

THE SIERRA SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



11th Annual Newsletter



DVL NYC Trip: SSF & Sierra County Arts Council Funded



Downieville Rock Bands: SSF & Sierra County Arts Council Funded



When you make a donation to The Sierra Schools Foundation, you give more than just money – you give inspiration, empowerment, confidence, perspective, mind-opening experiences, connection and so much more!

Sierra Schools Foundation donors not only invest in the future of hundreds of students, but also invest in the future of Sierra County.



LHS Play & New Mics

Will you donate today so we can fund the many experiences, requests for support, equipment and educational projects in 2023 and beyond?

Four students from Downieville High arrive in New York City and leave with great memories, insight, and an expanded perspective of the world they live in...

Four young women and four young men form their own rock bands, find their unique voice, and perform for adoring community crowds...

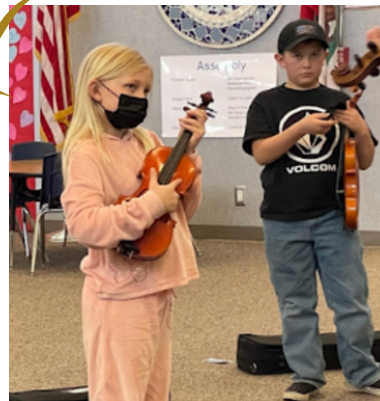
Loyalton Elementary fifth grade students embark on an outdoor adventure at Grizzly Ranch, enhancing their knowledge of environmental science and deepening their connection to the natural world around them...

Students pick up musical instruments for the first time in their lives, taking up the violin and drums to learn the powerful language of music and bringing that music to their school communities...

The art of theater brings Loyalton High School students and local community together for multiple plays, enriched by modern technology and equipment to ensure the community can hear their unique, talented voices...

In Downieville the sport of lacrosse is introduced to students, along with its rich, indigenous history...

These are just a few ways in which the generous support of community members like you have enriched the lives of Sierra County students.



LES String Elective: Musica Sierra



DVL Lacrosse Club: Nikki Sperry

As we all celebrate the upcoming holiday season, we have been reflecting on the work we have accomplished and the generosity of donors like you who made it all possible. Words cannot express how grateful we are for you! Because of you:

- Students can explore, appreciate, and preserve their rural “roots” and the rural and remote landscapes that shaped them, while also providing them with the “boots”—skills, training, and experiences—to walk into their future prepared and inspired for what is ahead through our **Roots and Boots Initiative**.
- Sierra County students also attended field trips to connect the classroom to the real-world, experienced social/emotional workshops to prepare them for working with others, interacted with classroom equipment to enhance and inspire them, and participated in educational programs that **challenged their minds, bodies, and spirits**.
- Over the past three years Sierra County seniors were able to **Dream Big** with their senior projects. Applicants were awarded \$500 to fund their senior projects, ensuring equity and encouraging success.
- In the past 10 years The Sierra Schools Foundation granted over **\$400,000!**

It is *your* support and generosity that made these inspiring opportunities possible!

Dream Big Senior Grants



Katie Epps - DHS Senior 2022
Ao-Dai Dress & Vietnamese Culture Project



Nathan Smeltzer -- LHS 2022
Combustion Engine Rebuilding



Faith Dupree -- DHS Senior 2022
Homelessness in CA (Skid Row Hygiene Pack)



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John Gould -- LHS 2022
Leather Saddle Project



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Every year we are excited about the projects that Sierra County teachers are undertaking to enhance their students' education. And we are grateful for people like you – people who care deeply about all of Sierra County's students, teachers, and schools. You are ensuring that every student gets a strong education that is both competitive and empowering.

I hope you will consider making a tax-deductible, year-end donation to The Sierra Schools Foundation.

There are deep economic and social challenges for rural and remote areas such as ours. Your donation helps our schools not only face every challenge that comes but also bring even more exciting projects, stimulating educational experiences, and much-needed tools to make every student's educational journey rigorous and dynamic.

Your donation today supports the schools of Sierra County in 2023 and beyond. You are truly making a difference – in our schools, in our treasured communities, and in the world. Thank you for your support and generosity!

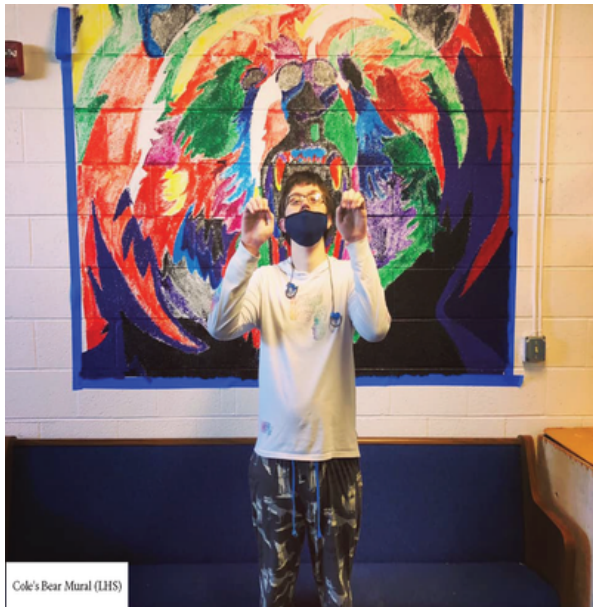
Happy holidays to you and yours!

With gratitude,

Jenna Holland
President



P.S. On the back of this page you'll see all our amazing, generous donors! (If you aren't on the list, you can be with a simple donation today.) Thank you to all our donors, you have made a tangible and powerful difference in the lives of many Sierra County students. We are so grateful!



Cole's Bear Mural (LHS)

Cath's Corner: District Wide College & Career Counseling

The Sierra Schools Foundation was also able to partner with UC Berkeley grad & Magellan Counselor, Cath Howard, to provide quality personalized and competitive college and career support for all juniors & seniors in SPJUSD. Cath specializes in



Cath at Downieville High

personal/narrative essay composition, activity resume creation, & career consultation!

Thank you to our partners:





Thank you to our generous donors, sponsors and event supporters 2021-2022!

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