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\$35,000 FROM BAYER AG HELPS LAUNCH NEW BIOMEDICAL ACADEMY

Pleasant Grove High School Students Eye New Career-Connected Learning Opportunity

ELK GROVE, Calif. – April 18, 2017 – Pleasant Grove High School (PGHS) is pleased to announce that the new Biomedical Academy (BA) is a first-time recipient of a \$35,000 grant from Project Lead The Way (PLTW), funded through [Bayer AG](#), the large German pharmaceutical company. Beginning in 2017-2018, PGHS will commence the new Biomedical Academy and utilize the Biomedical Science curriculum created by PLTW. PGHS is the only high school in the Elk Grove Unified School District to utilize the PLTW Biomedical Science curriculum.

Upon hearing the news about the grant, School Superintendent Christopher R. Hoffman remarked, “When we connect students to the industries of today and tomorrow, we build hope and relevancy in their education -- one reason our graduation rate is 94 percent and climbing. Thanks to this new Biomedical Academy, another door to the future opens for our students who we’re preparing to be college and career ready upon graduation.”

In order to meet community and workforce demand for medical professionals, the school created a new Biomedical Academy and chose to use the Biomedical Science curriculum. This innovative curriculum applies biological concepts to medical professional role playing where students must collaborate, think critically and analyze information. The curriculum also incorporates lab techniques and the use of modern equipment commonly found in post-secondary institutions. The funds will help pay for equipment, supplies, PLTW participation fees, training and/or required computers.

About PLTW

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers across the U.S. PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. PLTW's teacher training and resources support teachers as they engage their students in real-world learning. More than 9,000 elementary, middle and high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia offer PLTW programs. For more information on Project Lead The Way, visit www.pltw.org.

About Bayer: Science For A Better Life

Bayer is a global enterprise with core competencies in the Life Science fields of healthcare and agriculture. Its products and services are designed to benefit people and improve their quality of life. At the same time, the Group aims to create value through innovation, growth and high earning power. Bayer is committed to the principles of sustainable development and to its social and ethical responsibilities as a corporate citizen. In fiscal 2016, the Group employed around 115,200 people and had sales of EUR 46.8 billion. Capital expenditures amounted to EUR 2.6 billion, R&D expenses to EUR 4.7 billion. These figures include those for the high-tech polymers business, which was floated on the stock market as an independent company named Covestro on October 6, 2015. For more information, go to www.bayer.com.

About the Elk Grove Unified School District

The [Elk Grove Unified School District](http://www.egusd.net) (EGUSD) is the fifth-largest school district in California located in southern Sacramento County. EGUSD covers 320 square miles and includes 65 schools: 40 elementary schools, nine middle schools, nine high schools, five alternative education schools, an adult school, one charter school and a virtual academy. Offering a multitude of educational programs, including over 40 career-themed academies and pathways within 14 industry sectors, we prepare our students for college and career by supporting them with the means to be creative problem solvers; self-aware, self-reliant, and self-disciplined; technically literate; effective communicators and collaborators; and engaged in the community as individuals with integrity. We integrate rigorous academics with career-based learning and real world workplace experiences and ensure that Every Student is Learning, in Every Classroom, in Every Subject, Every Day.

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