

## How You Can Help

All donations to the WHSF are tax-deductible. Contributions can be charged (Visa, MasterCard or Discover.) We also welcome corporate matching gifts, donations of securities, and grants to our Endowment Fund. Please call Jayne Smith at 650-368-9900 or email [treasurer@whsfoundation.org](mailto:treasurer@whsfoundation.org) for help with these transactions. Contributions may be sent to:

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You may also donate through our website via PayPal. Visit us at:  
[www.whsfoundation.org](http://www.whsfoundation.org).



*WHS students & staff thank  
you for your support!*



Ready to soar. Need help to launch.



Our 13th annual auction/dinner/ dance will be held on April 24, 2010 at the Menlo Circus Club.

You're invited to attend this evening of fun and spirited fundraising.

We also welcome your help with donations and underwriting.

Please contact us at: 650.367.9750 ext. 8687  
[auction@whsfoundation.org](mailto:auction@whsfoundation.org)

## Who We Are: **The WHS Foundation**

The WHS Foundation is you - parents, teachers, staff and community members, working for one goal: to improve the educational experience for all students at Woodside High School.

The Foundation has been providing financial support for Woodside High School programs for over sixteen years. Funds are mainly raised through three annual events: The **Fall Campaign**, the **September Tour for Woodside** bike ride, and the **April Spring into Auction**.

Thanks to our generous donors, we were able to raise and donate \$252,000 to WHS in 2008/2009.

## What We Do: **Recent Foundation Grants**

Your donations to the WHSF are at work all over campus providing programs and equipment to support teachers and inspire students:

- Science computers & equipment
- Safe School Ambassador programs
- Reader money for essays
- MESA/AVID
- Mental health counseling
- Career & college counseling support
- Technology Coordinator position
- Tutoring & staff development
- Principal's block grant
- Freshman Transition
- WHS Web Manager
- Athletic, Music & Drama programs
- Robotics
- History curriculum enrichment



## Our Fall Campaign Goal: **\$175,000**

### Our Priority: **Reduce Class Sizes**

Increased enrollment and decreased State funding have resulted in larger class sizes at WHS, some of which have grown to levels that adversely impact the ability of teachers to create an effective learning environment.

The administration has identified areas where reducing class sizes will have the most significant impact and the WHS Foundation is funding 7 additional classes ('sections'), including 10th and 11th grade English II, III, and AP Composition, U.S. History and Algebra II. This will enable class reductions of 5 to 15 students.

From WHS Principal David Reilly:

*"For each class 'section' added...the teacher-student ratio is reduced dramatically. For instance, two sections added to the existing 8 sections of English II, where the average class size is 33, will result in an average class size of 27, a reduction of six students per class. Multiply this by a teacher's full-time assignment of 5 sections, and an English II teacher's student caseload is reduced by 30 students total.*



*This class reduction is significant in that, not only will students receive more attention in class, but teachers will be able to apply more time and energy to the assessment of expository writing, which, in turn, will result in improved student performance."*

Now, more than ever, it's critical to support our students as they prepare for the future. Your help - in whatever amount is comfortable - will enable the Foundation to continue funding class size reductions and other important teaching tools.