



THE FOUNDATION @ FCOE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Our Mission

The mission of The Foundation@FCOE is to ensure students reach their full potential by supporting exemplary educational programs and services through a shared community responsibility.

Our 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.

Advancing and Safeguarding Educational Opportunities

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This past year, The Foundation @ FCOE welcomed a new Executive Director, MaryEllen Galvan, as Fresno County elected Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher for Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS). This judicious leadership transition accelerated the critical activities of the Foundation with tremendous success. MaryEllen is excited to lead the Foundation, having held a fundamental role in launching the Foundation in 2009. Together with Superintendent Copher, they will continue to advance and safeguard opportunities for

Fresno County students in partnership with the Foundation's greatest supporters – our generous donors.

Advancing and safeguarding educational opportunities means that together, with our education partners, critical programs and services continue to strengthen the educational experience for Fresno County students. This past year, the Foundation was awarded the Kaiser Permanente Economic Opportunities Grant to support positive outcomes for students in Coalinga-Huron, Mendota, Parlier and Washington unified school districts. These districts focused resources to increase graduation rates; A-G completion; enrollment in and completion of CTE pathways in targeted student populations of socio-economically disadvantaged, students of color, English Learners (EL) and students with disabilities (SWD); and parent involvement in their children's educational goals. All are essential aspects of ensuring students reach their full potential.

Additionally, The PG&E Corporation Foundation provided funding to Kerman Unified School District to enhance the dual-enrollment program and support underprivileged youth by increasing equity and access to college attainment. The PG&E grant allowed for the expansion and sustainability of a thriving 9-12 grade dual-enrollment program at Kerman Unified Online School and Enterprise High School.

The Foundation also welcomed Dr. Allen and Deborah Clyde to the Legacy Collective, recognizing their commitment to a planned gift and the introduction of the Deb and Dr. Allen Clyde Charitable Fund Scholarship. This scholarship awards \$5,000 a year until graduation to a Fresno State student pursuing a degree in agriculture, health sciences or natural sciences. Planned giving advances and safeguards educational opportunities for the future.

Lastly, the Foundation continues to advance and safeguard the opportunities created through the annual Innovation Grants. These grants, of up to \$1,000 to each school district, are made possible by dedicated FCSS employees who give generously to the Innovation Fund. To date, FCSS employees have donated over \$300,000, funding nearly 400 innovative projects in schools.

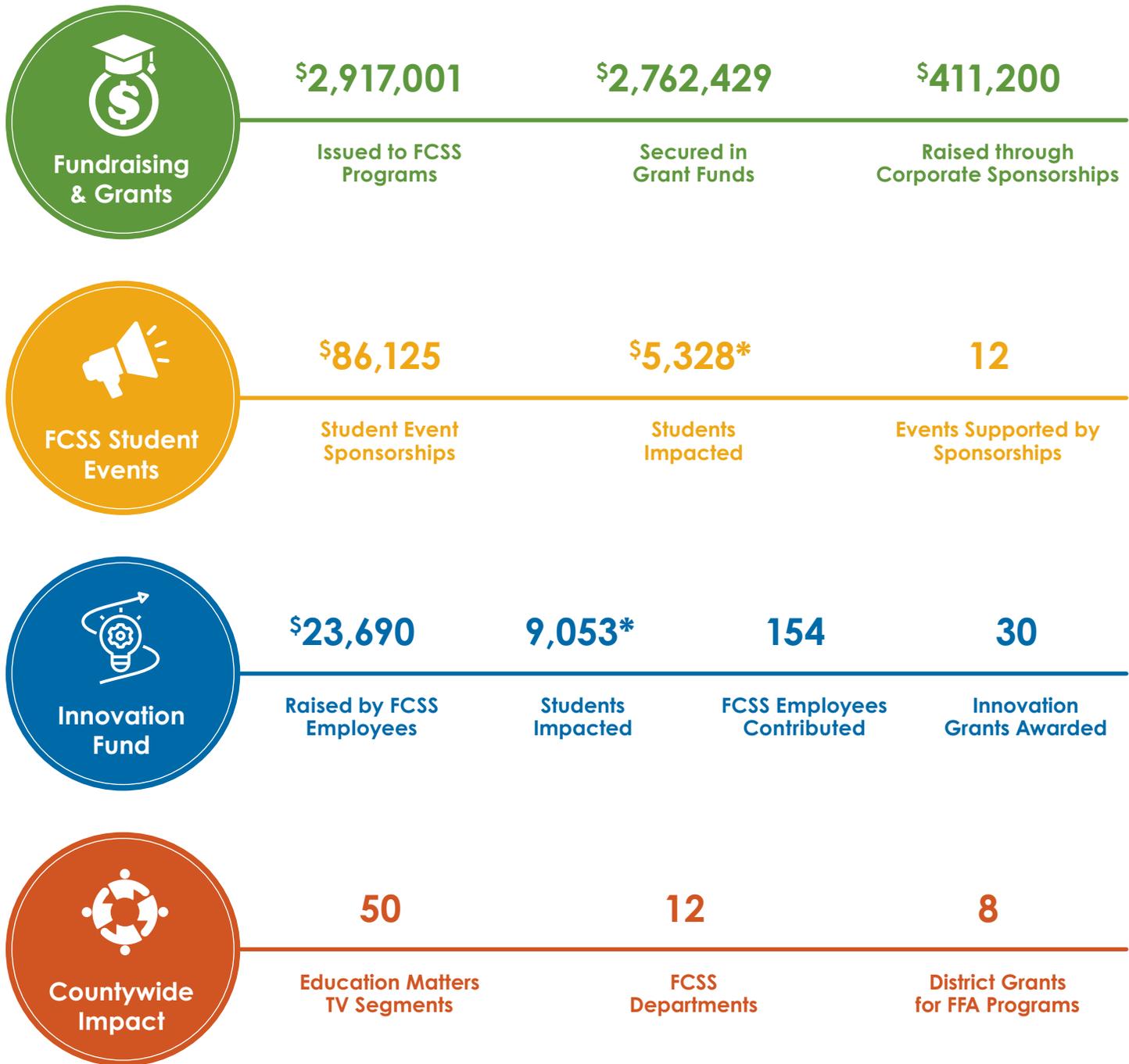
To our education partners who continue to make advancing and safeguarding educational opportunities for Fresno County students a priority – THANK YOU. We see the difference being made as they embark on their educational journey, and we look forward to doing more to ensure that every student reaches their full potential.

