



*With the end of the 2006–2007 school year fast approaching, let us share some of our accomplishments and ask for your continued support.*

The Berkeley High School Development Group's mission is to strengthen and enhance the educational experience of all Berkeley High students by raising and distributing funds to support academic and other programs at the high school. Your generosity is key to our success in this mission.

2006–2007 has been a fabulous year at Berkeley High thanks to all the generous support we've received from parents and the community. We're particularly proud of how we've put your annual fund (undesignated) donations to work at the school.

Responding to grant proposals from Berkeley High staff and others, we have applied annual fund donations to make more than forty grants including grants to:

- subsidize the Organizers that many students consider essential to their success,
- help finance the Student Court, a pilot program in alternative discipline,
- provide seed money for the new Ultimate Frisbee club which recently qualified for the California state championships and Western nationals,
- purchase LCD projectors and other equipment for most classrooms,
- pay for essential repairs to the kilns used in the high school's Ceramics classes.

In addition, thanks to *unprecedented levels of annual fund support*, this year we initiated three very exciting Special Grant programs that touched all students:

- Since increased student use of the Berkeley High Food Court is essential to Chef Ann Cooper's healthy food program, we funded a study of how this program might be made more attractive to Berkeley High students and a promotion pursuant to which every Berkeley High student received five free lunch coupons to encourage them to sample lunch in the Food Court.
- To expand the availability of effective tutoring, we worked with Vice Principal Rory Bled to establish and fund a program of regular after-school tutoring sessions supervised by Berkeley High teachers. This spring, nine teachers are participating in the program, offering a total of 15 one-hour, after-school tutoring sessions a week in Biology, English, Math and History.
- Our Classroom Needs Grant initiative called upon teachers to use their imagination to identify equipment and supply purchases of \$200 or less that would help advance learning in their classrooms. Over 130 teachers rose to this challenge, spending nearly \$35,000 on supplemental books and videos, art and other supplies, and printers, cameras and other equipment for their classrooms.

We hope this year has been a good one for your child as we begin planning for the 2007–2008 academic year ahead. If you have a graduating senior, please consider making a donation in honor of his or her graduation from Berkeley High.

We could not do all the work we do without you, so we want to thank you for your support and ask you to *continue your generous and kind donations*. Please consider helping us in one of the following ways as we wind up this current academic year:

- Make a donation. Checks should be made out to BHSDG.
- Sign up for eScrip with the BHSDG as your designated beneficiary
- Buy paper scrip for any of the following merchants: Berkeley Bowl, Peet's, Solano Avenue Merchants and 5-Star Video (contact: Linda Safarik-Tong at 524.5544 or at [bhs\\_scrip@yahoo.com](mailto:bhs_scrip@yahoo.com))
- Become a BHSDG volunteer—leave a phone message at 464-1181 or send an email to Susan Helmrich ([shelmrich@aol.com](mailto:shelmrich@aol.com)) if you want to join our fundraising and/or grant-giving committees, or explore other ways you can help out.

Make your donation today! We look forward to continuing to work with you to serve Berkeley High and all of its students.

Sincerely,  
Susan Helmrich and Susan Henderson, Co-Presidents, BHSDG