

It's Great To Be A Maverick



*Foundation raises over \$130k for students
in 2016 school year*



Can you feel it? Some people argue that *it* is a psychological phenomenon. Some believe it is emotional. Some believe it's tangible. Whatever it is, it is something that can be felt. Do you feel it? The energy? The momentum? The excitement?

I can feel it.

I have the pleasure of being on LCC's campus every single day and you can definitely sense something exciting going on. When I am in the community talking to new parents, business owners and community leaders, it is obvious that they can feel it too.

LCC is the place to be and people are excited. Whether it's talking about our new bell schedule or Principal Marcus or one of our athletic teams or our up and coming theater program; people are saying great things about the school we call home. It is a great time to be a Maverick.

Parent Donations increased by 50% over last year.

It is an honor for me to be able to serve our school in the role of Executive Director of the Foundation. I have a front row seat to the exciting things going on and I have the opportunity to work with every single department on our campus. And this year has been an incredible year for our Foundation to be able to support the many wonderful programs at LCC.

And none of that would have been possible without your incredible support. Just this year, we have increased our Parent Donations to our Foundation General Fund by over 50% from the year before. That is an incredible increase and comes at just the perfect time as LCC has launched several new classes and programs that relied on this crucial funding. We not only increased our parent donations, but we increased the number of families giving to our General Fund by over 60%! And that is something to be proud of Mavericks.

Our annual campaign to our General Fund raised over \$83,000 this year. That money went directly back to the school and into the classrooms. We also of course raised more money from our usual fundraising efforts: this includes our dinner auction, our Mav Spirit Wear Sales, our business partnerships, and much more. And we brought in over \$50,000 of brand new fundraising income!

Which leads to a very obvious question: where did we use this important fundraising? And that is the exciting part. We don't use this extra for overhead (bills, salaries, etc). This money has been so important to continuing to make LCC the school that we all want it to be. And those donations have been used to do some incredibly exciting things on our campus.

Here is just a sampling of how some of our fundraising was used:

- ★ Allocated over \$70,000 of grants for Teachers at LCC
 - \$18,000 to our Studio Arts classes to fund our two brand new classes: Shaping (the first of its kind in California) and Fashion Design
 - \$10,000 to our Science Dept for necessary supplies
 - \$5,000 to our Photography classes
 - \$2,000 for a new 3-D printer for our Engineering Dept.
 - \$35,000 more for our English Dept, Math Dept, Theater Dept, History Dept., Special Education Dept, Home Economics, etc.
- ★ Allocated over \$20,000 in school improvements
 - Funded After-School Enrichment Program (Tutoring)
 - Funded our Foundation Speaker Series (assemblies for parents/students)
 - Funded Projects for Campus Beautification

This money was used to buy important things that otherwise would not have been possible on District funding alone. This is why the Foundation exists and it is why we work so hard to do what we do. And it is also why we are so grateful for your incredible support this year and why we look forward to do even bigger and better things at LCC next year. Please do not read this and think we will not need you next year. The needs and requests of our teachers and departments were higher than ever. We want to grant more money and take on even bigger school projects to continue to increase our academic stature in our community. We are well on our way.

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So, can you feel it? The Maverick spirit and pride is at an all-time high. Things are moving. We are growing. Great things are happening at LCC. I can't wait for next year.

Proud to be a Maverick,

Dale Jagers

Foundation Executive Director