



Three school journalism programs win grants from state press organization

Journalism programs at Chino Hills and Don Lugo high schools are among 11 campus newspapers in the state to receive grants from the California Press Association this spring.

The grants, ranging from \$800 to \$1,500, were awarded to the “The Chino Hills High Husky Howler,” Chino Hills High’s Health Sciences Academy’s “Howler,” and Don Lugo High’s “Quest News.”

The other campuses winning grants included high schools and colleges.

The grants are for purchase of new hardware or software, or for upgrades to improve the quality of a publication’s content and delivery.

Applicants submitted detailed essays, describing their current equipment, its limitations, why they need new or upgraded equipment, and how that equipment would improve their publications.

In the grant for the Chino Hills High Health Services Academy (HSA) “Howler,” advisor Neil Murphy told grant evaluators that the academy had just started a newspaper, and that it would bring “journalism to non-journalism students.” “I further explained that our newspaper might set a trend for other academies to begin their own newspaper,” Murphy said.

The HSA “Howler” has not yet received a check from Cal Press Foundation, but asked for funding to purchase a laser jet printer, printer cartridges, and a camera, Murphy said.

“The Chino Hills High Husky Howler” will receive \$850 and plans to purchase a Microsoft Windows tablet computer to help with the publication of the newspaper. “We run on Macs and the class will use it to implement some Windows Adobe software for the paper,” advisor Margo Dorado said.

“Quest News” has not yet received its check, but advisor Annette Deming said an award letter stated that the newspaper will receive the \$1,500 requested. “We plan to use it to buy four radio station-quality microphones and splitter so that we can begin podcasting and introduce our new radio station, KQNews,” Deming said. “We also plan to use the money to buy a telephoto sports lens for our sports reporters and photographers.”