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School Foundation Calls for Business Support

Mission Viejo, CA May 25, 2010 --- The Capistrano Valley High School Foundation called on local businesses to partner with the newly re-launched Foundation with its focus on technology purchases to support students in a technology driven 21st Century.

“The CVHS Foundation is committed to answering the challenge of reduced funding for public high schools,” said Foundation President, Sharon Campbell. “The Foundation’s focus is on technology purchases to ensure that CVHS students are able to meet the challenges of a technology based 21st Century. Our students have been raised in a high tech world and their learning experiences are different from us, their parents.”

Campbell continued, “Our schools rely on funds from parents and the community to help with technology purchases,” she said. “This will be our priority and the best way to help our students succeed in the competitive world they will be entering.”

The re-launch of the Foundation coincided with a ribbon cutting event to celebrate the Foundation joining the South Orange County Regional Chambers of Commerce. “The Foundation joined the Chamber to show our commitment to partnering with local business,” said Campbell. Sharon O’Brien, PTSA President, and Director of the Foundation, told the audience that 77% of students at CVHS are from Mission Viejo. “CVHS has approximately 2,900 students. More students from the city of Mission Viejo attend CVHS than any other school in Mission Viejo,” she said.

“The Foundation is looking to partner with local businesses. People choose their city based on the local schools. Great schools are the cornerstone of a great city, and a great city in turn helps support successful local businesses,” O’Brien concluded.

Deni Christensen, Principal of CVHS shared, “My goal is to make CVHS the best high school in Orange County. This will be achieved within five years and the Foundation will play a pivotal role to get us there,” she said. The audience include Mission Viejo Mayor Trish Kelly, Mission Viejo Major Pro Tem Dave Leckness, CUSD Trustees Ellen Addonizio, Ken Lopez-Maddox and Mike Winsten and Regional Director for Mimi Waters office Martin Paine. The audience was entertained by CVHS student musicians, Kouros Safavi and Louis Romero on guitar, Michelle Morris and Kaitlin Puchalski playing flute, and Kevin Homma on saxophone. ASB president David Aguilar, who helped out at the event, thanked attendees for coming and supporting the

school. After the ribbon cutting, CVHS Foundation President Campbell said “We could not have hoped for a better event. I’m delighted that the local business community is so excited at partnering with us to support the students of CVHS.”

The CVHS Foundation is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers – parents of current students, alumni and community members. The Principal is also a member of the Foundation Board.

The Foundation’s funding priorities will include:

- New computer labs
- Technology upgrades
- Replacement and/or repair of stadium bleachers
- Support for the new Performing Arts Theater (completion expected 2012)

Businesses interested in partnering with the Foundation can contact the Foundation President by email: capofoundation@gmail.com or via the website www.cvhsfoundation.org

Tax deductible donations can also be made on the website or by check payable to CVHS Foundation and mailed to CVHS Foundation, 26301 Via Escolar, Mission Viejo, CA 92692