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WOODSIDE HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION STARTS THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH RECORD FUNDING FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Woodside, CA, August 13, 2018— With an outpouring of generosity from Woodside High School families, faculty, alumni and community partners, the Woodside High School Foundation (WHS) broke records last year, raising over \$1 million during the 2017-18 Annual Campaign and the Wildcat Derby Spring Auction to expand and enrich academic programs for all Woodside High School students.

According to 2017-18 Board President Lucia Tedesco, “Once again, we are so grateful for the enthusiastic support and unwavering commitment of our Woodside High School families, faculty, alumni, and community partners, which set a new record. As a result, we lay a solid foundation for our children’s future and Woodside High School is providing our students with the building blocks that prepare them to take on the challenges of our 21st-century economy.”

The Foundation was able to fulfill the school’s requests for funding, providing more than \$1,000,000 for academic programs and services. This represented a \$100,000 increase over the previous year. These funds are already going to work as the school year opens to help fund instructional staff positions and materials that benefit all Woodside students including:

- CORE SUBJECT CLASS SIZE REDUCTION (English 1 & 2, Biology, Algebra 2, and Trigonometry)
- AP CLASS SIZE REDUCTION (AS English 1 & 2, upper-level World Languages, Calculus, and AP Sciences)
- Additional sections of ELECTIVE PROGRAMS to advance “classroom to career” options
- An additional section of CREDIT RECOVERY which allows students to make up poor grades
- An additional part-time COLLEGE/CAREER COUNSELOR
- School-sponsored/led overnight COLLEGE VISITS for juniors

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- The DEN AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CENTER with TEACHER TUTORING
- A robust selection of SUMMER 2019 PROGRAMS to advance academic achievement
- Over 500 CHROMEBOOKS FOR WILDCATS
- Support for the ROBOTICS TEAM, MUSIC PROGRAM, FOODS PROGRAM and more

As Principal Diane Burbank explains, “these expanded opportunities for students support learning at Woodside High School: for example, smaller class sizes give our students more individual support that is so important to learning on all levels, from core to advanced placement classes; and, improved access to Chromebooks and the Den are crucial to helping students master advanced skills to help them transition to college and career.” Our motto at Woodside High School is that “All students can and will learn.” Because public school funding does not cover many of these costs, the WHS Foundation partners with Woodside High School to help make our mission a reality.”

The WHS Foundation raises money through an Annual Campaign, which kicks off in the fall and continues throughout the year, as well as its lively auction, which is held in the spring.

Established in 2007, the Woodside High School Foundation is a parent, volunteer-run 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, whose sole purpose is to raise funds to close the gap between public funding and the cost of a high-quality education.