



The Vanir Foundation
in Memory of H. Frank Dominguez



“Creating Pathways to Success – One School at a Time”

H. Frank Dominguez Elementary School Grand Opening



On November 13, 2014, Dorene Dominguez, Chairman of The Vanir Foundation in Memory of H. Frank Dominguez, San Bernardino Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Dale Marsden and the Vanir Foundation Board of Directors celebrated the grand opening and partnership of the H. Frank Dominguez Elementary School.

The festivities included first and third grade singers. In tribute to her father, H. Frank Dominguez, Ms. Dominguez presented the H. Frank Dominguez plaque, to the school. She concluded her presentation by sharing her favorite quote from her father, "I think the only way you are going to make this world better is to give back. In the end, my success is only measured by how much I give back in education."



Dorene Dominguez and student tour guides from Dominguez ES

After the ceremony, a mariachi band led guests to a reception followed by school tours by Dominguez Elementary school students. For more on this historical event, please visit our website: www.VanirFoundation.org

“Pathways to Success” Benefit Reception



Vanir Foundation Board Members and Kings Player Ray McCallum

On Saturday, October 25, 2014 the Vanir Foundation hosted the "Pathways to Success" benefit reception to support economically challenged elementary schools in the Sacramento area. Dorene Dominguez, along with talented Sacramento Kings player, Ray McCallum joined forces to promote academic performance in language arts, math, science and engineering.

The highlight of the evening was hearing from Ms. Leticia Charles, who in the past was a disengaged parent from Bret Harte Elementary School. Through the parent incentive program at Bret Harte, and the opportunity to receive the food gift basket, Ms. Charles began to attend school meetings, help in the classroom and volunteer on the playground and in the front office. She is thankful to the Vanir Foundation for becoming a partner in the academic success of her children's education.



Kings Player Ray McCallum and Leticia Charles

Laurel Elementary School Robotics Program and Tour



Principal Freddie Chavarria presents Dorene Dominguez with a banner made by Laurel students

On August 8, 2014, Dorene Dominguez, Assemblyman Rocky Chavez, Oceanside Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Duane Coleman and the Vanir Foundation Board of Directors visited and toured Laurel Elementary School's innovative Robotics program.

The Robotics program engages students in learning activities that build their skills for the 21st Century. Principal Freddie Chavarria led the campus tour and Lt. Diallo Wallace, Aerospace Engineer, Naval Air Systems Command, Robotics project manager, briefed the group.



Students work on building robots using Lego MindStorm Kits - provided by Vanir Foundation

This program will help students develop their competencies and understanding in math, science, technology and engineering, and problem solving. "It is encouraging to see the Vanir Foundation partner with Laurel Elementary School to advance programs that form a direct parallel with the goals of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education," stated Assemblyman Rocky Chavez, member of the Governors STEM Taskforce.

Vanir Foundation School Programs 2014-2015

The Vanir Foundation programs strive to prepare students for the 21st century by focusing on: Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication and Creative Thinking. Our school programs bring real-world relevance to student learning through a hands-on approach. Each partner school has different needs. The goal is to provide resources to create a "Pathway to Success" by having all students performing at grade level by the fifth grade. Through the support of our donors, we have provided funding for the following schools:

Bret Harte Elementary School

Sacramento, CA

- Reading Partners Tutoring Program
- Engineering is Elementary
- Holiday Food Gift Baskets
- Graduation Awards
- Science Fieldtrips
- College Fieldtrips
- Language Arts Books

H. Frank Dominguez Elementary School

San Bernardino, CA

- School Uniforms
- iPads Airs
- Honor Roll
- Science Fieldtrips
- College Fieldtrips
- Engineering is Elementary

Laurel Elementary School

Oceanside, CA

- Robotics Program
- iPad Airs
- Astronomy Program
- Latino Family Project

Mother of Sorrows School

Los Angeles, CA

- Reading & Early Literacy Programs
- Holiday Food Gift Cards
- Scholastic Reading Awards
- Engineering is Elementary
- STEM Conference/Workshop Participation
- School Uniform Gift Cards
- Graduation Awards
- Expository Text – Books & Magazines

Noralto Elementary School

Sacramento, CA

- Academic Parent Teacher Team Program
- Academic Fieldtrips
- Math/Science Nights

St. Philomene School

Sacramento, CA

- Engineering is Elementary
- Science Fieldtrip
- Chromebooks

Tyrrell Elementary School

Hayward, CA

- Balanced Literacy
- Graduation Awards
- Engineering is Elementary
- School Uniforms
- Study Trips & Assemblies
- P.E. / Recess Equipment
- Math Intervention Program