Dear Maverick Family,

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close. Just last week, I wrote down “June 1st” on a document, and had to take a second look, as this year has flown by. What an amazing year it has been from a LCC Foundation standpoint!

Once again, we surpassed our fundraising goals in record numbers. Through your support, we raised over $100,000 for our annual parent giving campaign!! That is a 25% increase from last year alone, and a 100% increase from three years ago. These are just incredible numbers. And we of course raised tens of thousands of dollars more with other fundraising efforts: our Taste of La Costa, business partnerships and sponsorships, grant money, and more.

And as we always say, this money goes through the Foundation, not to the Foundation. We were able to support so many incredible classes and programs here at the school. The chart below shows the programs we were able to support this year.

None of this would be possible without your incredible partnership with the Foundation. So many of you have donated your time, funds, and energy to help make LCC the school that it is. And those are not empty words. LCC truly would not be the school that it is without our parent support and financial generosity. Let me explain.

There is a strong misconception that, since we live in an affluent area, our school district is well-funded. This could not be further from the truth. SDUHSD is dead last in the State of California for district funding per student. You read that correctly: dead last. There is a long and complicated answer as to why, but suffice it to say we will remain near the bottom in terms of state funding for the foreseeable future. As an example/comparison: the Escondido High School District receives over $20 million more dollars a year in funding than we do. That is roughly $2,000 more per student. Certainly it is not more expensive to educate a student in Escondido. If anything, it is less expensive when the cost of facilities, utilities, etc. are taken into consideration.

This is where our LCC Foundation comes into play. We cannot possibly make up a $20 million gap. We can’t even make up a $10 million gap. But we can make a difference. And we have so many classes and programs that simply would not exist if it wasn’t for your incredible financial support.

I want you to know that every time you pull out your checkbook or click a PayPal link to donate to the LCC Foundation, your donation matters. It is not simply a throw-away tax write-off. Every dollar we raise matters, because every student we educate matters. The Foundation – staffed by Ellen, myself, and a group of very dedicated volunteers – will continue to work tirelessly, on behalf of your child and every family at LCC. We will continue to raise donations, write grant requests, seek business partners, and turn over every funding rock we can find, to support our school, because we believe that our students matter just as much as any student, from any district, in the state of California.

Thank you. On behalf of Principal Marcus and the LCC Foundation, thank you so much for your generosity and support.

Proud to be a Maverick,

Dale Jaggers
Foundation Executive Director