

**SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS (SOCSA) FOUNDATION**

ANNUAL REPORT 2004 – 2005

SOCSA FOUNDATION

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FOUNDATION DESCRIPTION and MISSION STATEMENT

The **South Orange County School of the Arts (SOCSA)** at Dana Hills High School is a visual and performing arts public high school Academy within Dana Hills High School in Dana Point, California. It provides an in-depth educational opportunity to talented young artists affording them the chance to explore and develop their artistic talents and prepare them for placement in the college or university and employment in the professional arts industry of their choice.

The **SOCSA Foundation** was founded in 2000 to support the SOCSA Academy in fundraising and volunteer endeavors. The mission of the Foundation is to support the SOCSA Academy's educational and artistic mission, goals, and financial needs through fundraising and related operational activities.

The Foundation operates through the SOCSA Academy and Foundation Offices located at Dana Hills High School, 33333 Street of the Golden Lantern, Dana Point, California 92629.

FOUNDATION HISTORY

In October 2000, the SOCSA Foundation was established to raise funds to support the SOCSA Academy, and towards that, the Foundation received 501(c) (3) non-profit organization status. In 2001, the First American Financial Corporation Foundation became SOCSA's first corporate sponsor. In 2003, the Allergan Foundation sponsorship followed.

FOUNDATION BOARD 2004 – 2005

PRESIDENT - Wendy Mason Gribble
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SOCSA FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES

To assist with the financial needs inherent in arts education, the SOCSA Foundation works with the Academy through the efforts of the Foundation Board and the many parent volunteers organizing fundraising activities some of which are ongoing throughout the year, and also make corporate and supporter contact, handle publicity, and the membership dues records of the enrollment. This last school year, discussion with the administration regarding the need for a new performing and visual arts building on the Dana Hills High School Campus was formally clarified and explored. A building campaign is being developed.

MAJOR FOUNDATION FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Annual Benefactor and Underwriting Reception – In March, 2005, held at the facilities of First American Financial Corporation, the Foundation invited donors, corporate benefactors, dignitaries, supporters, deans and other representatives and faculty of arts departments of educational institutions in Southern California to be entertained by the performing arts (including instrumental, dance, theatrical, and musical theatre) and by an exhibition of the visual arts by our SOCSA students. During this event, the Foundation formally kicked off an ongoing SOCSA Capital Needs Campaign and in doing so raised over \$13,000 towards, to name a few, needs such as a dance floor, a new light board, visual arts supplies, and instruments for our instrumental music department.

Annual Silent Auction and Hooray for Hollywood 2005 Showcase – In June 2005, the Foundation held its Annual Silent Auction including art exhibits from the Visual Arts of SOCSA and performances in a showcase season finale as well as during the silent auction section of the evening by the Performing Arts of SOCSA. This event raised over \$20,000.

FOUNDATION CORPORATE SPONSORS

Since 2001 **The First American Financial Corporation Foundation**

Since 2003 **The Allergan Foundation**

<u>Since 2004</u>	The City of Laguna Niguel Renato's Warner Brothers	The Irvine Company Union Bank of California Foundation	The Professional Resources The UPS Store
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<u>Since 2005</u>	All American Mini Storage The Coffee Importers Marion Knott-Montapert Taylor Woodrow Homes	Bechtel Corporation Countrywide Loans Home Loans Moiso Living Trust	Boand Family Foundation Walter and Mary Frome SOKA
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GRANT AWARDS

The Allergan Foundation awarded the SOCSA Foundation with a grant. This allowed SOCSA to maintain the much needed access to professional arts instructors and specialists (called walk-on coaches), which included its 2005 Opera Master Class and Workshop (opened to students in other South Orange County area high schools in our community outreach program) and our First Opera Night presentation. Further, this grant benefited needs of our Academy's visual arts, vocal music, musical theatre, and theatrical annual productions with winning performances: SOCSA's 2004-2005 productions included many award winners or nominated candidates: Musical Theatre - "The Pajama Game" (collaboration between the Instrumental and Music Theatrical Departments), and "Parade"; and in Theatre – "Blythe Spirit", and "The Lion in Winter".

