



MENTOR COACHES



Jon Pang

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Lakeside Middle School, Irvine

Irvine USD

- Approximate Number of Students Enrolled: **700**
- Grade Level(s): **7-8**
- Years of NHD Experience: **21**
- Number of Student Participants: **100**
- School Contest in Place: **Yes**
- NHD-related Course(s) Offered During School Day: **No**
- Greatest Program Challenge(s): **Finishing projects /analysis**
- Greatest Program Resource/Asset: **Long history of success and school support**
- Greatest Strength as a Coach: **High expectations, hard work, and experience**
- Degree of Parent Support: **High**

Jonathan Millers

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Sierra Vista Middle School, Irvine

Irvine USD

- Approximate Number of Students Enrolled: **875**
- Grade Level(s): **7-8**
- Years of NHD Experience: **11**
- Number of Student Participants: **300**
- School Contest in Place: **Yes**
- NHD-related Course(s) Offered During School Day: **No**
- Greatest Program Challenge(s): **Students' understand the level/quality required to be successful**
- Greatest Program Resource/Asset: **Parents and Students**
- Greatest Strength as a Coach: **Attention to every detail**
- Degree of Parent Support: **High**

John Pester

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Acacia Wood College Preparatory Academy, Anaheim

Private

- Approximate Number of Students Enrolled: **125**
- Grade Level(s): **1-12**
- Years of NHD Experience: **19**
- Number of Student Participants: **50 plus**
- School Contest in Place: **No (not at the secondary level)**
- NHD-related Course(s) Offered During School Day: **Yes**
- Greatest Program Challenge(s): **The students**
- Greatest Program Resource/Asset: **The students**
- Degree of Parent Support: **High**



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Judy Richonne

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Sage Hill School, Newport Coast

Private

- Years of NHD Experience: **20**
- Greatest Program Challenge(s): ***getting the word out and engaging participants***
- Greatest Program Resource/Asset: ***motivated students who have experienced NHD at the middle school level***
- Greatest Strength as a Coach: ***enthusiasm; identification of purpose of the skills in future academia***

Erik Peterson

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Santiago K-8/SAUSD

- Approximate Number of Students Enrolled: **100+ (at school)**
- Grade Level(s): **4-8**
- Years of NHD Experience: **6**
- Number of Student Participants: **45**
- School Contest in Place: **Yes, normally a showcase/contest takes place in January.**
- NHD-related Course(s) Offered During School Day: **My honors program requires students to complete an NHD project.**
- Greatest Program Challenge(s): **Students at my school and throughout SAUSD are not typically challenged to this extent. Therefore, there are a lot of foundational practices and principles that need to be in place in order for them to understand how to complete a competitive project. Procrastination is also a huge issue because they have always been able to leave other projects until the last minute.**
- Greatest Program Resource/Asset: **Former students come back to help students on their projects while completing their community service hours for high school.**
- Greatest Strength as a Coach: **Motivating students to work as hard as possible and opening students to the possibilities of their capabilities.**
- Degree of parent support: **Most of the parents who support my program do so through donations. I really do not have parents who dedicate a lot of their time to my program. Additionally, very few of the students actually receive help on the projects from the parents at home. This leads to many extra hours spent at school on my part.**