



Graduating Students, One Community at a Time

Program Description:

Founded in 1971, Pasadena Educational Foundation (PEF) is one of the oldest public school educational foundations in California. PEF's mission is to support, enhance and supplement the programs, initiatives and priorities of the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD). Governed by a board representing various segments of the community—business, education, parents and community members from Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre—PEF has steadily grown over the years, raising over \$6 million annually for the past five years.

College and Career Pathways in the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) are increasing graduation rates and preparing students to leave the K-12 system both college and career ready. The Pasadena Educational Foundation will use the contribution from AT&T Aspire to support College and Career Pathways, high school programs that prepare students for successful careers and higher learning opportunities in specialized fields.

One pathway is the App Academy, which features courses and projects in mobile applications, web applications and game development. The App Academy teaches students exceptional problem-solving techniques, the ability to properly manage their time in a rigorous educational program, collaborate with their peers, and enable them to have the self-belief to succeed in future academic and professional aspirations in any field.

"I applaud AT&T for the Aspire program and recognizing the importance of 21st Century learning. As educators, we need to provide our students with the skills to compete in the global workforce. This grant to the Pasadena Educational Foundation will allow us at PUSD to continue offering high quality programs that prepare students for college and career even in these difficult budgetary times."

Jon R. Gundry,
Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent



Students:
1,675



Funding:
\$300,000