



*January 2008 is*

## **National Mentoring Month**

It's a nationwide trend! Mentoring is the key to student success!  
This year's spokesperson is General Colin Powell and the theme is:

***"Share what you know. Mentor a child."***

With a new semester just starting, it's a great time for you to start mentoring! The **HOSTS Learning Program** still needs your help. It takes just ONE hour a week to guide a student who is struggling in Math or English. Anyone can help - it's easy - we train you! Please call Heidi Van Zant at (916) 561-5253 and sign up now, to become an important part of child's life.

***"Make a Difference"***

Natomas School District representatives will be at the **Mentoring Fair** at the New City Hall this month, recruiting City Workers as they spotlight National Mentoring Month. The city of Sacramento has just passed a new resolution encouraging city employees to mentor one hour a week.

Our youth leaders, such as the **Capital Region Ready by 21 Coalition** are also recommending more mentoring for our youth. Forty youth and adult leaders representing ten organizations from Sacramento, El Dorado and Yolo counties have come together to develop a compact on what community leaders can do to help young people get ready for college, work and their life beyond. The Natomas Schools Foundation has been listening to our youth and has been working hard to promote the needs of our students.

## **Raising Support For Our Youth**

The New Year brings us to new ways of raising support for our youth. We are busy writing grants to fund the **HOSTS Learning Program** and other the future projects.

Our first grant was awarded by Pardee Homes' David Ragland, the Vice President of Community Development.



Mr. Ragland nominated our Foundation for the grant. We are very appreciative of this generous donation from Pardee Homes. The donation

will be formally announced at the monthly School Board meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. All are invited to attend.

## **You Can Help**

The Natomas Schools Foundation will continue its hard work and dedication to guarantee a bright future for our students. Join us in our efforts to help. Donations of time, talent and money are always welcomed and greatly appreciated. For more information, visit our

website at: **[www.natomasfoundation.org](http://www.natomasfoundation.org)**

**Or call Lisa Rojas (916) 813-5174**