

# Press Release



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**SUBJECT: Evergreen Valley Educational Foundation supports EVHS Speech and Debate**

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The Evergreen Valley Educational Foundation (EVEF) kicked off its mini-grant program on January 11, 2007 with a \$300 donation to the Evergreen Valley High School Speech and Debate Club. The EVEF mini-grant program distributes small (<\$500) grants to support the educational goals of EVHS. Other EVEF programs under development will support after school programs and updates to classroom technology. A direct fundraiser for these activities is planned for later this winter.

Both EVEF and the EVHS Speech and Debate club worked closely with the District 8 Community Roundtable to host the San Jose mayoral debate at EVHS in October. The students were exposed to a real-life debate, met both mayoral candidates, and helped raise funds for EVEF selling concessions.

EVEF is a non-profit, tax-exempt public charity foundation under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to support and promote excellence in the educational experience at Evergreen Valley High School. For more information visit <http://www.evef.org> or email us at [president@evef.org](mailto:president@evef.org).

Photo: <http://evef.org/PR/SpeechDebateCheck.jpg>

Caption: The Evergreen Valley Educational Foundation Board presents the proceeds of their first mini-grant award to Evergreen Valley High School Speech and Debate officers. Pictured from left to right: (back) Bonnie Mace, EVHS Interim Principal Cari Vaeth, Vera Hurlburt, Jim Zito, (front) Cathy Stonie and Speech and Debate Co-Presidents Stephanie Hurlburt and Jessica Mercado. Not in Photo: EVEF Board Member David Cortese.

Photo: <http://evef.org/PR/MayoralDebate1.jpg>

Caption: EVHS debate club members, Chetas Manjunath and Achal Soni, chat with (then) Mayoral Candidate Chuck Reed after the Mayoral Debate at EVHS in October.

Photo: <http://evef.org/PR/MayoralDebate2.jpg>

Caption: Volunteers from the EVHS Speech and Debate club members with (then) Mayoral Candidate Chuck Reed after the Mayoral Debate at EVHS in October.