

# The EDUCATOR

an **EDUCATE!** newsletter

# Taste of the Triangle 2015

**Save the Date for EdUCate!'s Taste of the Triangle!**  
**Saturday, May 2, 2015**  
**UCSD Faculty Club, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla CA 92093**  
**5:30 pm VIP Reception, 7:00 pm Main Event**



Join us at EdUCate's 21st Annual Taste of the Triangle where we will "Reach for the Stars" in supporting University City students. The annual event raises funds to help support the five public schools in University City which, since its inception, has raised almost \$1.5 million to supplement the school's resources. Funds are divided up amongst teacher grants, principal grants, and cluster grants – such as EdUCate!'s current funding of a very successful after-school Math Academy. EdUCate! is unique in that it serves a cluster of schools, rather than just one school.

Approximately 20 restaurants will be participating, including: Ahi Sushi, Bijou French Bistro, Bite of Boston, Carriage Trade Catering, Corner Bakery, Cozymels, Dan Diegos, Eureka, French Gourmet, Leucadia Pizza, Lorna's Italian Kitchen, Outcast Grill and Veggie Grill. In addition to the many tastes, there will be entertainment, dancing, and a silent auction with items ranging from week long vacations in Lake Tahoe to coffee baskets from Ryan Bros. Coffee to original artworks.

Cost is \$75 per person (\$50 for U.C. teachers), and tickets will be available online at [www.uc-educate.org](http://www.uc-educate.org) as we get closer to the event. If you are unable to attend the event, you can make a

Sponsors, auction donations and volunteers are needed for EdUCate's signature event. If you would like to contribute funds, auction items and/or your time, please contact Taste of the Triangle Chair Jemma Samala at [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com).

Taste of the Triangle continues to be THE event to support our U.C. schools. Help EdUCate! help UC students "Reach for the Stars."

EdUCate! is a nonprofit foundation established in 1993 to provide supplemental funds for all five of the University City Public Schools:

- Curie Elementary**
- Doyle Elementary**
- Spreckels Elementary**
- Standley Middle**
- University City High**

## Congratulations to 2014-2015 Teacher Grant Recipients

The mission of EdUCate! is to provide supplemental resources to U.C. public schools. A cornerstone of this funding is the EdUCate! Teacher Grant program as it provides additional assistance directly to the heart of our schools...the classrooms! We are pleased to announce another successful round of funding. Over \$45,000 in grant monies was distributed directly to 45 teachers for their classrooms for 2014-2015!

- Congratulations to the following grant recipients:*
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|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Susan Thurston     | James Markowitz             |
| Curie Elementary   | Kathleen Parris             |
| Bryan Barry        | Shelley Rannikko            |
| Denise Gleaves     | Todd Resley                 |
| Karen McKelvey     |                             |
| Jeanette Monastero |                             |
|                    | Spreckels Elementary        |
|                    | Lisa Alessio                |
|                    | Adriana Chaidez-Pepin       |
|                    | Jim Cope                    |
|                    | Sonia Gomez-Neri            |
|                    | Renee McCabe                |
|                    | Kimberly Sharman            |
|                    | Millie Weil                 |
|                    | University City High School |
|                    | Susan Bristol               |
|                    | Leslie Chadwick             |
|                    | Stephanie Conrad            |
|                    | Steve Csakai                |
|                    | Gail Hall                   |
|                    | Tara Howell                 |
|                    | Elizabeth Hurwitz           |
|                    | Janelle Javier              |
|                    | Brad Milhoan                |
|                    | Jeff Olivero                |
|                    | Aaron Pores                 |
|                    | Jason Quillin               |
|                    | Standley Middle School      |
|                    | Nikki Botts                 |
|                    | Monte Carroll               |
|                    | Jennie Dohoney              |
|                    | Coretta Hazelton            |



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## 36 Compound Microscopes Granted

"We can always count on EdUCate! to support our science program! The classroom sets of microscopes allow us to provide our students with authentic and rigorous scientific experiences. There's nothing better than seeing students' faces light up as they explore the world of microorganisms, sometimes for the first time." – Lori Pina, Standley Middle School



To learn more about EdUCate! go to [www.uc-educate.org](http://www.uc-educate.org).

## Junior Achievement BizTown

In Spring of 2014, Kelly Dudley, 5th grade teacher at Doyle Elementary, requested a Teacher Grant for purchase of a Junior Achievement BizTown curriculum and hands-on field trip. Due to the success of this program we worked with JA BizTown to include a second University City elementary school in their program for the 2014-2015 school year. This 2014-2015 academic year, all 5th graders at Doyle and Spreckels will be attending JA BizTown! We hope to have all three elementary schools participating next school year as the program has a wait-list.

What is JA BizTown? It is a four-week economy curriculum culminating in a hands-on field trip to the amazing JA BizTown site, where 5th graders enthusiastically spend the day operating a simulated city's commerce as business owners and employees. Through the classroom program of daily social studies, reading, writing, and/or math lessons, approximately 250 Doyle and Spreckels students will be educated about the important elements of work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. At the same time, a solid foundation of business, economics, and free enterprise education will be built.

