



Intrepid Philanthropy Foundation Congratulates 2018 California Educator LIGHT Awards Recipients

The Intrepid Philanthropy Foundation is delighted to recognize the 11 teams of California teachers who are recipients of the 2018 Leveraging Innovation by Growing and Honoring Teachers (LIGHT) Awards. Now in its fifth cycle, the LIGHT Awards program supports a two-year learning experience for teacher teams seeking to pursue high-quality professional training. The awarded teams each receive up to \$30,000 over two years to fund a chosen path of career growth. The LIGHT Awards program is designed to honor the significant and influential role that educators play in our society. It allows teachers to enhance their skills and passion as professionals and renew their commitment to the career of teaching.

This year's award cycle drew a record number of applicants, and the Intrepid Philanthropy Foundation Board and advisors worked hard to select projects with an emphasis on teacher-focused learning. The 60 teachers who comprise the newest cohort will become a part of the 240-teacher LIGHT Awards network in the Greater Bay Area.

Karen Leshner, Founder of the Intrepid Philanthropy Foundation, shared "A heartfelt congratulations to our 2018 teams! We are delighted to welcome these dedicated teachers into the LIGHT Awards community, and honored to support their journey of collaboration and learning."

Projects selected in 2018 include:

- Teachers at a dual Immersion school will create supports for both experienced and new educators, with a goal of increasing teacher retention
- High school science teachers will work with a local university to develop cross-disciplinary global climate change curricula based on relevant, local phenomena
- Educators at a high-needs urban school will pursue training in personalized learning with the goal of creating a school-wide model for innovative teaching strategies

The 2018-2020 LIGHT Awards cohort consists of teachers from the following 17 schools:

- Andrew P. Hill High School, San Jose
- Arroyo High School, San Lorenzo
- Barrett Elementary School, Morgan Hill
- Cedar Grove Elementary School, San Jose
- Cesar Chavez Elementary School, San Francisco
- De Marillac Academy, San Francisco
- East Palo Alto Academy, East Palo Alto
- Encinal Jr. and Sr. High School, Alameda
- Evergreen Valley High School, San Jose
- James Lick High School, San Jose
- Martin Luther King School, Monterey
- Mt. Pleasant High School, San Jose
- Paul Revere School, San Francisco
- Roots International Academy, Oakland
- San Lorenzo High School, San Lorenzo
- Santa Teresa High School, San Jose
- William C. Overfelt High School, San Jose

The application for the 2019 LIGHT Awards grant cycle will be available in the fall of 2018.

For more information about the LIGHT Awards, please visit www.lightawards.org.

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