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Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation Announces Innovative Student Grant Awards and Upcoming Education Innovative Grant Program Deadline

Pleasanton, CA / March 19, 2014 - Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation is pleased to announce the PPIE Innovative Student Grant awards for 2013- 2014. Fourteen (14) Pleasanton Unified School District students from the elementary, middle and high school levels were awarded a total of **\$4,992.08** in funding for a variety of student-initiated projects (see below with sponsoring teacher listed).

"Supporting student initiative and innovation has been a hallmark of the PPIE Foundation grant program since it began over 25 years ago," said Susan Hayes, PPIE Executive Director. "The Innovative Student Grant Program remains an important element in PPIE's mission to enhance education by empowering students through supporting their ideas and dreams."

PPIE also sponsors an annual Innovative Education Grant Program for Pleasanton Unified School District employees. The deadline for applying for the 2014 Education Grant Program is April 16, 2014 and applications can be downloaded from the website www.ppie.org.

Innovative Education Grants fund projects and needs that are student-focused, promote creativity and innovative thinking, and offer expanded learning opportunities to students. Last year, PPIE awarded over \$35,000 in Innovative Education Grants and expects to award close to that amount this year, thanks to a recent donation of \$30,000 from the Oracle Giving Foundation to fund projects within the Science, Math, Engineering and Technology categories.

PPIE Foundation Innovative Student Grant Awards 2013-2014

Foothill High School Speech and Debate Club

\$420.00- Lisa Fulton, Foothill High School
Funds provide support for four events

Hosting Mathleague Middle School Math Contest

\$250.00- Scott Gorsuch, Foothill High School
Funds provide support for hosting a middle school math contest at FHS

Handbooks for Mathcounts Team

\$250.00 – Caryl Daly, Thomas S. Hart Middle School
Funds to purchase team handbooks for math contest to be hosted at Foothill High School

Hart Interact Junior's Students Heart Service

\$370.00- Marla Simon, Thomas S. Hart Middle School
Funds to support the club's Water Pasteurization Indicator project

E Pluribus Unum Mural

\$282.58- Trish Fenton, Foothill High School
Funds to support annual mural project on campus by FHS Mural Club

Donlon Elementary Garden

\$244.16- Betsy Finney, Donlon Elementary School

Funds will provide soil and plants to revitalize the Donlon Elementary Garden and help establish a Garden Club to maintain it

PMS Chess Club- Equity in Tournament Participation

\$250.00- Elizabeth Brooke-Garza, Pleasanton Middle School

Funds will allow all club members to participate in tournaments regardless of ability to pay

FHS Ping Pong Club

\$400- Gail Myers, Foothill High School

Funds will help establish the school's Ping Pong Club

FHS Math Team

\$225.00- Scott Gorsuch

Funds will support the activities of the FHS Math Team

Yoga at Horizon High School

\$492.24- Christine Capitani, Horizon High School

Funds will provide equipment for Horizon's physical education yoga program

Filmmaking Equipment for Disenfranchised Students

\$483.10- Caroline Fields, Foothill High school

Funds will provide equipment for club members who would otherwise not be able to participate

FHS Science Olympiad

\$325.00-Craig Kelso, Foothill High School

Funds will allow the club to host a STEM-focused competition

Teens 4 Teens Club Makes "Meals for Munchkins"

\$500.00- Ken Newbery, Foothill High School

Funds will support the club's project to make meals for families staying at Ronald McDonald House

ACE Coding- Enhancing Classes

\$500.00- Richard Hanson, Amador Valley High School

Funds will provide materials and support for club outreach activities designed to introduce programming skills to younger students and the community at large.

About Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation was established in 1987 to enhance learning experiences for students of the Pleasanton Unified School District through a partnership of businesses, schools and the community. To find out more about PPIE-sponsored Grant Programs and other foundation activities, log onto www.ppie.org.

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