

Think Fund Grant Recipients

2015 – 2016

Intramural Basketball Sports

The Intramural Basketball Sports Program engages Gunn students in a facilitated sports tournament during the school day. This break from the traditional school day encouraged students to get active, develop a sense of team and community, and have fun.

Buddies4Math

Buddies4Math is a student-run program where high school students tutor elementary school students struggling with math. Tutors organize events, such as the biannual Math Carnival, lead tutors, and employ self-motivation, commitment, and responsibility amongst both tutors and students alike.

clickPA

clickPA is a one-stop website for events, opportunities and other activities tailored to the local teen community. The website content, publicity and technology is entirely run by clickPA core staff and volunteers, composed of interns from Gunn High School, Castilleja School, and Palo Alto High School.

DocX Unmasked Documentary

Unmasked is a documentary film produced by two current Palo Alto High School seniors, supported by six other students in the community. This film provides a unique perspective on teen suicide in Palo Alto, and explores how our community reacted to the tragedies, raises awareness to the issue, and encourages conversation about the future of Palo Alto community moving forward.

Eyes: A Teen Photography

Eyes: A Teen Photography was a fundraising event hosted by the Photography Club at Gunn High School. The purpose of this fundraiser was to raise awareness of and fundraise for blind children in Tibet. The fundraiser provided teens the opportunity to submit their work and learn how impactful their skills can be to children in Tibet who suffer from blindness. All proceeds were donated to the non-profit organization, Braille without Borders.

Financial Literacy for Youth

Financial Literacy for Youth (FLY) provided a peer-to-peer financial education program to middle school students. Middle schoolers learned basic financial skills through volunteer, composed of high school students. At the end of their 10-week session, the volunteers and participants hosted carnivals inspired by money management learning for their participants.

Ghost Bike

Produced by the Teen Arts Council, Ghost Bike, a play by Laura Jacqmin, focuses on friendship, loyalty, and loss. Put on by an entirely youth cast, the play follows Ora, a young woman on a mission to find her best friend, running across spirits along the way.

Girl Up

Girl Up is dedicated to changing policies and raising awareness to support United Nations programs that help girls around the world in need. The group is dedicated to developing leadership skills necessary to make a positive difference in the lives of girls everywhere through education, fundraising, advocacy, and service.

Innovate! Entrepreneurship Classes

Innovate! was a class aimed at high school students who wanted to learn more about entrepreneurialism. This class provided teens the opportunity to work directly with local start-ups and gain hands-on skills.

MakeX

MakeX is a free community makerspace located at the Cubberley Community Center. The program offers access to cutting-edge digital tools, power tools, and building materials. Facilitated by local high school students, MakeX aims to promote creative design through peer mentorship. Visitors can tackle several projects with the help of expert designers available only at MakeX.

PA Roots

PA Roots is a teen run magazine for Palo Alto youth. The magazine serves as a platform to keep teens informed about what is going on and relevant in their community. The goal of PA Roots is to augment teen voice and to highlight skills and talents of teens.

Project Enybody

Project Enybody focuses on raising awareness of and combating climate change through various events, social media campaigns, and educational projects. The word “enybody” is intentionally spelled with an “E” instead of an “A,” with the idea to make ‘ENY’ an acronym for Earth Needs You. The group is composed of high school students who meet throughout the academic school year.

Science for Sight

Science for Sight works to raise awareness of Usher Syndrome. Usher Syndrome is a genetic condition characterized by deafness at birth or progressive hearing and vision loss. Along with raising awareness, the group plans and hosts fundraisers to raise money towards accelerating research to find a cure for Usher Syndrome.

Students United Against Cancer

Students United Against Cancer focuses on raising awareness of cancer and providing support to people with cancer and their impacted families. The group plans and hosts different events throughout the school year, and provides a network of support to anyone who is affected by cancer at any capacity.

Team 6036 Robotics Team

Team 6036 is a robotics team for teens who were not able to participate in the robotics team at their schools. Throughout a 6-week build season, the group of teens designed, constructed, and programmed a robot to be entered into the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) robotics competition.

Teen Arts Council

The Teen Arts Council is a creative community of Palo Alto teens dedicated to enriching the lives of their peers through artistic expression. The council coordinates events and projects inspired by the passions of council members representing the teen population. The Teen Arts Council takes pride in connecting teens with the resources to carry out their imaginative ideas.

Teen History Bowl

The Teen History Bowl is a competition that was organized by Gunn High School's History Club. The competition was planned to inspire and promote history within the Bay Area high schools. Students who participated were able to meet other students from various bay area high school students to practice for the official National History Bowl.

Teens Exploring Code

Teens Exploring Code provided an introduction to computer programming to teens in Palo Alto community. The one-day event was composed of a series of workshop, guest speakers from various local companies, and more.