

# Dinner with a Scientist



Encouraging **YOUTH** throughout Northern California to pursue **CAREERS** in **STEM**

*An education partnership between the Sacramento Area Science Project, the UC Davis School of Education, and the Powerhouse Science Center*

## Flexibility in Your Support for Dinner with a Scientist

There are many ways to support **Dinner with a Scientist** and our efforts to inspire middle school and high school students to pursue studies and careers in STEM-related fields.

Gifts to **Dinner with a Scientist** qualify for a charitable tax deduction and may also offer other specific tax advantages to you or your business. We are dedicated to helping you find the giving method and recognition opportunities that best suit your needs and goals.



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## Sponsorship Opportunities for Dinner with a Scientist



Gifts to support **Dinner with a Scientist** are accepted at any amount; however, the sponsorship opportunities listed below also provide benefits for you or your business.

### **\$5,000 Carver Sponsor**

- Logo and name recognition on print and online materials.
- Media advisories for one full year.

### **\$10,000 Curie Sponsor**

- Benefits listed above.
- Verbal recognition at the events.
- The ability to distribute company materials to guests.
- The opportunity to attend the events.
- Named scholarship(s) for a school team, a teacher or the teacher's students to attend.

### **\$15,000 Galileo Sponsor**

- Benefits listed above.
- Table signage at the events.
- The opportunity to bring a scientist, engineer or researcher from your company to participate in the events.

### **\$25,000 Edison Sponsor** *(one opportunity available)*

- Benefits listed above.
- Exclusive "presented by" status on all print and online materials and media advisories for one full year of events.
- A place on the program to briefly address the guests during the events.

## What is **Dinner with a Scientist?**

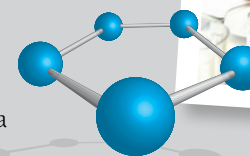
**Dinner with a Scientist (DWAS)** is a unique experience for hundreds of 7th - 12th grade students in the Greater Sacramento Region that can **inspire and motivate them to excel in disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and encourage them to pursue STEM careers.** DWAS provides teams of teachers and their students opportunities to interact—through dinner, conversation, and an exciting “Science Challenge”—with real-world, practicing researchers, engineers, doctors, veterinarians, biologists, computer scientists, ecologists and astrophysicists from a variety of backgrounds, including academia, agencies, and the public and private sectors. Throughout this evening, scientists talk with students about the journey to becoming a scientist, training in these fields, as well as research and career opportunities.



## Why support **Dinner with a Scientist?**

Science teaching and learning occurs daily in our schools, but seldom do students, particularly traditionally underrepresented youth, have the opportunity to connect scientific concepts with the real work of scientists. Your support can help make **Dinner with a Scientist** a reality for hundreds of regional students with great potential, and needing a little encouragement, to pursue careers in STEM.

The **UC Davis School of Education**, through the **Sacramento Area Science Project**, has partnered with the **Powerhouse Science Center** to bring this very significant and impactful event to 7th - 12th grade students throughout our region. Attendees include students and STEM teachers from the Twin Rivers, Sacramento City, San Juan, Elk Grove, Folsom



Cordova, Washington, El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sutter and Yolo school districts and beyond.

**Support from individuals and businesses helps to fund the event as well as expand the regional impact of this program to strengthen STEM learning and career preparation throughout our state.**

### Testimonials from **Dinner with a Scientist Attendees**

#### **Jasmine Frank – Middle School Student**

*“The dinner was excellent. The scientists were pretty amazing and had a lot of information to provide. The scientists I spoke with answered all of my questions.”*

#### **Maria Marco – Scientist, UC Davis, Food Science & Technology**

*“I congratulate you on the wonderful Dinner with a Scientist event. It was a very enjoyable evening and it gave me the opportunity to connect with some amazing high school teachers in our area. In fact, I have been invited to give a lecture or two in classrooms later this year. I hope you will continue this great event.”*

#### **Suekyung Baker – Teacher**

*“What a great event! It was overwhelming with all the diversity of professional scientists present this evening. Thank you so much for giving my three Vista students and myself exposure to what is possible for our next generation of hopeful scientists. With much appreciation.”*

#### **Tony Hackett – High School Student**

*“I was one of the lucky students to have this opportunity. Reflecting on the evening, I realized that the keynote speaker’s presentation and personal pizzazz really sparked my interest in the field of biotechnology, and science as a whole. I whole-heartedly thank you for that, as it will help me in high school and my life beyond that.”*