MaryEllen Galvan

Executive Director, The Foundation @ FCOE



2023 Impact by the Numbers



**Reflects the number of estimated students impacted.*

At the forefront of the Foundation's work is ensuring students reach their full potential by safeguarding essential academic events that help them discover their passions, talents, and interests. Reflecting back on the activities of this past year, events such as Science Fair, MathCounts, Mock Trial, Spelling Bee, and the Martin Luther King Jr. contests, drew record participation from Fresno County students. These events are important because they help spark the unique interests, skills and abilities of students that often help inspire their goals for the future. Many education partners, including EECU and Chevron, make significant contributions to ensure these academic opportunities are available to Fresno County students every year.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenue	
Cash	\$3,789,983
In-Kind	\$ 205,356
Total Revenue	\$3,995,339
Expense	
Cash	\$3,528,716
In-Kind	\$ 205,356
Total Expense	\$3,734,072
Change in Net Assets	\$ 261,267
Net Assets – July 1, 2020	\$1,080,291
Net Assets – June 30, 2021	\$1,537,857

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

FCSS Sponsored Events

Academic Decathlon
African American Student
 Leadership Conference
Career Skills Challenge
Career Tech Expo
College Night
Educator of the Year
Health Youth Corp
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
Instructional Technology Services
Integrated Data Systems
Migrant Education
Scout Island
Special Education
Special Projects
Student Equity and Empowerment
Visual and Performing Arts

We continue to cultivate an ongoing relationship with Blue Meridian Partners whose philanthropic funding is essential in our work to move multiple collective-impact efforts forward. Blue Meridian's vision is to make sizable investments in communities with actionable plans that focus on systems-changing, place-based solutions. Our plan's goal is that Fresno County will have a well-functioning, culturally responsive two-generation model of family support in place that reduces preterm births, promotes kindergarten readiness, and produces notable gains in 3rd grade reading and math assessments. The first phase of Fresno's action plan is targeting a \$50 million investment to build our capacity to create the continuum of care needed for our babies and their parents to succeed in school, work and life.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Ananya Vinay Project Ignite



Ananya's journey started in 2015 when she participated in the Fresno County Spelling Bee for the first time and won both the county and state competitions. However, going to the Scripps National Spelling Bee was not an option for her. But all it took was an email to Mr. Jim Yovino, the now retired Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS), and Mr. Jim Boren, now retired from The Fresno Bee, to bring the National Spelling Bee to Fresno with the help of sponsors and well-wishers. This opportunity made accessible to Fresno County students, culminated in 2017 her being declared the Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion and making Fresno proud.

Afterward, Ananya was interested in giving back to the community that had nurtured her. To begin giving back to other young spellers, she started SpellGenius, an organization with the goal of providing a scientific approach to understanding language rules and roots. In the past five years, Ananya has organized annual spelling bees and coached many national champions. She has also been the coach for the Fugman Elementary Spelling Team for the past five years and even created a podcast about spelling rules for FCSS.

Over time, Ananya started to earn money as a spelling coach, and in 2018, she reached out to FCSS to see what the best way would be to serve her community with her earnings. Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, current Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, suggested helping Westside Elementary. This was the origin of Project Ignite and Ananya's partnership with The Foundation @ FCOE as fiscal sponsor.

The first project funded through Project Ignite was providing Kindles to the second-grade class to circumvent the lack of access to books because early reading is critical in opening a world of possibilities. Later, she was able to provide physical library books and online science resources, such as Mystery Science. Last year, with a group of fellow Clovis North High Schools students, Ananya began after-school mentoring for the students in math, reading and coding. Teaching them every week has shown her the joys of learning and giving back.

In October 2022, she had the opportunity to visit Westside Elementary. Ananya was surprised to learn that one of the biggest issues the school faced was access to the Internet at home since there was no cell tower in the area. She believes telecommunication companies simply underinvest in rural communities. For the coming year, one of Project Ignite's goals is to provide satellite Internet access to at least 10 families of students at Westside Elementary. She would like to thank the CandleLight Guild and other community partners for their contributions toward this effort.

Ananya has had the honor of presenting Project Ignite to the Board of Directors of The Foundation @FCOE, the FCSS Educational Services team, and other community groups. Ananya hopes to expand the programs of Project Ignite to offer writing help and advanced math support for students at the school. Eventually, their vision is to branch out Project Ignite to other underserved schools in the Fresno area. Even though she is going to college next year, Ananya looks forward to continuing her work through Project Ignite with her team.



"Zip code may not be destiny, but it operates like gravity, weighing and pulling you down such that any semblance of overcoming it is admirable. Zip code inequality is widespread in the United States. Forty-one percent of rural schools lack access to the Internet and there is a blatant disparity in access to fundamental educational resources, such as libraries."

Ananya Vinay, founder of Project Ignite

Superintendent Michele Cantwell-Copher, Ed.D. and the Board of Directors wish to thank the many sponsors and contributors who believe in providing excellence, access, and innovation for the students of Fresno County.

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