



CEO Report
November 28, 2016

Great work is happening throughout the organization. This report is meant to highlight several of the functional areas with updates for the Board of Directors:

Academic Affairs

- The Counseling Services Department hosted two (2) evening virtual workshops for learning coaches and parents in October as part of our College Road Trip Series: “Navigating the College Application” and “FAFSA Basics: Money for College.” Sessions were hosted in both English and Spanish. They will host a virtual workshop for scholars in January on “Virtual Bullying and Safety”.
- Graduation! Two (2) scholars have met the requirements for graduation so far this year.
- Scholar of the Month recognition program continues. *See enclosed press releases.*
- Success Academy has been launched, which is a new initiative to support scholar success based on results from our new i-Ready diagnostic testing tool.

Information Services

- A total of 1,218 scholars are enrolled with an additional 74 scholars beginning Virtual Learning. Last year at this time we had 1,217 enrolled. We are flat in enrollment.
- We successfully hosted our inaugural Scholar Clubs Virtual Kickoff on November 8, showcasing the 18 new club opportunities for our scholars.
- We are hosting a Virtual Scholar Talent Show on Wednesday, November 30 at 2:30 PM. All scholars have been invited to submit audition tapes showing off their talents. From those tapes, selected scholars have been offered a spot in the Talent Show to compete either in person, or virtually.

Operations

- We hosted a second Community Yard Sale at our San Diego Learning Center on October 15. We sold many gently used items to community members.
- Organizational changes have transpired since the last meeting. *See enclosed worksheet.*
- Third investment ladder has matured with JP Morgan Chase. We have rolled these funds over per policy. *See enclosed portfolio report.*

Strategic Initiatives

- *AAS Chameleon Chronicle* – quarterly eNewsletter for all stakeholders on past activities and upcoming opportunities for scholars, families and staff. *See enclosed issue.*
- We have developed a positive relationship with a learning center in Riverside. We tell our families that are in their area about them and they in turn tell any families at their center about AAS. As of today, they have sent 79 scholars that attend their center to us and all have enrolled.
- We hosted an Essential Elements Workshop for our Learning Coaches in October. Learning coaches studied chemistry concepts through hands-on learning and real-world connections. All workshop participants received a periodic table poster, an activity guide flash drive containing 50+ chemistry experiments, and other giveaways provided by the other sponsor, The Chemical Education Foundation.
- We were a sponsor of the Special Needs Resource Foundation of San Diego's JK Rowling's Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them on November 18, with a booth at the theatre and showing our new promotional video during the movie previews.

Miscellaneous

- We have submitted Year-End Reports for 2015-16 to all of our authorizers, sharing key points of pride for the year. *See enclosed presentations.*
- We have submitted our charter renewal petitions for AAS Del Mar, AAS Sonoma and AAS Thousand Oaks & Simi Valley. We gave a presentation to the Mountain Empire USD Board of Trustees on November 9; Cotati-Rohnert Park USD Board of Trustees on November 15; and Mupu Elementary School Board of Trustees on November 16. They will vote to either approve and deny our renewal petitions in December. *See enclosed presentations.*
- AAS is participating in The Great Kindness Challenge, January 23-27. This is a positive and proactive bullying prevention initiative for all grades, TK through 12. Thank you to Steven Thompson for volunteering to serve as our point of contact on this initiative!

A lot of great work is taking place, thanks to our dedicated staff, to continue to improve the educational experience we provide our scholars. My thanks to our team for everything they do each and every day.

Respectfully Submitted,



J.J. Lewis
President & CEO