"BizTown is an amazing experience and the students learn many important life-long financial literacy skills. Thanks for the support - it was definitely money well spent", says Ms. Dudley. She shared some thank-you letters from students that attended Junior Achievement's BizTown in Spring 2014 that are impressive!

## Memorial Scholarships Help Student Pursue Educational Goals

This year why not create a legacy in honor of a loved one, or simply as a testament to quality education in University City? Scholarships for graduating U.C. high school students can help pay for tuition, room and board, books, fees and other related expenses. The process is simple: just make a donation to set up the scholarship, determine the criterion you would like to use for candidate selection and EdUCate! will do the rest in coordination with U.C. High School. Scholarship recipients are presented in June at the annual senior awards night. For seniors: go to the U.C.H.S. counseling department for more information on these scholarships!

Thank you Memorial Scholarship Donors:

- Thalia Murray Family
- Ray Perkins Family
- Patricia Preston Family
- Leonard & Nancy Sonnenberg

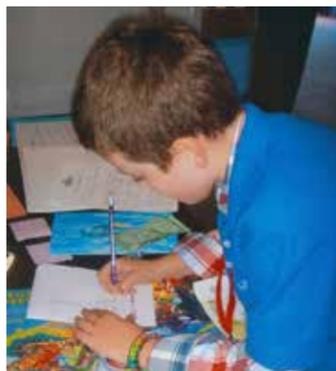
Leave the cooking to us on Wednesday's and come enjoy San Diego's best gourmet food trucks.



10% of all sales goes back to EdUCate! Bring a chair and enjoy your dinner outdoors.



CFO printing out paychecks for the bank staff.



Students learn how to write a proper check.

## Volunteers Needed

**Website/Database support:** help

keep our website updated. Requires 2-3 hours per week. This is a great way to volunteer from home. WordPress or HTML experience is helpful but not required, as the site is very easy to update.

**Taste of the Triangle help:**

decorations, silent auction, setup and more!

Interested parties should contact us at [information@uc-educate.org](mailto:information@uc-educate.org)



## Letter from the President

We are well into the 2014-2015 year and EdUCate! remains a strong presence in our five University City Public Schools thanks to our generous donors! After a very successful Taste of the Triangle in 2013-2014 and an impressive 6th annual Oktoberfest celebration, we were able to commit \$120,000 to University City schools this 2014-2015 school year! This year the board has again decided to distribute funds in the way we have done for the past few years. We are giving principals of the five University City schools money to spend on their school where they see a need, which is fulfilling gaps in needed resources at all grade levels. From Principal Olivero (U.C.H.S.): "We are so thankful for the ongoing support. The grants you offer our students and staff provides the means to enrich learning and teaching. We are grateful for your organization as it not only provides needed resources to our schools, but provides our students a model of support we hope they, too, will offer their own community schools as adults". From Principal Juarez (Curie): "We are so thankful to EdUCate! for continuing to provide funding for our Raz Kids reading program - this benefits all grade levels at Curie".

The EdUCate! Teacher Grant Committee, led by Chairperson Amanda Hirko, successfully funded 45 fall and winter Teacher Grant requests for a total of over \$45,000! We decided to move up our grant dates this year to ensure resources get into classrooms as early in the year as possible. EdUCate! Math Academy has blossomed tremendously, thanks to our generous VIP donors. Well into its 3rd year at Standley and 2nd year at the high school, the EdUCate! Math Academy serves more students than ever before and the quality of our volunteer and paid staff is exemplary. This program's unique emphasis remains focused on students of ALL math abilities: low, middle and high achievers. We thank our volunteers who are seasoned professionals in the community and give tirelessly to the program, including Program Director Robin Read (former systems engineer), Mr. Senyit Chim and Ms. Sally Levin (both former math teachers), Kenway Hoey (former Chemist), Millicent Moone, and Mr. Norm Meck (former engineer). We also thank Math Academy co-Chairpersons Lori Longstreet and Nancy Beck who have fostered the program since its inception.

New this year as an EdUCate! Cluster Grant is the addition of Junior Achievement's BizTown curriculum and field trip, which is being offered to ALL 5th graders at Doyle and Spreckels elementary schools. (Currently Curie elementary is on BizTown's wait list for next year). This program offers financial literacy benefits and is a great partner program to the EdUCate! Math Academy. Through BizTown and the EdUCate! Math Academy, University City elementary, middle and high school students are benefitting through supplemental education in financial literacy and mathematics.

It is so wonderful to know we can make a difference today for our students. We at EdUCate! have a lot of fun raising money! Taste of the Triangle, our annual gala, will be held at the U.C.S.D. Ida & Cecil Green Faculty Club and promises to be even more fun than last year! Please join us as we come together on Saturday, May 2nd. Your generous support, as always, is appreciated.

Anne St Louis, President, [president@uc-educate.org](mailto:president@uc-educate.org)

## Math Academy

The EdUCate! Math Academy began in 2012-2013 as a 6-week pilot program at Standley Middle School. Today, in its third year, the EdUCate! Math Academy instructs students at both Standley Middle and University City High Schools and is projected to serve well over 300 students



Anne St Louis, EdUCate! President

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for our  
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**May 2, 2015  
21st Annual Taste  
of the Triangle**

**October 10, 2015  
7th Annual  
Oktoberfest  
by EdUCate!**