Guitar has enabled an additional student population to receive instrumental music education at El Roble. Students who prefer guitar to the more traditional band or orchestral instruments now have access to formal and sequential music instruction as an elective choice. Thank you to CEF for helping to make instrumental music accessible to more students at El Roble!



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Raffle Tickets: \$25 Each

The Prius Raffle Drawing
March 25, 2012, 2:00 p.m.
at Claremont Toyota

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