



Poway Unified School District Foundation
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PUSD Foundation Seeks Sponsors and Auction Donors for its Inaugural Fundraising Gala

“Starstruck!” a red carpet evening with the stars, will support STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Programs for PUSD students

(Poway, CA) – On **Friday, October 7, 2022**, guests will be invited to walk the red carpet at the Rancho Bernardo Inn, for the first-ever black-tie fundraising gala to benefit the Poway Unified School District Foundation, which raises money to support student STEAM programs. The Foundation’s Goal is to raise \$150,000 at this inaugural event.

The Starstruck! Gala, hosted by the Poway Unified School District Foundation, will feature a red carpet, dinner, dancing and a live band, as well as live and silent auctions. PUSD’s teachers, employees, and volunteers of the year – the true stars of the event – will also be honored in an Oscars-style ceremony.

Sponsorship packages include four tiers:

Title Sponsor (\$10,000)

Reception Sponsor (\$7,500)

Entertainment Sponsor (\$5,000)

School or Department Sponsor (\$2,700)

Learn more about sponsorship opportunities by contacting Dolores Canizales at 858-668-4028 or acanizales@powayusd.com or visiting pusdfoundation.com.

The Foundation is also seeking donations of luxury goods and services for its live and silent auctions:

Desired items include travel packages, restaurant and retail gift cards, sports and amusement park tickets, home goods and services, health and beauty packages, kids’ activities, wines and spirits. Contact Kelly Hamm at 858-668-4041 or kehamm@powayusd.com to donate.



All proceeds from the event will support activities and programs for students in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM), such as Science and Engineering Fairs, College and Career Fairs, Robotics Competitions, Visual and Performing Arts, and more.

“The PUSD Foundation provides much needed resources to support PUSD’s vision of empowering world-class learning throughout the district. By partnering with businesses and individuals to raise funds, we are able to provide the extras to enrich educational experiences inside and outside of the classroom.” said Kathleen Porter, Executive Director of the Poway Unified School District Foundation.

About the Poway Unified School District Foundation

The mission of the PUSD Foundation is to provide funding, resources, support, and opportunities for District activities and programs in order to expand and enrich the educational experiences of our students. The Foundation Board of Directors consists of a parents, retirees, staff, and business and community partners who are passionate about supporting public education. The Poway Unified School District Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information on how to sponsor or donate to the Starstruck! Gala, please contact Dolores Canizales at 858-668-4028 or acanizales@powayusd.com, or visit the PUSD Foundation website at www.pusdfoundation.com. Tickets to the gala will go on sale starting in August 2022.

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