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WOODSIDE HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION RAISES RECORD \$1 MILLION TO FUND SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Woodside, CA, June 16, 2017—The Woodside High School Foundation, a non-profit parent-run volunteer organization announced today that its record fundraising in 2016-17 totaled more than \$1,000,000 to support expanded and enriched academic programs for all students at Woodside High School (WHS).

According to Board President Lucia Tedesco, “This year, we are so grateful for the outpouring of support from our Woodside High School families, faculty, alumni, and community partners, which set a new record. As a result, each and every student at Woodside High School will benefit from the expanded opportunities made possible by this generosity. These opportunities will enrich our students in countless ways—from state-of-the-art equipment for the STEM building, smaller class sizes for more than 60 classes, increased electives and support programs, and the transformation of the library into an exciting, new learning space.”

In 2016-17, the foundation was able to fulfill the school’s requests for funding, providing more than \$930,000 for academic programs and services. This represented a \$100,000 increase over the previous year. Augmented opportunities in 2016-17 included:

- Class Size Reduction: 14 additional sections of AS, AP and core English, social sciences, math classes, and electives, reducing class size in 61 classes
- Expanded course offerings, including Urban Debate League, and Entrepreneurship
- A second College and Career Counselor to provide expanded support to our students through the college application and enrollment process
- Library Refresh: A renovation that will transform the library into a flexible learning space for all Woodside High School students.
- Summer Math Acceleration—including Geometry and Algebra 2, which gives students the opportunity to advance their math standing

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- Test integrity and coordination for WHS’s Advanced Placement (AP) classes as well as an AS/AP Skills Boot Camp to help freshmen and sophomores develop skills in honors and AP classes
- Supplement Supply budget for Digital Arts and Visual Arts Courses
- Field Trips
- Teacher-requested grants for the robotic team, books for the library, science equipment, and software

“The Foundation is a vital partner in creating the type of learning environment that provides greater opportunities for our students to be successful at Woodside High School and beyond as they enter college and begin careers,” says WHS Principal Diane Burbank. “We’re excited as we look toward this coming year--opening the STEM building means opening up new possibilities for our students in the fields of computer science, robotics, engineering, and mathematics. And the smaller class sizes are so important to giving students the 1:1, focused support that is key to learning at all levels, from core to advanced placement classes.”

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. This year, the Foundation received its second year of a directed donation that will underwrite the upgrade of equipment for STEM and digital arts programs. The STEM building opens at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year and will feature a chemistry suite, a robotic suite, and five general use classrooms. Also of note this year was record participation from WHS teachers—more than 100 hundred donations from our dedicated faculty and staff!

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.