



THE FOUNDATION@FCOE

2025

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.

Supporting Student Success

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At The Foundation @ FCOE, everything we do is rooted in a single purpose, *Supporting Student Success*. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and community partners, we provide resources that inspire achievement and help Fresno County students thrive. By strengthening programs led by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, the Foundation ensures students can benefit from a wide range of experiences, from academic competitions and arts enrichment to leadership development and beyond.

These programs, such as the Science Fair, Spell Off, Mock Trial, and Academic Decathlon, nurture growth and help students unlock their full potential. This Annual Report highlights the stories and impact of what happens when a community comes together to support education in Fresno County.

Supporting Student Success through arts education remains a key priority. Since 2020, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has provided grant funding to expand arts education in Fresno County's rural school districts. These grants inspired the FCSS Arts Education Department to organize the Rural Theatre Collaborative, a group of dedicated arts educators developing arts-focused strategies and lessons that bring the creativity of live theater into the classroom. This past year, 40 high school theater students from Kerman High, Mendota High, and Justin Garza High schools experienced the professional stage productions of *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Macbeth*, *Jane Eyre*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, and *Lizard Boy*, a new musical, at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Live theater and experiences open doors to imagination, collaboration, and personal growth, showing students just how transformative the arts can be in their education and lives.

Career Technical Education (CTE) is another key pathway for *Supporting Student Success*. By providing students with hands-on training, real-world skills, and exposure to potential career paths, CTE programs empower students to explore their interests and prepare for future opportunities. This year, a group of students from CTEC High School had the opportunity to tour the PG&E Diablo Canyon Power Plant, gaining firsthand insight into energy production and nuclear power operations. The experience allowed students to engage with industry professionals and explore potential career paths in energy production, engineering, and environmental science. Experiences like this show how CTE programs connect classroom learning to real-world opportunities, equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and inspiration to pursue meaningful careers.

Together, we are *Supporting Student Success*. Every gift, every partnership, and every act of generosity make it possible for students across Fresno County to dream bigger, achieve more, and prepare for bright futures. We are deeply grateful to our donors and community partners for believing in the power of education and investing in the next generation. With your continued support, we will build on this momentum and open even more doors of opportunity for students in the years ahead.



MaryEllen Galvan

Executive Director
The Foundation @ FCOE

2024 Impact by the Numbers



**Fundraising
& Grants**

\$1,080,042

Issued to FCSS
Programs

\$537,050

Secured in
Grant Funds

\$556,649

Raised through
Corporate Sponsorships



**FCSS Student
Events**

\$192,448

Student Event
Sponsorships

12,800*

Students
Impacted

21

Events Supported by
Sponsorships



**Innovation
Fund**

\$22,170

Raised by FCSS
Employees

5,049*

Students
Impacted

147

FCSS Employees
Contributed

32

Innovation
Grants Awarded



**Countywide
Impact**

50

Education Matters
TV Segments

18

FCSS
Departments

8

District Grants
for FFA Programs

**Reflects the estimated number of students impacted.*

Selma High School was awarded the inaugural Marvin Meyers Agriculture Education Grant. Building on the success of an already impactful agricultural education program, students will take part in a hands-on learning experience through a comparative incubation project featuring emu

eggs and chicken eggs. This unique opportunity will deepen students' understanding of animal science while adding an entrepreneurial component, Supporting Student Success, and preparing them for future careers in agriculture.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenue	
Cash	\$1,506,138
In-Kind	\$ 295,966
Total Revenue	\$1,802,104
Expense	
Cash	\$1,494,231
In-Kind	\$ 295,966
Total Expense	\$1,790,197
Change in Net Assets	\$ 11,907
Net Assets – July 1, 2024	\$1,505,580
Net Assets – June 30, 2025	\$1,517,487

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

FCSS Sponsored Events

Academic Decathlon	African American Student	All Staff Day
Career Skills Challenge	Leadership Conference	Career Tech Expo
CIF	Equity Conference	FCSS Kids Day
Fresno Area College Night	Fresno County Spell Off	Health Youth Corps
History Day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Contests	MathCounts
Mock Trial	Picture the Valley	Science Fair
Science Olympiad	STEM for Girls Conference	Summer Arts Academy
	Young Authors' Faire	

