

## **Changing the Future of Napa**

Napa Valley, the wine country of the world. Creating new expectations of flavors and innovation experiences. Education is vital to how community builds in Napa, attracting visitors all around the world leaving them in awe. Schooling will shape the future of Napa Valley from project based learning to exceptional artistic adventures. "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." ~ John Dewey

As education has evolved throughout Napa, the current phenomenon Project Based Learning has taken over schools district wide. This method of teaching and learning has taught students how to collaborate effectively with each other, as well as given them the skills of the modern work environment. Project based learning not only broadens the creativity level, but also engages students in seven learning outcomes. Curricular literacy, professionalism, collaboration, technology literacy, oral communication, work ethic, and written communication are all aspects of consideration to how Napa will develop into an exceptional city as well as a diverse community. Napa Valley has embraced this new method of teaching with arms open to instill skills and values in the students, creating a golden path of creativity and passion to mesmerize futuristic possibilities.

The wine industry has grown tremendously over the past decades, from the elaborate architecture the 50-year aged red wine, the authentic culture has kept Napa Valley on the map always. The traditional harvest has evolved, developing insightful methods used to make wine and preserve the rich flavor. Wineries all have family background, which has been passed on over generations, prioritizing the family identification through their wine with a modern spin. Education will manifest concepts of the future to build Napa Valley's potential on a higher level. Scholars all around the world have come together, creating Napa into an innovative, arts development city in which expression is the largest, most vital business. I believe in the near future, Napa Valley will be one of the most famous cities for fine arts and highly condensed education of them. Education has splurged in numerous areas, especially in digital arts. The complex levels of digital media, design, and various cinematic techniques have emerged in every school of Napa, integrating young, competitive, and very talented filmmakers.

Innovation in education leads to independence and progressivism within schools and society. 21st century education is a lifelong love of learning and seeking inspiration toward possibilities. "It all comes back to education" as Barry Schuler, former AOL CEO quoted, flourishing the community with enrichment toward how education will change the future of Napa. The goal of education isn't to drill and kill, but to appreciate and enjoy the analysis. The demographic of young and old ages impassioned to shape the future of Napa Valley through education has grown vastly in a vibrant atmosphere. Education not only carries awareness and support, but also a position to pursue a brighter future for all. Education has and always will continue to shape the amazing place I call home, Napa Valley.