



WE'VE LEARNED TO FLY IN THE AIR LIKE BIRDS

2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Student
Art Competition

BEST IN SHOW

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Inspired by Martin Luther King Jr.'s
1964 Peace Prize acceptance
speech:

"We have learned to fly the air like
birds and swim the sea like fish, but
we have not learned the simple art
of living together as brothers.

Every man lives in two realms,
the internal and the external. The
internal is that realm of spiritual ends
expressed in art, literature, morals,
and religion. The external is that
complex of devices.

And in the hearts of men, we will
come to that great and glad day
when men all over the world will be
able to join hands, black and men
and white men, Jews and gentiles,
Protestants and Catholics, Hindus
and Muslims, and sing in the words
of the old Negro spiritual, free at last,
free at last. Thank God all mighty, we
are free at last.

Thank you."

United in education. United for students. United for the future.

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As the world experienced the impact of COVID-19 on humanity and simultaneously hearts bled for systemic change to improve the prosperity of African Americans, educators and their partners united to support students and schools during this unprecedented time. The abrupt shift in the third quarter of the school year due to school closures was a thoughtful,

yet emotional one made with the health and safety of students, families and the communities in which they live at the forefront.

Students united within their schools to participate in the annual events coordinated by the Office of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS). When schools closed in the spring, student events were modified to ensure maximum student involvement while practicing social distancing, and a few events were rescheduled. Events such as Academic Decathlon, Mock Trial, and Career Skills Challenge, made possible by generous investments to The Foundation @ FCOE, provide an opportunity for students to discover talents and develop lifelong skills.

In response to the emerging needs in Fresno County as a result of the pandemic, The Foundation @ FCOE served as a conduit for funding to support FCSS, Fresno County Cradle to Career (C2C). For example, C2C spearheaded coordination and communication within school communities to unite students and families with community resources efficiently.

School closures did not hinder CTEC high school students from continuing their learning experience, and uniting with the community. They took this opportunity to fulfill a need while implementing science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts to manufacture safety shields for local hospitals. CTEC is the proud beneficiary of funding from Chevron in support of their focus on introducing students to careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

We look forward to our continued community partnerships and being united in education, united for students and united for the future. Your investments are changing lives, one future at a time. Mere words cannot express our gratitude – THANK YOU!



Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher
Executive Director, The Foundation @ FCOE

OUR IMPACT IN NUMBERS

\$389,616

Raised through corporate sponsorships

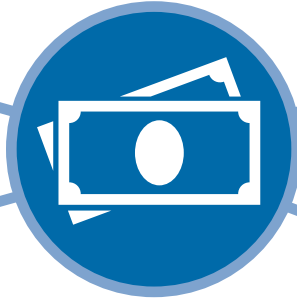
\$999,588

Issued to FCSS Programs

\$557,107

Secured in grant funds

13 FCSS Departments Impacted



\$179,100

Sponsorships secured for FCSS student events

14 Student Events supported through sponsorships

9,770

Students impacted by participating in these student events



32 Innovation grants awarded to Fresno County Schools

\$24,000 Raised by FCSS family for the Innovation Fund

5,056*

Students impacted by the grants

153 Employees invest in the Innovation Fund through payroll deduction



9 Districts received grants to support Future Farmers of America programs

50 Education Matters segments aired on KSEE24



The Foundation @ FCOE is proud to serve as the philanthropic arm of the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) for over 10 years. By engaging the community in the shared responsibility of public education, together we are investing in Fresno County's greatest resource - children and future community leaders. We are fortunate to have many partners who are passionate about advancing the future through their educational investments; this is a powerful strategy. Some contributors invest in student academic events and programs that advance excellence, while others invest in the future with gifts to an endowment. Additionally, each year the Foundation seeks grants that augment or build programs operated by FCSS. All of the education partners join the mission of promoting excellence, access and innovation in schools to the benefit of students, and the future of Fresno County.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenue

