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Message from the President

As President of the Board of Directors, I would like to invite you to enjoy this special edition 2020 / 2021 Business Directory and Visitor's Guide. We are hopeful that you will find this tool to be helpful, informative and inspiring to help guide your journey through our great City of South San Francisco.

Resilience, reinvention, revitalization and *success* are the perfect words to describe our fair City. Celebrating 112 years of *resilience*, South San Francisco has been through many phases from the meat packing industry, the steel industry, the “Industrial City” and now we are recognized as the “Biotechnology Capital of the World”, stemming back to 1976 when Genentech made us their home. Our very own City Hall celebrates its 100-year Anniversary this year. Tell me that’s not *reinvention*!

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The *revitalization* of our downtown corridor, a new Community Civic Campus project that will include a new Police Operations and 911 Dispatch Center, an iconic Library and Parks & Rec Center, City Council Chambers, Community Theater and outdoor park, a \$55M CalTrain station, new and affordable housing and future traffic improvements are just a few projects that our great City has planned and are currently in progress.

It is no wonder that our 2,800+ companies, 67,000+ residents and hundreds of thousands of visitors per year love to live, shop, work and visit South San Francisco. Our *success* has been consistently recognized and appreciated by many and our engaged Chamber of Commerce members that you will learn about in this Business Directory and Visitors Guide will prove this when you visit them. South San Francisco assuredly attracts meaningful and sustainable progress while remaining proudly, the Industrial City. We honor the past, and look forward to a prosperous future, with your help. Enjoy our great city!





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South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce – Working for our Community

By Anthony Clifford, Board of Directors

As Chairperson of the annual luncheon for 'high school students seeking higher education' you try and find positives in a non-event (April 23, 2020). I am fortunate to have a committee read through the many applications of prospective scholarship winners. The applicants must submit an application detailing goal or objective statements for a future career, GPA, awards, recognition, hobbies, extra-curricular activities, work experience, volunteerism, references, overcoming obstacles, and a short essay on a community/business topic. The essays are impressive. They touch the many positives in our community and present strong cases for making our community better. In the application design, we attempted to make it a resume experience. As representatives of the business community, the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, we can only hope that many of the high school seniors come back to our workforce. We are fortunate to have business partners in South San Francisco that can provide guidance and opportunity for the young adults. It is always the charge of the Chamber, and especially of our committee, to offer the opportunity for these future employees to come back for summer employment and possible internships. This program really offers a student a chance to work and learn in their field of interest.

This year, with the help of scholarship sponsors, we were able to award thirty-one scholarships to South San Francisco high school seniors seeking higher education. Although we did not have the opportunity to have our annual luncheon, we were fortunate to reach out to our winners through mail, email, video and telephone. It gave sponsor and student alike the ability to communicate directly. More powerful than a photo-op. It was suggested to the recipients to "write" their sponsor a "thank you" note or card, a lost art. For the scholarship winners that were bold and up to the challenge they "wrote" with a pen, pencil or even crayon a "thank you" note, card, or even letter. As one essay question asked, "Technology, text messaging, email, social media, etc. have popular means of communication. What do you feel is the best way to communicate for success in life?" I am happy to report that the majority of the applicant's essays, that chose this question, stated "eye-to-eye" still holds the most weight when it comes to communication.

Another essay question asked, "how do you see the world ten years from now? What part/role are you going to play in improving social/economic standards in the world?" I believe we all could take a lesson from this question, because in these last several months our integrity is really being tested. The applicants answered this prior to impact of Covid19. Certainly, what was written might be adjusted. "Working from home" has taken on a whole new meaning. As much as we would love to have these talented young students come back to the community they were raised in, it raises the question, "do they physically have to be in South San Francisco?" Why change?



*I do not want to speak for our committee, but it appears
our future looks bright and we are in good hands.*

South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is to promote and support the economic well-being of its members, and provide maximum business networking opportunities.

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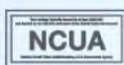
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South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce – Genentech Gives Back

By Gig Codiga, Board of Directors

Over the past four decades, Genentech has grown from a handful of employees working in a rented warehouse to a leading biotechnology company that discovers and develops life changing medicines for people around the world. We're proud that our founders chose to call South San Francisco home more than 40 years ago, and we feel very rooted in and connected to this city and its residents.

Throughout our time here, we've worked hard to be a good neighbor – fueling job creation, contributing to the local economy, partnering with the city to help tackle local issues, and actively participating and investing in the community, especially the local school district. Here are a few facts I'd like to share:

- For every 100 jobs at our South San Francisco campus, 10 additional jobs are generated for people in the city.
- In partnership with the South San Francisco Unified School District, we developed an award-winning science education program, Futurelab, for all 9,000 K-12 students. We also built Science Garage, a state-of-the-art lab and four year biotech curriculum for high school students and we provide scholarships for seniors interested in STEM fields. Since 2015, we have invested more than \$28 million in Futurelab, including over 65,000 employee volunteer hours.
- Our longstanding Genentech Goes to Town program, where we give employees vouchers to spend at South San Francisco storefronts, has contributed more than \$3 million to downtown businesses.
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I'm proud to represent Genentech as a board member in the Chamber of Commerce. We are passionate about giving back and intend to remain deeply invested in the South San Francisco community for the long term.

Finally, I am amazed by and applaud all of the members of the Chamber board. These members are so very dedicated to promoting, developing, educating and informing South San Francisco's businesses to achieve and succeed.



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