



## SAN DIEGUITO ACADEMY FOUNDATION (SDAF)

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **What is the SDA Foundation?**

The SDA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to support the unique culture and quality programs of San Dieguito High School Academy. We raise funds and organize events that enrich every student's SDA experience. Our volunteer Board of Directors are parents who are also local community and business leaders.

#### **What does the Foundation do?**

The Foundation coordinates the fundraising and volunteer activities at SDA and also serves as an umbrella organization supporting the activities of the various Councils and Committees.

The councils act as booster groups, raising funds and providing volunteers to programs within the school including: Academic teams, Athletics, Grad Nite, Music, Theatre Arts and Visual Arts. Committees work with Student Support Services, our Veterans and alumni.

The day-to-day administrative activities of the Foundation are managed by an Executive Director reporting to the Foundation President.

#### **How are funds allocated?**

The SDA Foundation is the biggest donor to the school. Contributions provide support to programs and activities that benefit every student on the SDA campus.

**Mustang Fund** - Annual Appeal donations support the quality programs and unique culture of our school through grants to those projects which our principal, teachers and Foundation board designate as priorities.

**Council Donations** - Specific council donations support curricular and extra-curricular activities such as Music, Theater, Athletics and Grad Nite - a safe and sober event for seniors.

#### **Why should I become involved in Foundation activities?**

The Foundation benefits **ALL** students at SDA. Your donation of time or money will touch every program and allow your child and their classmates to pursue their interests and passions.



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#### How does the Foundation help new families?

The Foundation hosts a parent resource session at the beginning of the school year to introduce new families to SDA and explain the various ways that parents can be involved in high school life. Your presence on campus matters! (Even though they rarely admit it, the students notice and appreciate it.)

The Foundation also funds the SDAF website to keep parents informed about school, supports the school's weekly email bulletins, and provides curriculum support grants to teachers that benefit all SDA students.

#### This is a public school, why should I have to contribute money?

There is a significant gap between state funding and what is needed to enrich your child's educational experience. Your contributions help to close that gap.

The Foundation funds a Shared Vision program developed with Principal Camacho, including student extended library hours, tutoring, enrichment programs, senior scholarships, assistant coaches, mini-grants and more. Your donations are not required but your support is appreciated and helps to maintain our tradition of excellence.

#### What has the Foundation supported in the past?

- Curriculum development
- Career training
- After school tutoring
- Science equipment
- Video production facility
- Technology and supplies for social sciences, world languages, math, arts, wood, auto and metal shop
- On-line subscriptions for the library
- And much, much more!

Parents also have the option to designate their funds to a particular department, program or activity.

#### How can I get involved?

There are several ways that you can support SDA - make a **donation** to help maintain our tradition of excellence, **volunteer** your time to help our school and teachers, or use your business network to **connect** our school and our students to the wider community.

**To Donate:** go to [www.sdafoundation.com/donate](http://www.sdafoundation.com/donate) or email [sdafoundation@sduhsd.net](mailto:sdafoundation@sduhsd.net)

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