

“Education is not the filling of
a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

– WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

INSPIRE

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES



Moving Innovation and Imagination Forward
Capital Campaign

Inspire's culture is a departure from traditional high schools. Our reputation for academic and artistic excellence is woven into a community known for connection and kindness. A nurturing, safe environment challenges students to reach their highest potential, and the proof is in our graduates who are becoming known in the community and beyond as serious and seriously talented makers, creators, and do-ers.



WE ARE INSPIRE

HOME TO CHANGE-MAKERS,
BOUNDARY-PUSHERS AND
CHALLENGE SEEKERS.



Our Vision

To create a transformative high school experience, to provide a catalyst for students to become original thinkers and problem solvers, and to produce global citizens capable of contributing to a better world.

To be the premier Arts and Sciences school in Northern California. As the only Arts and Science based high school in the region, we continuously develop and share innovative and effective instructional practices.

Our Mission

To provide high levels of learning in a personalized environment that allows students to explore their interests and develop their talents.

Inspire School of Arts and Sciences commits to preparing the greatest number of students possible for a successful transition to college, work, and life experiences that reflect a lifelong love of learning, a fearless approach to risk-taking, a healthy work ethic, and a passionate commitment to serve others.

Core Values

- > To honor the voices, talents, and passions of young people
- > To see the possibilities at the intersection of the arts and sciences
- > To ensure each student feels seen, heard, and supported
- > To maintain high expectations for learning rooted in critical thinking, innovation, and creativity
- > To celebrate and nurture relationships
- > To create community with kindness, compassion, and success for all students
- > To cultivate a staff commitment to professionalism, shared leadership, and student-centered learning in state of the art classrooms and collaborative spaces designed to ignite innovative and creative thinking



MEETING THE NEEDS OF A 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION

Imagine... a learning environment designed to foster interactions between art and science. Where students ask and explore “what if” through cross-pollination and idea incubation. In its first ten years, Inspire has nurtured this learning environment within the limited walls of mostly aging portable classrooms. The time has come to provide students with a dynamic facility, a facility that promotes deep learning and critical thinking, the kind of thinking that confronts challenges and inspires solutions.

Current Challenge

Inspire continues to thrive despite its aging campus, and we face a stark reality. We are growing. Our current facilities remain inadequate to support daily, dynamic learning. In our first year, we started with 270 students. Current enrollment is 460.

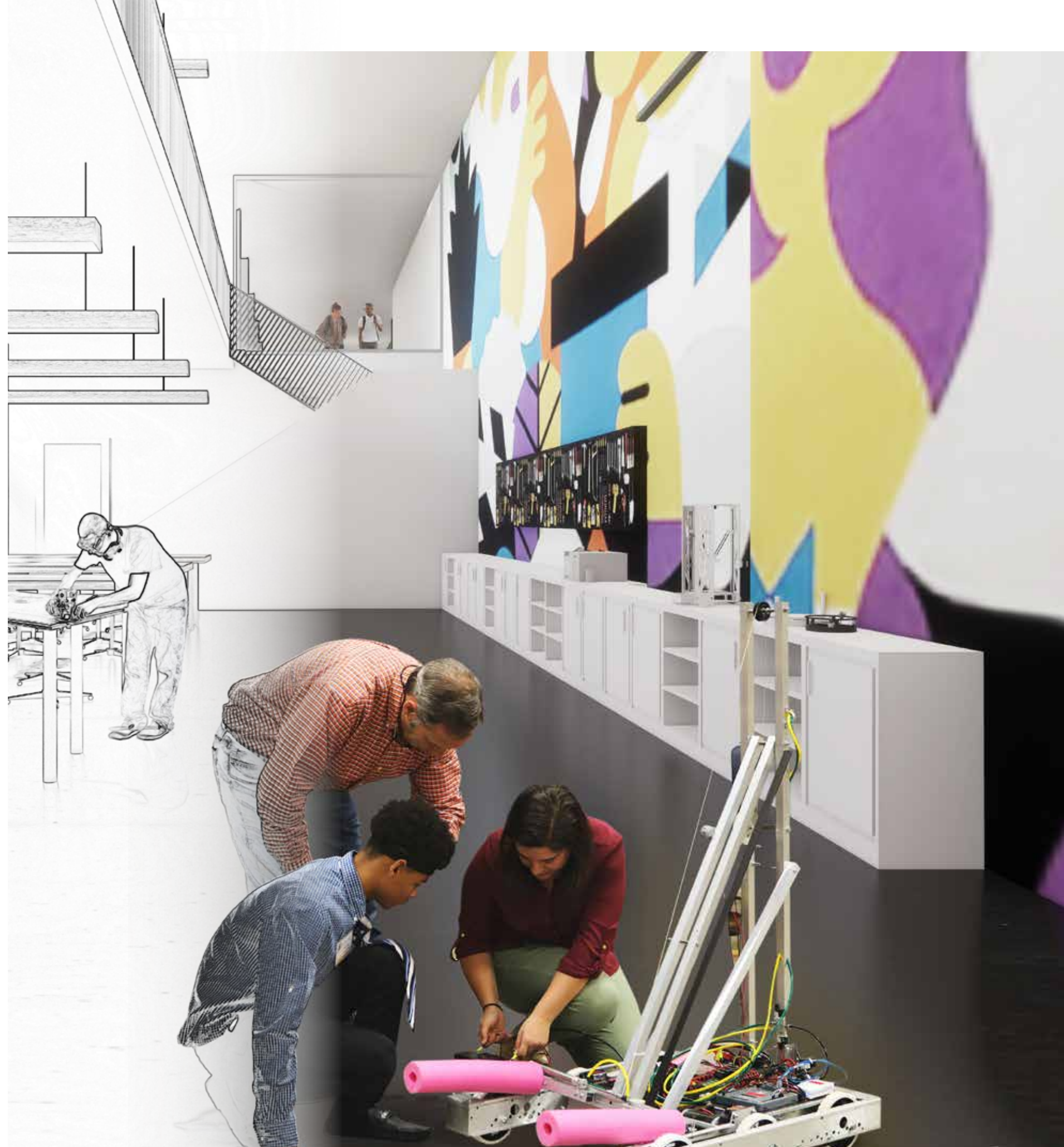
Inspire currently shares its campus with a traditional, large comprehensive high school. Our school lives within 25 portable classrooms built approximately 30 years ago. Roofs leak, paint peels, and floors threaten to give out. Patch and repair can only do so much. Storage space is non-existent. To accommodate a busy performance schedule, we must rent, beg, and borrow from twenty outside facilities. The expense and inconvenience are a serious detriment to our ability to implement our programs. It’s time for a campus students can call their own.

