

REACH Foundation

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Message from the President

Dear REACH Students and Families,

As we welcome the new year, I am filled with profound gratitude and optimism reflecting on the remarkable achievements we've witnessed throughout our PYLUSD community. Our students have exemplified excellence in countless ways – from outstanding academic accomplishments to moving artistic performances, from athletic triumphs to meaningful community service.

To our cherished students: Your resilience, creativity, and dedication continue to inspire everyone at the REACH Foundation. We've watched with pride as you've embraced new challenges, supported one another, and grown into thoughtful, capable young leaders. Your success stories are the heart of our mission! To our devoted families and community partners: Your partnership has been invaluable in creating transformative opportunities for our students. Through your engagement and support, we've built a stronger, inclusive, and innovative community. Together, we're opening doors and creating pathways for students to reach their full potential.

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As we step into 2025, the REACH Foundation remains steadfast in our commitment to enriching, engaging, and inspiring your educational journey. We look forward to continuing our work together, ensuring our students have access to the opportunities and resources they need to thrive. May the coming year bring renewed inspiration, harmony, and countless achievements to our close-knit community.

Gisele T. Nguyen,
President

Spotlight on Success



Heros and Helpers

Through a collaboration with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Target, the REACH Foundation made 12 students holidays by fulfilling their wishes through the "Heroes and Helpers" program. On December 10th, at Target on Valley View, deputies accompanied students on a shopping spree to purchase essentials, toys, and gifts for the special people in their lives.

Empowered to purchase their hearts' desire, the students got to select gifts and other items they needed through this program and with the support of the deputies. This initiative was made possible through a \$1,500 grant, which exemplifies community partnerships' power in uplifting our youth. The Heroes and Helpers success shows what's possible when communities rally together for our children and those in need. The REACH Foundation is extremely grateful that it was able to foster this holiday magic for the 12 students who had an experience they will never forget.

Intern VP of Events: Carolyn



Carolyn Suh has been an intern at the REACH Foundation for almost 3 years and is a junior at Valencia High School. Carolyn currently serves as the Intern Executive Vice President of Events and as a part of that role she has helped with the Middle School Cross Country meets this year. She has also worked on Shamrock N' Run 2024, Middle School Track meet, and From the Inside #11. Carolyn is currently working on the next From the Inside Speaker Series, Experience Your Environment 2025, and expanding the Experimental Design Program. Carolyn appreciates the opportunity REACH provides to connect with the PYLUSD community in all areas.

Upcoming Events and Programs

MORE INFO: reach4pylusd.org

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FRIDAY
JANUARY 10
6:00 - 8:00 PM



DISTRICT SCHOOL
BOARD ROOM -
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INSIDE

FROM THE INSIDE

Our long-awaited event, From the Inside will be held on January 10th from 6-8pm at the School District Board Room. Our esteemed panel includes of our keynote speaker, Yarib Dheming from Inside the Outdoors, Mike Ahn from Biola University, Kim Rhodes from Blue Scoop Creamery, Amber Raemer from the Autism Collaborative Group, Paulina Dole, Mrs. Yorba Linda 2024, and Valerie Coulombe from the EHS Care Closet. Mark your calanders since this is going to be one of our best speaker series events yet!

EXPERIENCE YOUR ENVIRONMENT

Experience Your Environment will be held on January 25th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at Upper Newport Bay. In partnership with Inside the Outdoors, attendees will partake in a hike led by an Inside the Outdoors instructor, learning about how trash impacts UNB. After there will be a beach clean up and a attendees will be guided through how to weigh and classify there trash with the help of the REACH Foundation. Be sure to come out to learn more about the environment and keeping it clean!



Volunteer Opportunities

PAGEANT *of the* MASTERS

FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Be part of the magic of "living pictures" in this summer's Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach!

Volunteer Benefits & Opportunities Include:

Community Service Hours

Achieve 109 hours of community service in one summer! Volunteering is a great way to stand out on job applications and resumes!

Get Social & Have Fun

Make friends, play games and enjoy time with other friends and volunteers, plus an invitation to the end of summer Cast Party.

Exclusive Event Access

Free admission to the Festival of Arts Fine Art Show, complimentary tickets to the Pageant, and behind-the-scenes tour after the show for your friends and family.

Location, Location!

Dedicated parking on nights you volunteer, close proximity to the beach and downtown, plus easy access to free public transportation.

Get a sneak peek behind-the-scenes on Instagram!

Invite your friends, family and neighbors to sign up for the opportunity to volunteer together! *Must be ages 5 and up

For more info or to make an appointment, please call our Casting Line at 949-494-3663 or email stephanie.simpson@foapom.com

www.foapom.com/volunteer Find us online at @FestivalPageant

PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

This unique experience invites participants of all ages to step into the magic of our "living pictures". Volunteers can take on roles both on stage and behind the scenes in wardrobe, makeup, and headress. No theater experience is needed.

It's not just for students. Dates include January 10th, 11th, and the 12th. For more information, visit www.foapom.com/volunteer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Step Up Tutoring

Make a difference this school year!

Volunteers needed to tutor 2nd-6th grade students virtually

Get paired with a student to tutor 2x weekly
Help students build critical math and literacy skills
Flexible schedules
All training and tutoring done online
No experience necessary

Step Up Tutoring is a non-profit organization working to close the opportunity gap.
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STEP-UP TUTORING

Volunteer to tutor 2nd-6th Grade students virtually for Community service hours with Step Up Tutoring. They are a California-based non-profit that provides high-impact tutoring to help close the opportunity gap. We are dedicated to supporting elementary school students by pairing adults and high school students (16+), with students to volunteer their time as virtual math or reading tutors.



Get Involved

Stay connected and informed by following us on social media and visiting our website regularly. Here's how you can stay engaged:

- Instagram: @REACH4pylUSD.org
- Facebook: REACH4pylUSD.org
- Website: www.reach4pylUSD.org

We are excited to see what this school year holds and look forward to working together to create meaningful and impactful experiences for our students. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the REACH Foundation.

Warm regards,

The REACH Foundation Team

P.S. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Together, we can make this year extraordinary!



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Our Intern program is a transformative opportunity designed to empower students with real-world experience and leadership skills. The Foundation supports selected highly engaged Interns to foster "innovation, imagination and intrapreneurship."