SOCSA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation continued its annual scholarship program by recognizing and awarding five \$500 scholarships (one more than last year) and one Donald Kennedy \$1000 scholarship to graduating SOCSA students, Class of 2005.

SOCSA ACADEMY

SOCSA AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR OF 2004 – 2005

- The 2005 Annual Macy's Awards for Excellent in Musical Theatre Performance honored our SOCSA Students for its production of "The Pajama Game" (13 awards), its production of "Parade" (17 awards) and recognized the Academy with a Spirit of Macy Award.
- The 2005 Orange County Annual Cappies Awards Nomination for Comic Actor in a Musical in "The Pajama Game", and nomination for Costumes and Sets for "Blythe Spirit".
- In 2005, three SOCSA students were named Valedictorians of the 2005 Graduating Class of Dana Hills High School. One of these three received the "Scholar of Scholars" Distinguished Award for 2005; and another of the three was recognized and awarded "Dophin of the Year" and the Donald Parker Kennedy Arts and Achievement Award Scholarship.
- In 2005, one student was awarded first place in the Classical Voice Category of the "Tomorrow's Stars at the Center", sponsored by The Center's Education Department through the Orange County Performing Arts Center. Each of these performers selected in a category is considered first in their discipline.

SOCSA MILESTONES FOR 2004 - 2005

- In 2005, ten years after its inception, SOCSA continues its operation with an enrollment of over 240 students.
- Dana Hills High School continues to be commended as a State of California Distinguished School and a U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School and in 2005 was ranked by Newsweek in the top 2% as one of the best high schools in the United States and ranked by the State of California in the top 5% as one of the best high schools in California. The excellence of the SOCSA program has continued to contribute toward the success of Dana Hills in receiving these awards.

SOCSA'S MISSION

To provide a dynamic and creative environment in which students will be involved in a thinking- and meaning-centered process with rigorous curricula, integrating academic disciplines and artistic vocational training.

SOCSA'S CORE VALUES

- Promote the growth, development, and education of all students.
- Commitment to excellence in education, strength in character, and integrity.
- Promote the highest standard of behavior among students and staff.
- Develop a partnership between the arts and academics.
- To inspire creativity in and instill passion for the arts and art education.
- To pursue innovation, professionalism, and artistic and intellectual growth.
- To create, develop, and maintain an environment that fosters respect, cooperation, and collaboration.
- To serve our entire community and celebrate cultural diversity and individual self-expression.

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SOCSA HISTORY

- In the Fall of 1989, a small group of administrators, teachers, parents, and students talked and planned the creation of a visual and performing arts public high school for the Capistrano Unified School District.
- In November 20, 1995, the Capistrano Unified School District School Board approved the concept of a visual and performing arts public high school academy.
- In the Spring of 1996, a pilot program was launched at Dana Hills High School in Dana Point, CA. offering intensive arts programs which included Dance, Drama, Musical Theatre, Vocal Music, Production/Design, and Visual Arts.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION 2004 – 2005

■ SOCSA STUDENT RESIDENCE MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Total Membership: 211 Members

Residential Area and Percentage

47 % Laguna Niguel Area
34 % Dana Point, Monarch Beach Areas
14 % San Juan Capistrano Area
2 % San Clemente, Ladera Ranch Areas
2% Mission Viejo, Trabuco Canyon Areas
1% Aliso Viejo, Laguna Beach Areas

■ SOCSA STUDENT GRADE LEVEL STATISTICS

Total Membership: 211 Members

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
Grade 9	68	32%
Grade 10	56	27%
Grade 11	51	24%
Grade 12	36	17%

■ SOCSA STUDENTS ON SUPERINTENDENT HONOR ROLL: 20%

■ SOCSA STUDENTS ON PRINCIPAL HONOR ROLL: 21%

■ SOCSA STUDENTS INVOLVED IN ASU LEADERSHIP: 2%