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Continuing innovation of the Daniel Pearl Magnet High School

The Daniel Pearl High School Libraries receives 14 laptops from the Ahmanson Foundation

BALBOA LAKE Ca., March 11, 2021–Daniel Pearl Magnet High School is pleased to announce the partnership with The Ahmanson Foundation for the purchase of 14 laptops and the equipment necessary to securely maintain and store these laptops for their high school’s library. These laptops will be the centerpiece for the high school’s new library media center and transform the education of its students at all grade levels. Prior to receiving this grant, the DPM High School library lacked sufficient computers necessary to meet the CA Model School standards and properly serve the student population. The gift from the Ahmanson foundation is valued at $41,000. This new library media center—in a post-pandemic environment—will allow the high school faculty to cover the subject matter of their respective courses and synergistically incorporate the instruction of skills to allow students to be active digital citizens.

As part of a Title 1 institution serving a student population that is 66% socioeconomically disadvantaged, the DPM High School Library is always looking to bridge the digital divide. The laptops will allow Greta-Enszer—the teacher-librarian—to offer student parent workshops on how to navigate the learning management system and allow the whole family to engage to actively engage in a child’s education. In addition, the library plans to host summer reading workshop to encourage students to expand their horizons and engage in academic learning during the summer break. In addition, the library media center will allow the DPH High School to enhance long running programs such as Read Across America Day and the school’s Day of the Dead festival.

The Ahmanson Foundation has said that “They are eager to secure the future of children through education and grateful for this opportunity to contribute to the legacy of the inspirational journalist Daniel Pearl.” The Daniel Pearl Magnet High School Library hopes to have the high school media center up and running for the beginning of the Fall 2021 term.

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