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FONTANA FOUNDATION OF HOPE ASSISTS FUSD STUDENTS WITH EXAM FEES

FONTANA, CA – Thanks to the generosity of a local non-profit, students in the Fontana Unified School District will be able take advantage of even more testing opportunities to earn college credit while they are still in high school.

The Fontana Foundation of Hope donated \$5,000 toward Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) test fees for students, covering almost two-thirds of the final costs, significantly easing student's financial burden and making it possible for them to take even more tests.

"AP and IB courses are courses that students can take to earn college credit while they are at the high school level," said Dr. Penny DeLeon, Chief of Schools - Secondary. "They are very rigorous - they are actually college-level courses taught on the high school campus. Many of our students qualify for a fee reduction if they qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch. However, for students who do not qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch, the fee is \$91 per test. Many of our students take 3, 4, and sometimes 5 tests in a year, and the cost is prohibitive."

"We reached out to the Fontana Foundation of Hope and they wanted to help our students," she continued. "They donated \$5,000 towards our students AP fees reducing the test fees from \$91 per test to \$35 per test."

On March 4, 2015, Jack Long, Lydia and David Wibert, Debbie Kott, Adrianna Castro, Andrea Boozer and Dr. Leslie Boozer of the Fontana Foundation of Hope were recognized by the FUSD Board of Education for their generous contribution to our students.

Mr. Long said, "We named our foundation Fontana Foundation of Hope because we wanted people to know that in Fontana we are one big family and we take care of our own."

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