



2010 Pioneers & Purpose Summary of Results

Pioneers & Purpose is the *one* event that brings together all of Silicon Valley in support of public education. Now in its sixth year, we have raised over \$2.6 million for programs to support programs that are making a difference in our schools. In 2010, **John Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Symantec Corporation**, was honored as our Pioneer Business Leader for his impact in education and business.

Silicon Valley Education Foundation's number one objective is helping students achieve success in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) subjects. Our accomplishments below list the many ways we are helping students succeed in order to become the leaders of tomorrow:

- **800 Students Participated in "Stepping Up to Algebra."** In three years, we have expanded this critical summer math program from 3 school districts to 14 in Santa Clara County, and are now offering this program during school breaks and on Saturdays to reinforce learning. *With your help, we will be able to continue to offer this free program to students to help put them on a path for college and careers.*
- **Expansion of Lessonopoly.org** – With more than 10,000 lesson plans and 7,500 active users, Lessonopoly.org is helping to transform classroom learning with quality, relevant content for the classroom. More than 75% of our lesson plans are geared toward math and science, making it a critical resource for improving teaching in these subjects. *With your help, we will continue to develop this resource for teachers and students.*
- **Stepping Up to Science** – After our successful pilot last year, we are working with East Side Union High School District to have 120 students participate in a five-week program to prepare them for 9th grade biology – setting them on a path to get the required 2 years of lab science to make them college ready. With your help, we will be able to expand this model to serve more than 1000 students.
- **Closing the Achievement Gap** – Our 3-part Education Forum series on this topic culminated in a policy brief with recommendations on how to close the achievement gap. We have worked with East Side Union High School District on helping them pass A to G requirements as their default curriculum, which are the requirements for attending colleges in the UC/CSU system. More than 80,000 students are now on a path to college and careers. *With your help, we can expand this advocacy work into other districts in the year ahead.*
- **200 Teacher Innovation Grants** – We awarded monetary grants of between \$500-\$1000 for teachers who submitted innovative lesson plans and bring an innovative approach to learning into the classroom. With a focus on STEM, we have awarded more than 75% of these grants in support of STEM subjects. *With your help, we can help even more teachers bring innovation into the classroom.*