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Motorola Grant to Benefit STEAM-Based Learning for Santa Clara County Students

SAN JOSE, CA – The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) was recently selected as one of the beneficiaries of Destination Imagination’s Motorola Solutions Foundation Grant, receiving \$15,000 to enhance STEAM (science, technology, arts, engineering and mathematics) education. The grant will be utilized to fund 40 teams across the county, with priority given to schools that are new to Destination Imagination and/or those that are Title I.

Destination Imagination, Inc., an educational nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching students the creative process through STEM, the arts and service learning challenges, announced this week that it received a grant for \$75,000 as part of the “Innovation Generation Grant” program. The SCCOE is working in partnership with Destination Imagination to bring additional creative STEAM-based learning to students in the county’s school districts, who will now have this life-changing opportunity.

“We are excited that students in Destination Imagination are exposed to creative and innovative thinking, 21st century skills and STEAM education in a student-centered learning environment,” said Cecilio Dimas, director of the STEAM initiative for the SCCOE.

The Innovation Generation program awards organizations such as Destination Imagination that foster and support STEM initiatives for teachers and U.S. preschool through university students – especially girls and underrepresented minorities.

“In 2007, the Motorola Solutions Foundation created the ‘Innovation Generation Grant’ program to support instruction and educational experiences that spark young imaginations and turn their dreams into the innovations that will shape our future. Organizations like Destination Imagination are teaching tomorrow’s workforce that careers in engineering and technology are not only fun, but also within their reach,” said Matt Blakely, director, Motorola Solutions Foundation.

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