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**LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL SECURITY AWARDS \$50,000 TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN SUPPORT OF SCIENCE PROGRAMS**

Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS), the entity that manages the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), has distributed a \$10,000 gift to each of its five neighboring school districts in the cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Tracy --in support of their respective science programs.

The gifts totaling \$50,000 were presented to district representatives at the Laboratory's Science on Saturday lecture series at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Accepting the gifts were: School Superintendent Kelly Bowers, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District; Joan Laursen, Pleasanton school board president, Ken Rocha, principal, Harvest Park Middle School and Tony Dennis, Project Lead the Way teacher, Pleasanton Unified School District; School Superintendent Stephen Hanke, Dublin Unified School District; Stan Hitomi, district director for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), San Ramon Valley Unified School District; and Kirk Brown, teacher, Tracy Unified School District.

LLNS provides funds to non-profit organizations dedicated to science, technology, engineering and math education.



(From left) Jim Bono, director of Public Affairs, LLNL; Kirk Brown, Tracy Unified School District; Stan Hitomi, San Ramon Valley Unified School District; School Superintendent Stephen Hanke, Dublin Unified School District; Ken Rocha, Tony Dennis and Joan Laursen, Pleasanton Unified School District; and School Superintendent Kelly Bowers, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

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