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Plano ISD Education Foundation Shows the Love

Plano ISD Education Foundation is proud to kick off their annual community honor roll program. Please watch your mail for additional information regarding ways to participate in this fundraising and awareness campaign. All participants donating over \$100 will receive a yard sign to proudly display their support for Plano ISD.

The funds provided to the district by the Foundation remain in PISD. Programs currently funded include: Grants to Educators, scholarships for 5th grade camp, emergency grants for PISD employees in need, college preparation programs such as AVID, Family Literacy Program and many more.

[Purchase your sign online today.](#) Every gift matters. The greatest investment any of us can make is in the future of our children. We appreciate your support of this important cause!

Plano ISD Teachers Inducted as Fellows in TI



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Grants to Educators
Applications
Now Available



The Plano ISD Education Foundation Grants to Educators are intended to help PISD educators enhance instruction in schools and classrooms across the Plano Independent School

Foundation Academy

Two Plano ISD teachers - Michele Poovey and Stephanie Schinnerer - were inducted into the Texas Instruments (TI) Foundation Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academy as fellows on August 26. Michele Poovey, sixth-grade science at Frankford Middle School. She encourages critical thinking, creative expressions and questioning. Her philosophy is that facts may be forgotten but the desire and thirst for knowledge and the love of learning last forever, and she seeks to instill that in her students. Stephanie Schinnerer teaches sixth-grade math and honors math at Bowman Middle School. She is involved in the After School Academic Program at Bowman and is part of the Finish Strong Academy that provides extra math support for students.



[Read more](#) about the Plano winners in PISD's April 8, 2009, report when announcement of TI Foundation Innovations in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Teaching Award winners took place at a school board meeting. They were honored at the meeting by the Plano ISD Education Foundation and TI Foundation.

The Texas Instruments (TI) Foundation presented awards this week to 10 teachers from the Dallas, Plano and Richardson independent school districts. The TI Foundation established the Innovations in STEM Awards in 2006 to honor instructors at the secondary level who consistently demonstrate quality instruction, enhance student achievement and increase interest in the STEM disciplines.

As STEM fellows, the teachers participate in a unique professional development program at TI that provides an up-close look at the future of technology, exposure to senior technology leaders, and the opportunity to share their ideas about quality STEM education with peers. The award recipients also each receive \$10,000, of which \$5,000 is directly awarded to the teacher. The other \$5,000 is to be used at the teacher's discretion for professional development or instructional technology.

Since the Innovations in STEM Awards program began, participating districts have seen a 100 percent STEM Fellow retention rate as compared to estimates elsewhere that range from 67 to 85 percent.

Principals nominated teachers for the STEM awards based on criteria, such as demonstrating and documenting teaching effectiveness, establishing classroom innovation, participating in education activities outside of the classroom, encouraging curiosity and generating excitement in STEM subjects among students.

District.

Grants fund projects, programs, and initiatives that directly or indirectly support the district's major goal: to enhance student learning, with emphasis on closing the achievement gap and ensuring all students are college ready.

Teachers may apply online at www.pisd.edu until September 23.

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Volunteers Needed

The Plano ISD Education Foundation will be hosting an information booth at this year's Plano Balloon Festival on Friday, September 18-Sunday, September 20. Volunteers needed to help answer questions and distribute information.

Program Spotlight

Thanks to a grant from the AT&T Foundation the Plano ISD Education Foundation funded the Plano ISD Destination: Graduation program, geared at reducing drop out rates, consists of three key elements that will help students and their parents transition successfully from middle to high school:

Parental engagement: Last spring 8th grade parents attended parental involvement classes taught by the Dallas Concilio. Topics included the importance of education for life success in today's global economy,

Save the Date: Ski Plano

The Plano ISD Education Foundation volunteers invite you to



put your tuxedos and ball gowns in mothballs and done your ski sweaters, scarves, and hats to warm yourself at our annual fundraiser "Ski Plano 2010," held January 30, at Southfork Ranch in Parker, Texas. Approximately 800 guests, including community leaders, elected school board members, the business community, teachers, principals, and parents will attend the event. The evening's activities will feature hors d'oeuvres and dinner, entertainment and dancing to the music of Mars Hill, live auction, silent auction and an Avalanche raffle with fabulous prizes donated by friends of Plano schools.

Proceeds from the event will help the Plano ISD Education Foundation fund critical needs identified by Plano ISD for which tax dollars are not available, and ensure that Plano ISD maintains the highest standards of academic excellence for the benefit of all Plano children.

[For additional information or to purchase your tickets.](#)

Plano ISD Education Foundation Launches Alumni Efforts

The Plano spirit runs proud in the Plano Independent School District, which has spent the last 100 years preparing students for a competitive workplace, building enduring friendships and changing the community. This year the Plano ISD Education Foundation hopes to engage the Plano ISD alumni in today's activities. As alumni, they share a special bond with their many classmates from memories of overnight camp, football games, late night study sessions, open campus lunches and high school dances. Indeed, their public education, helped lay the groundwork for the future they now live.

"As a Plano ISD alum I know the value of my public school experience and now play an active role at Plano ISD Education Foundation, we want to give all alumni the opportunity to make a difference in Plano ISD and to continue the great traditions at Plano ISD. Our hope is to build a community of alums that are ensuring that tomorrow's alums have the same great legacy" said Beth Webb, President, Plano ISD Education Foundation.

The Plano ISD Education Foundation is embarking on a new initiative to reacquaint graduates with the district. The Plano ISD now has three senior high campuses and graduates more than 3,500 seniors each year. The Foundation is kicking off the initiative by inviting this year's reunion classes to participate in an inaugural project and help continue the legacy of excellent education for the current 54,000 students of Plano ISD. This year the Foundation will unveil an alumni newsletter and website to begin reuniting alumni and the Plano ISD. The Foundation is encouraging past alumni to sign up for the newsletter and to visit the website for information regarding reunions and current Plano ISD happenings. The [website](#) was recently unveiled.

negative influences and adolescence, and the differences between middle and high school.

Academic Enrichment and Career Exploration:

This summer 8th and 9th grade the Boys and Girls Club of Collin County conducted a two-week program that assisted the students with homework support for summer school, skill building exercises, tutoring, career development and more.

9th Grade Transition:

Students will enter the high school campus with a ready-made peer group that is positive about education and ready to support them in their educational success. And Destination: Graduation parents will have a special session with school staff in which they take a tour of the high school and have a question-and-answer session with the principal.

[View program video.](#)

Event Spotlight

ClubCorp Charity Classic at Gleneagles Country Club benefiting the Plano ISD Education Foundation on September 23. [Sign Up Today.](#)

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The Plano ISD Education Foundation is offering a challenge to all past classes of the Plano ISD. They are asking that all class reunions incorporate a giving challenge to fellow alumni to contribute to the Plano ISD Education Foundation. The funds donated will be acknowledged as a class gift and will be used for 5th grade camp scholarships to allow all current Plano ISD students to build the memories that are so fondly cherished by past classes. The challenge is easy-each class is asked to encourage classmates to make a contribution of the amount equal to their class reunion, for example, 10 year reunions are asked to donate \$10 and 25 year reunions \$25 and so on. The donation may be added to their reunion sign up form or may be posted on their social networking pages with a link for online giving. "As PISD begins to build the legacy of giving among their alumni, we are excited about the potential to impact the students of the Plano ISD. Each class can make a difference today" said Monica Shortino, Plano ISD Education Foundation.

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