



## Birdies for Charity: Every Penny Counts!

The Preuss School UCSD is one of eight San Diego County nonprofit organizations selected to participate in the first annual Birdies for Charity (B4C) event to be held in conjunction with the Farmers Insurance Open, Jan. 21-27, 2013.

There are two ways you can support Preuss by participating in B4C: 1) Log on to the B4C website and make a one-time donation (\$10 minimum), or 2) make a pledge for every birdie the professionals make during the competitive rounds of the tournament. In the 2012 tournament, the professionals made approximately 1,700 birdies. If the same number of birdies is made this year, and you pledged

- 1 penny, your total donation = \$17
- 5 cents, your total donation = \$85
- 25 cents, your total donation = \$425
- 50 cents, your total donation = \$850

When you get others involved, pennies become nickels, nickels become dimes, dimes become quarters and quarters become dollars. As a bonus, charities will earn additional contributions from a matching fund. Make every penny count! Learn more and make your pledge at [www.farmersinsuranceopen.com/charities/birdies-for-charity/](http://www.farmersinsuranceopen.com/charities/birdies-for-charity/).

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

### Thank You From All of Us at The Preuss School

When I came to Preuss 14 years ago, I had no idea it would become a national phenomenon. I believed in the vision for the school—the idea of equal access to a quality education—but I did not know that we would achieve the level of success we have today.

Over the last few years, Preuss has been named the top transformative high school in the nation by *Newsweek* and ranked one of America's best high schools by the *Washington Post* and *U.S. News & World Report*. Our graduates are consistently accepted to four-year colleges and universities at a rate of nearly 95 percent, and almost 100 percent are going on to some form of higher education.

But Preuss does more than prepare economically disadvantaged students for higher education. It provides them with the skills necessary to effect change in society and help transform communities here in San Diego and throughout the world. Our graduates are inventing new technologies to improve health care. They are working with

troubled youth to help them transform their lives. They are finding ways to end violence against women. They are running for public office and returning to their communities to speak out for their neighborhoods.

They are doing all this, and more, thanks to your support.

We are so grateful to everyone who continues to invest in The Preuss School. Our students have ambition and motivation. All they need is access to the incredible education Preuss provides. And the ability for us to provide this education depends on friends like you.

On behalf of everyone at Preuss, thank you for everything you do. I wish you all a happy holiday season and a productive and healthy new year.

Best regards,

Scott Barton  
Principal



Thanks to a longer day and school year, students who complete middle and high school at Preuss accumulate almost an entire extra academic year.

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Senior Foad Abdi shakes hands with San Diego mayoral candidate Carl DeMaio. Preuss co-hosted a debate for the candidates this fall.



Members of Preuss' Lorax Garden Club painted benches as part of their effort to improve the outdoor environment on campus.

## BULLETIN BOARD

- As part of Preuss' Birdies for Charity partnership with the Farmers Insurance Open, Preuss students **Marsella Alvarez, Daisy Gomez** and **Virginia Reyes** recently participated in a press conference for the upcoming PGA event. Like the other reporters in the room, the three journalism students asked questions of defending champion Brandt Snedeker.
- Preuss recently hosted 28 middle school robotics teams from around San Diego County for the **FIRST Lego League Qualifying Tournament**. One of Preuss' six teams won a judges award in the Core Values category (exhibiting good teamwork and gracious professionalism). Way to go!
- **Joey Uy, Mauricio Anaya** and **David Gonzalez** attended the California STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Summit to present what they did over the summer at a SPAWAR academy. "The STEM summit was awesome," said Gonzalez. "It was such a good feeling to be surrounded by science oriented individuals who really share a passion for learning and science."



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