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Silicon Valley Education Foundation Names Award Winners for STEM Innovation

Awards offer visibility and grant opportunities to honorees

San Jose, Calif. – Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF) today honors four leading organizations that promote science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education as winners of its 2013 STEM Innovation Awards.

Recipients include Silicon Valley-based **Globaloria**, **Tech Academy of Silicon Valley** and **MESA** (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement), in addition to **Engineering is Elementary** of Boston, Mass. Each organization presents innovative programs in STEM fields to prepare students for college-level learning and eventually jobs that demand competitive, interdisciplinary skills.

Globaloria represents the science category, Tech Academy in technology, Engineering is Elementary in engineering and MESA in math. They will each receive \$5,000 to continue their programs. The awards program, spearheaded by SVEF, is made possible with the support of partners Flextronics, Oracle and Ernst & Young.

Overall, the honorees represent the nation's top programs in STEM education. All offer hands-on, computer-based projects and workshops that engage students with everything from creating their own video games to designing and engineering model bridges.

The award winners will be formally recognized at SVEF's Ninth Annual Pioneers & Purpose event on Nov. 6 which celebrates achievements in education.

If you are interested in more information or interviewing any of the award winners, please contact Connie Skipitares at (408) 205-8540 or connie@svefoundation.org.

About SVEF:

Silicon Valley Education Foundation is a non-profit resource and advocate for students and educators. We drive scholastic achievement in the critical areas of math & science by combining resources and partnerships to provide innovative academic programs. We are a catalyst for policy solutions in public education in the region. Our mission is to make Silicon Valley the leader in academically prepared students. For more information, visit www.svefoundation.org.