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San José Unified School District

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The Kick Off is today at 9:00 a.m.!
San José Unified-Youth Re:Action Corps- The Pat Tillman Foundation

September 29, 2006: – Join 120 San Jose Unified School District high school students, their onsite advisors and community mentors as they begin their year-long journey dedicated to researching and mitigating social change through service to the community. Program Orientation begins at 9:30 and will end at 4:00 p.m. at SJUSD's District Office, 855 Lenzen Ave. San Jose, 95126.

“This is a very exciting opportunity for our students to establish leadership skills while engaging in their communities through service learning,” said Don Iglesias, Superintendent of San Jose Unified School District. “We are deeply grateful to the Tillman Foundation’s commitment to the Youth Re:Action Corps and underwriting San Jose Unified’s program. Our students are required to complete 40 hours of community service to graduate—this program raises the bar- it empowers our youth and provides them with the skills needed to make changes in their societies. This is a true legacy to Pat Tillman.”

San Jose Unified has partnered with Youth Re:Action Corps to provide a high school-based program to educate young people about local, national and international issues, empower them to create plans for social change, and invest financially in their visions of a better world. The

program was initially created with support from the Edson Student Entrepreneur Initiative at Arizona State University. Youth Re:Action Corps provides student action guides, resource materials, mentors, training conferences and additional tools to guide the Teams through the process of planning social change. The students' social change plans are presented at a winter conference and are eligible for up to \$1000 in financial support.

San Jose Unified's program is underwritten by the Pat Tillman Foundation. Pat was a graduate from SJUSD's Leland High School. "The partnership with the Pat Tillman Foundation enables us to develop new methods to engage youth in effective social change," said Courtney Klein, Executive Director of Youth Re:Action Corps. "We hope to create a movement of young people working to create sustainable change in their world."

The Pat Tillman Foundation was created by Tillman's family and friends to carry forward his legacy after his death in 2004. A scholar-athlete, Tillman first earned the nation's respect through his academic achievements and accomplishments as a football player for ASU and the NFL's Arizona Cardinals and later for his service to our country after the Sept. 11 attacks. The Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is based in San Jose. For more information, visit www.pattillmanfoundation.org.

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