

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Monday, December 15, 2025

The official monthly EEF Newsletter will highlight Foundation grant recipients, upcoming and past events, and happenings around Escondido that affect the students of the city.

## GRANT AWARDS NIGHT SUCCESS!!!

EEF held our 18<sup>th</sup> annual Grant Awards Night on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at Reidy Creek Elementary School. We awarded 30 grants worth over \$71,000. Most of the grants were named after some of our most prolific and generous donors such as The David T. & Dorris E. Staples Foundation, Judith Campbell Education and Community Foundation, Carilyn Gilbert Reading Award, Route 78 Rotary, Sunrise Rotary, Peggy Raymond, Elks Lodge #1687, Suzan Reiner, Rosa Ruiz, and David Drake, along with a new donor, The Concannon Family Foundation. EEF also highlighted two grants in honor of two incredibly innovative and impactful EUSD teachers who lost their battles with cancer; Mission Middle School Teacher Tamara Whitney, and Teacher on Special Assignment Brad Pascoe. Additionally, we presented a grant in honor of former EUSD assistant superintendent and longtime EEF champion Leila Sackfield.







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## Fall In Love With Escondido

You're cordially invited to attend the annual Escondido Education Foundation's Fall In Love With Escondido fundraising event on **Friday, February 6 from 5 to 8 p.m.** at St. Petka's Serbian Orthodox Church, **1854 Knob Hill Rd, San Marcos, 92069**. Our MC this year will be EUSD Board President Doug Paulson who will hold a live auction. Dinner will be provided by the Orange Glen High School Culinary Arts class. There will be a no host bar and lots of entertainment. We're looking forward to seeing you there. You can purchase your tickets online at [escondidoeducation.org](https://escondidoeducation.org)

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## Time for Caring Hearts

The **Escondido Education Foundation** annually honors individuals or organizations who **significantly support and enrich** the lives of students within the **Escondido Union School District (EUSD)**.

This year notifications went out at the beginning of November to all EUSD principals to distribute nomination packets to their staff to pick and submit one certificated, one classified, and a community member or organization by **December 19, 2025**. Winners will be announced in January.

EEF is very excited to recognize those individuals and organizations in our community who make the greatest of differences for the children of Escondido. The Caring Hearts awards will be announced at our Fall in Love with Escondido (FILES) event on February 6, 2026.

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## Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas

The Escondido Education Foundation would like to wish every one of you happy holidays, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Here is to a prosperous and joyful 2026.

The Escondido Education Foundation is a community driven fundraising organization which provides funding for resources, and programs that empower educators, inspire learning, and promote innovation and academic excellence in EUSD.

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