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Center for Excellence in Education

2017-2018 Alumni Campaign

Donor Profile

Marc Horowitz (RSI'87) grew up in Connecticut but now resides 3,000 miles west in San Francisco, where he has been employed as a software engineer by Facebook since 2011. Marc is one of CEE's most consistent and long time donors, helping to assure that CEE programs remain cost free. Marc made his first CEE gift 21 years ago and his most recent gift last month to the 2017-2018 Alumni Campaign.

Horowitz supports CEE because "STEM education is critically important for the future of our world, and there aren't enough programs which focus on helping our most talented students reach their limits. I also like the international flavor of the program, and the lifetime relationship CEE builds with its alumni."

Of his many RSI memories, Marc feels his most lasting is "the privilege of reading papers as an alumnus at the end RSI. The breadth and depth of what Rickoids accomplish over the summer is something I would not believe if I had not experienced it myself."

"But I don't know that I can choose just one lasting memory of RSI. As an active RSI alum, I've attended Nobel Laureate lectures, represented CEE in foreign countries, been amazed by accomplishments of alumni at multiple reunions and Holiday parties, and met lifelong friends. Joann can never resist the story of the time she thought I was going to get eaten by a lion in Botswana."

Marc graduated from MIT with a degree in Computer Science and Engineering. Prior to Facebook, he worked for a number of large and small companies, some alongside other Rickoids. Among his many areas of expertise are internet standards, web technologies, RFID, robotics, network security and cryptographic systems, online music sharing, distributed computing, and mobile software.

In his spare time, Marc enjoys traveling and photography. Last year he flew to Kansas City to experience and photograph the recent solar eclipse. His most recent "big" trip was to Morocco at the end of 2016, and he is planning to visit Australia and New Zealand soon.

Alumni Campaign Update

With six weeks left in the 2017-18 Alumni Campaign, we are nearing our \$350,000 target and welcome all gifts towards our alumni participation goal. Please take a few moments to make your online gift today at www.cee.org/donate. Your participation will help future scholars to have the same great cost-free STEM opportunity that CEE afforded you in your high school years.

Webinar



[Innovators & Scientists Needed](#)

The Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) will host “Innovators & Scientists Needed” – a one-hour webinar coming soon. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this exclusive peek into the future led by our panel of STEM business experts who are part of world-changing innovations and science.

Alumni Announcements

- The Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) congratulates the ten 2017 RSI scholars selected among the 40 finalists for the [Regeneron Science Talent Search](#).
- Calling Rickoid Web Developers: The Center seeks alumni or friends experienced in website design for an upgrade to www.CEE.org. Knowledge of Drupal and WordPress required. Contact Maite@CEE.org.

Important Dates

- **Good luck to the 10,000+ high school students** taking USABO Tier 1 Open Exams now through February 16.
- **March 29, 2018:** Alumni Reunion at Pinterest Headquarters in San Francisco, 5-7 p.m., with remarks by Pinterest founder Ben Silbermann (RSI '98)
- **April 18, 2018:** CEE Annual Congressional Luncheon, Russell Senate Building, Washington, D.C.
- **June 24 – July 5, 2018:** USA Biology Olympiad (USABO) Finals at University of California, San Diego.
- **June 24 -- August 4, 2018:** 2018 Research Science Institute (RSI) at MIT in Cambridge, MA.
- **October 12 – 14, 2018:** CEE 35th Anniversary Weekend and Alumni Reunion in Cambridge, MA.

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