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### **FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL WINS PTA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

SUNNYVALE, CA- The Fremont High School PTSA has won the 2007-2008 Phoebe Apperson Hearst—National PTA Excellence in Education Partnership Award for their “Students for Success Tutoring Club.”

“Students for Success Tutoring Club” is a collaborative effort between the Fremont High School PTSA and the school’s National Honor Society. This peer tutoring program serves 130 students in a typical day, with over 450 students using its services at one time or another.

The award is presented annually to only one PTA throughout the country. There are over 23,250 PTAs in the United States. The winner must show collaboration between parents, families, educators and the community members and promote parent/family involvement in ongoing programs that support and encourage student success.

Fremont High School PTSA was awarded \$ 2000 to continue the program. But the biggest prize is the academic growth Fremont High School achieved through the tutoring program.

“Students for Success provides a safe and productive environment to do homework. In one semester, more than a third of the tutored students improved their grades by at least one letter grade,” said Julie Darwish, volunteer program manager for the Fremont High School PTSA. “This is one place on campus where it is normal for students to study and feel that they are still cool.”

Two members of the PTSA were flown to the National PTA Convention in San Diego, all expenses paid, to receive this award.

Also receiving an award was a PTA district in Southern California. Thirty-third District PTA, which represents part of Los Angeles County, has been named as one of four honorable mentions. Thirty-third District PTA received \$500.00 to support a partnership they have with the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

The Phoebe Apperson Hearst— National PTA Excellence in Education Partnership Award is presented every year by the National PTA and is named after one of the founding members of the original PTA. The award is sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

*The California State PTA is a branch of the 110-year old National PTA, with over a million members statewide. The PTA is the nation's oldest, largest and highest-profile volunteer organization working on behalf of public schools, children and families, with the motto "Every child, one voice." PTA volunteers work in their schools and communities to improve the education, health and welfare of all California children and youth. The PTA also advocates at national, state and local levels for education and family issues. The PTA is non-profit, nonpartisan, non-sectarian and non-commercial. For more information, go to [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org)*

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