FCSS Grantees

All4Youth	Arts Education
Bet Ramacher School	Communication, Strategy & Outreach
Continuous Improvement	CTEC High School
CTE/ROP	Cradle 2 Career
Early Care and Education	Educational Innovation & Support Division
ELA/ELD/HSS	Foster and Homeless Youth Education Services
Health Services	Safe and Healthy Kids
Scout Island Outdoor Educational Center	Special Education
Special Projects	STEM

Providing support for FCSS' academic student events continues to be a fundamental priority. These programs help develop critical thinking, leadership skills, reinforce classroom learning, and support positive social-emotional growth. Each year, Fresno County is proudly represented at local, state, national, and even international competitions by dedicated and ambitious students. In the 2024-25 school year, 11th grader Olaf Muchalski from Clovis West High School was named Sweepstakes Winner of the Fresno County Science Fair and advanced

to the International Science and Engineering Fair. Sanger Unified's Hallmark Academy earned the title of Overall Champion at the Academic Decathlon, while Clovis West took first place at the Mock Trial competition and teams from Granite Ridge Intermediate and Fugman Elementary in Clovis Unified qualified for the state MathCounts Competition. These accomplishments reflect the dedication and development of Fresno County students as they grow academically, socially, and personally through these enriching experiences.



Link Up Concert with Fresno Philharmonic

Kaye Bonner Cummings has long been a beacon of inspiration in Fresno County schools, making a profound impact through her unwavering support of arts initiatives and civic education programs. As the Executive Director of the Bonner Family Foundation, an organization that has funded arts education programs for over 30 years, she has been instrumental in fostering partnerships to enhance opportunities for students. Kaye's determination to build a vibrant cultural community centered in arts education and civic engagement continues to inspire and empower future generations through the Bonner Family Foundation and her personal generosity.

Kaye's heart for service to local arts organizations draws her to be conversant and active in the work they do, often serving as a board member, attending events, or simply observing day-to-day activities. She was a dedicated member of the board of directors for The Foundation @ FCOE and she served as board president of the Fresno Art Museum, where the Bonner Family Foundation was the lead funder of the Bonner Auditorium. Kaye's vision for a vibrant arts education is further reflected in her support of the high-profile Kennedy Center's Any Given Child initiative. Any

Given Child is held annually at the Fresno Art Museum and has played a crucial role in increasing access to arts education for elementary school students, and introducing many families to the museum. She is also a strong supporter of a program involving the Fresno Philharmonic, where busloads of elementary school students come to the Saroyan Theater for the Link Up concert.

Kaye helped lead efforts to launch the Accent on Access Violin Program at Edison Bethune Charter Academy and Spark! Fresno. Spark! Fresno is an initiative dedicated to building a prosperous Fresno economy from within by developing career-ready graduates skilled in creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication through a more creative education. Through Spark! Fresno, the Bonner Family Foundation has brought the joy of music and creativity to elementary schools in the districts of Washington, Riverdale, Mendota, Caruthers, and Fresno. Her passion and dedication have helped shape opportunities for countless students. She has also worked closely with many teachers and community members.

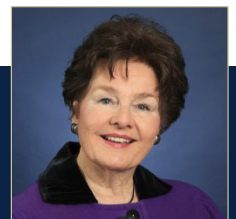
Her generosity extends beyond arts to

civic education. She believes it is essential for young people to learn about their rights, responsibilities, and the workings of government, empowering them to become informed, engaged, and responsible citizens who can positively impact their communities. Kaye has served on the board of the Civic Education Center and the Bonner Center for Character Education & Citizenship within Fresno State's Kremen School of Education. Her dedication to exploratory learning is also evident at Scout Island, where students engage with nature, learn about conserving resources, and environmental science in a hands-on setting.

Kaye has received numerous accolades, including the FCOE Honors recipient for Arts by The Foundation @ FCOE, which celebrates her contributions to arts education. Her impact inspires the next generation of artists and leaders, encouraging students to pursue their dreams with passion and purpose. Kaye's steadfast support and vision is her legacy of giving that has transformed lives, enriched Fresno County schools, and empowered our communities.

"The arts ignite creativity, and civic engagement encourages action. Together, they empower students and open doors to endless opportunities – transforming passion into possibility."

– Kaye Bonner Cummings



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