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Creating experiences
beyond the classroom
and
expanding the horizons
for Merced County
students.

- Outdoor Science Education
- STEM Education
- College & Career Education
- Visual & Performing Arts

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Outdoor Science Education at Green Meadows

Students can become one with nature by hiking in the high Sierras, seeing the giant Sequoias, walking in the snow and studying environmental science in a classroom without walls. They are amazed with the experience, fascinated to see, feel and hear nature.

At Green Meadows, students explore the outdoors with hikes and a trip to Yosemite National Park. Their daily learning builds on the California Science Standards, an experience possible only in a classroom with no walls. Students enhance cognitive abilities, team-building skills and increase their desire to learn, which transfers to many aspects of their lives.

The Merced County Education Foundation wants to further enhance students' experiences by maintaining the Nurse's Station at Green Meadows. It houses a space for the school nurse and one classroom for learning activities. The Nurse's Station is a used canvas military dining hall that was purchased and relocated to the outdoor school back in the mid-1950s. It has been in need of attention for many years.

In order to keep the building available to students, the MCE Foundation needs your help to raise \$300,000. Your donation will maintain a safe place for students and keep learning space open for student activities. You can be one of the first sponsors to jump start our campaign for a new Nurse's Station at Camp Green Meadows.

Please send your donation to:
MCE Foundation, PO Box 1, Merced CA 95344.

Creating Educational Experiences Beyond the Classroom

Meet Our Board of Directors



Left to right: Lee Lor, Executive Director, Michael Villalta, Joe Doyland, Nancy Young-Bergman, Barry Mann, Michele Fagundes, Steve Tinetti, Peter Gallo, Steven E. Gomes, Merced County Superintendent of Schools

The Merced County Education Foundation welcomes 2016 and our two new board members, Barry Mann and Joe Doyland. They bring with them years of knowledge and experience that will help us increase educational experiences beyond the classroom for our students. We are excited to have them join us.

Michele Fagundes, President, is a retired educator, formerly the Assistant Superintendent of the Career and Alternative Education Department at the Merced County Office of Education. She is active in our community and passionate about college, career and Green Meadows. She continues to work with Merced College and all high schools in Merced County on alignment of career technical education curriculum to provide students the opportunity to earn college credits while enrolled in an aligned high school course.

Steve Tinetti, Vice President, is owner and broker of Tinetti Realty Group, a local business with ties in our community. He is involved in local services clubs and strives to improve the quality of education in Merced County.

Nancy Young-Bergman, Ph.D., Secretary, is an independent management consultant with years of involvement in local non-profits and service clubs in addition to her 30 years of health care administration. She volunteers to ensure our students, especially our foster youth, are successful and have a quality learning experience.

Michael Villalta, Director, is the Mayor of Los Banos and owner of The Frame Shop. For two years now, he has made the Children's Concert in Los Banos possible. Mike continues to go above and beyond to benefit families in Los Banos.

Peter Gallo, Director, is Vice President of Operations and Supply Chain at Joseph Gallo Farms. With strategy in mind, he helps lead the Foundation in its planning to develop more opportunities for Merced County students.

Barry Mann, Director, is Chief of Police with the City of Dos Palos. As a long-time coach and mentor for youth in Dos Palos, he plans to increase his reach to impact more students throughout Merced County.

Joe Doyland, Director, is Community Relations Officer with the Educational Employees Credit Union. His involvement in Merced County over the years has increased learning opportunities for students in pre-K through higher education.

The Merced County Education Foundation Board of Directors look forward to solidifying a strategic plan that will propel Merced County into the race for industry leaders in education and economic development.

Choose How You Create Educational Experiences Beyond the Classroom

*Sponsor a Student. Sponsor a program.
Expand the horizon for Merced County students.*

Outdoor Science Education

I want to:

- Provide a week-long outdoor science experience for one student with my donation of \$300.
- Enrich the experience for students by sponsoring the renovation of a student cabin at Green Meadows with my donation of \$250.
- Enhance the experience for all who enjoy Green Meadows with my donation of \$_____.

STEM Education

I want to:

- Support the first Merced County STEM Fair with my donation of \$250.
- Sponsor a Science Café for 30 high school students with my donation of \$250.
- Provide STEM learning opportunities for Merced County students with my donation of \$_____.

College & Career

I want to:

- Help two students turn their CTE course to college credits with my donation of \$100.
- Provide opportunities beyond the classroom for students to learn and transition to college and/or career with my donation of \$250.
- Further develop our local workforce to prepare them for college and/or career with my donation of \$_____.

Visual & Performing Arts

I want to:

- Sponsor the Summer Performing Arts Program with my donation of \$250.
- Introduce 200 students to arts activities during the summer with my donation of \$300.
- Increase and promote the arts in Merced County with my donation of \$_____.

Thank you for helping create educational experiences beyond the classroom.

Please make your tax-deductible donation payable to

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- Area(s) where my contribution is most needed
- Visual & Performing Arts
- STEM Education
- Outdoor Science
- College & Career

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