Cash	\$1,535,983
In-Kind	<u>\$ 216,505</u>
Total Revenue	\$1,752,488

Expense

Cash	\$ 1,505,496
In-Kind	<u>\$ 216,505</u>
Total Expense	\$1,722,001

Change in Net Assets

	\$ 30,487
Net Assets – July 1, 2019	\$911,328
Net Assets – June 30, 2020	\$941,815

For a copy of the most recent audited financials, go to www.fcoefoundation.org

FCSS Events Sponsored by the Foundation

Academic Decathlon
African American Student
Leadership Conference
Career Skills Challenge
Career Tech Expo
College Night
Educator of the Year
History Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Contests
Mock Trial
Science Fair
Spelling Bee
STEM Conference for Girls
Teen Parent Conference
Young Authors' Faire

FCSS Department Grantees

CTEC High School
Communications and Public Relations
Cradle to Career
CTE/ROP
Early Care and Education
Foster and Homeless Youth Education Services
Integrated Data Systems
Migrant Education
Scout Island
Special Education
Special Projects
Student Intervention and Prevention
Visual and Performing Arts

** Reflects the number of estimated students to be impacted. Due to COVID-19 this number may have been affected as some projects or events were not completed or funds were diverted to support distance learning.*

Mission

To support students by providing exemplary educational programs and services through a shared community responsibility.

Belief

Guided by the belief that education is preparation for life, The Foundation @ FCOE pledges to promote excellence, access and innovation in education for all students.

Remembering Marvin Meyers

JULY 21, 1934 - NOVEMBER 19, 2019



Marvin Meyers was a dear friend to Fresno County students.

We lost our friend Marvin Meyers last November, but we think of him often. We honor him as one of the founding members of The Foundation @ FCOE Board of Directors and the 2013 FCOE Honors Agriculture recipient. Marvin believed agricultural education prepares students for successful careers in the science, business, and technology of plant and animal production, and the environmental and natural resources systems. He played a key role in building a bridge between schools, students, teachers, the business community – and agriculture.

Marvin was a pioneering water conservationist and in 1998, he established the Meyers Water Bank and Wildlife Project, an innovative water-banking system that draws an array of wildlife. The Project has developed into an educational program for children of all ages to come and learn about the importance of water and wildlife to the Central Valley. Marvin generously funded school field trips for Fresno County schools that focus on native plant and wetland restoration. He also provided funding for the docent program organized by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, Scout Island Educational Center.

Students had a special place in Marvin's heart and he valued investing in their educational success by contributing to the Career Technical Education Charter High School (CTEC). CTEC is a state-of-the-art dual enrollment charter high school operated by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. CTEC combines core academics with real-world application in the industries of commercial construction and manufacturing while earning college credit. His imprint on CTEC cherished far into the future with the 2018 dedication of the Innovation Center honoring Marvin and Tish Meyers for their unwavering support of Fresno County students.

He loved and valued his community and the people of the Central Valley where he was generous with his time, talent and educational investments. Marvin owned and operated Meyers Farming I-IV, Oxford Farms, Inc., and Meyers Farm Family Trust for more than thirty years and his community and charitable involvement was extensive. He was a Mason, and he loved Fresno State donating the Meyers Family Sports Medicine Center and starting the Agricultural Livestock Judging Team. He was also proud of his participation in the Valley Children's survivorship program. Marvin had the honor of being recognized with many awards over his lifetime including the 2010 Chamber of Commerce Agriculturist of the year and the 2012 Top Dog Fresno State Alumni Award. He served as President of the San Luis Water District and was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to serve on the Governor's Agriculture Advisory Commission.

His legacy was leaving the world a better place, particularly at the nexus of education and agriculture. In Marvin's honor, The Foundation @ FCOE established the Marvin Meyers Agriculture Education Fund to support Fresno County schools with agriculture education beginning the 2021-2022 school year. He is greatly missed by everyone that had the pleasure to know him, but his memory will live on in Fresno and the greater Central Valley.



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