

Catalyst is Recognized by PUSD Board of Education

March 15, 2013 - Catalyst for Success has reached out to 3000 kids in 34 days, set up a hands-on after school program at one school, and performed magic shows for five. As a result of their incredible achievements, Catalyst for Success was officially recognized by the Poway Unified School Board on March 11, 2013. Four Catalyst members, Jason Ge, Erik Owen, Cameron Ramos, and Tina Quach, attended the board meeting and got a chance to speak with board members. After the principal's introduction, Jason spoke briefly about the organization and its accomplishments. He also showed the board a short video demo (which can also be found on Catalyst's youtube page). The group then showcased a few experiments: two exploding hydrogen balloons and one color change reaction. The performance was met with applause, even capturing the interest of student council members who stayed behind to watch the show.

After the presentation, Superintendent Collins spent a fair amount of time listing the accomplishments of Catalyst for Success and explained how he first became aware of the organization after visiting its website. Dr. Collins admitted that he was surprised when he discovered the entire organization consisted of solely high school students. Cameron Ramos, Catalyst's Chief Communications Officer, mentioned, "To know that our organization is being recognized after just a month of operations really lends credence to what we're doing." Jason Ge, Founder and CEO, added that "we are ecstatic to have the support of the Poway Unified School District."

About Catalyst for Success:

As STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education receives greater attention globally, Catalyst for Success aims to introduce the more captivating and interesting side of science to young students through chemistry "magic" shows, demonstrations of simple chemistry experiments pitched as magic. As a follow up to these assemblies, Catalyst organizes "hands on" after school science programs to give students a more personal interaction with scientific concepts and experiments. Catalyst for Success is a 501-(c)(3) non-profit organization.