Education Matters

HIGHLIGHTING HOPE

The La Cumbre Junior High Drumline kicked off the HOPE Awards with a bang!
HOPE Awards

With 200 guests in attendance, the 2017 HOPE Awards gives SBEF the opportunity to honor champions of public education in our community. Former SBUSD Board of Education member Ed Heron was honored for his work toward eliminating the achievement gap by elevating the quality of education for all students — especially English learners and those with special needs — with fiscally sustainable long-range planning.
“I ran for the school board for the simple reason that I knew I could make a difference in the quality of education for all children, our most important assets.”

- Ed Heron
HOPE Awards honoree
We did it!

We are excited to report that the HOPE Awards raised over $103,000 in support of our programs, including $20,675 to support Summer School scholarships!

DPHS student Oscar shares his experience in The Academy for Success
Thank you!

The generosity of supporters like you makes a difference. Without you, we could not continue our work assisting district programs and initiatives that even the playing field for all students.
$100,000 for SBEF

This year, the Women's Fund of Santa Barbara awarded $100,000 in grants to two SBEF programs at its 13th annual Presentation of Grants reception.

The PEAC team celebrates their award in the photo booth.

Patricia Madrigal, Community of Schools and PEAC Coordinator

Amy Alzina, Adams Elementary Principal
The Classroom Libraries program received $25,000 to improve reading proficiency by expanding libraries in K-3 classrooms with books from the Accelerated Reader program booklist. Adam's Elementary School principal Amy Alzina accepted the award on behalf of SBEF and shared her personal experience as a parent of a student who has greatly improved his reading due to the Accelerated Reader program.

PEAC (Program for Effective Access to College) received $75,000 to increase college readiness and acceptance rates for low-income historically underrepresented, first-generation college students. Mentors, tutors, and study spaces are just some of the resources available to students to guarantee they graduate from high school and are prepared for entry to college.
For more information and photos:
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