The Time is Now

Inspire is ready for a 21st century campus to meet its 21st century education. Our award-winning curriculum encourages students to challenge themselves, grow, and thrive. We need modern facilities to bolster their educational success.

Elements which support Inspire’s vision and mission include:

- > A state-of-the-art theatre complex
- > Industry-standard digital and media arts studios
- > Industry-standard science and engineering labs
- > Creative maker spaces to enhance the intersection of art and science
- > State-of-the-art classrooms and collaborative spaces designed to encourage creative and innovative thinking





THE POWER OF ART: STAGE, CANVAS AND SCREEN

Inspire empowers the artist within. Visual and performing arts heal, nourish, and speak to our humanity. They help students listen to their inner voices, develop and express their thoughts, and share who they are with the world. Students are emboldened to try new things and to build on their passions, cultivating confidence and an appreciation for what each other has to offer.

Unparalleled Student Experience

The Inspire student experience features rich, in-depth exploration across a breadth of artistic disciplines. Students dive headlong into specific areas of interest where they cultivate and develop talents they already possess. Or, they may dip their toes into a variety of disciplines, experimenting with dance, theatre, music, digital media or fine art. We encourage students to explore multiple subjects with the knowledge that cross-collaboration deepens understanding and creative problem-solving.

Industry Experienced Performing Arts Staff

Inspire's industry-experienced performing arts staff delivers an award-winning premier arts education program.

The Missing Link

Inspire does not have a theatre of its own. Instead, our school productions are held in several different venues outside the campus. Sharing a venue results in increased travel time, storage costs, and scheduling conflicts. Technical studios are held in portables lacking the infrastructure needed to maximize learning. While functional, the current situation is less than ideal.

As a premier arts and sciences school, Inspire students deserve a performance facility capable of supporting rich artistic learning.

Imagine the possibilities.



4x

"A student involved in the arts is four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement."
– Americans for the Arts



Since its inception, Inspire School of Arts & Sciences has launched well over a thousand graduates to make their mark in the world. Three of our talented current and former students share their Inspire experience.



EMILY TEAGUE
AGE 23

“Inspire School of Arts & Sciences played a key role in the development of my character, confidence and creativity. My teachers were passionate role models I admired who truly cared for their students. **They encouraged me to explore what I was interested in and were constantly providing their support.** I loved that there were so many creative courses offered and the A/B schedule allowed for more of those courses to be options.

After I graduated, I felt confident to set out into the world and pursue photography professionally, which I had started as a junior at Inspire. Since then, I’ve traveled and worked in 25 countries throughout North America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, the Caribbean and West Africa. **I’m now living and working out of Brooklyn, New York, as an editorial and commercial photographer.** I balance my passion for creating stories in fashion with telling the stories of others through my work with non-profits and non-governmental organizations.

I reflect on my time at Inspire often and am so grateful for all that it provided me. **I gained a fantastic education, beneficial life skills, friends, a community,** teachers I stay in touch with, and memories I cherish.”



OLIVIA CLARK
AGE 17

“Inspire helped me grow as a person because there were so many electives I was able to take from freshmen year on—and I had the **unique opportunity to focus on engineering and dance.**

I was mainly a ballet dancer, but in the dance program, **I was able to try out different styles and work with dancers I wouldn’t have met otherwise.** The dance shows are also student-choreographed, which some of my best friends did, and I got to be part of their creation, which was really fun.

All the **engineering classes are very hands-on.** For example, sophomore year, there is a maze competition, where you work in groups of four or five, and design a robot to function without remote controls and the entire classroom becomes a maze. And in the STEM capstone project senior year, I worked with a partner and created an artificial environment to test the effects of added oxygen on insect size. We were able to run an engineering project and an actual science experiment.

A couple of **weeks after graduation, I started my first major career internship as a structural engineering intern,** and in the fall, I’m going to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo as a civil engineering major. I want to design buildings and bridges and maybe work with Engineers Without Borders.”



LUCIANO CASTALDO
AGE 16

“Coming into this school, **there is a very high bar set**—an expectation—to welcome each other, not just as students but as a family. Now in my fourth year here, I’ve developed this family with students I’ve been going to school with, but also with the new students coming in.

I love all the teachers and staff. **The classes are designed to challenge students, but we’re also able to receive all the help and support we need.** Many teachers stay after-hours or open their classrooms on weekends.

Inspire is also definitely the **best of both worlds with the combination of arts and science.** And the teachers appreciate the aspects of the art world, like having to miss classes for rehearsal or set-building days.

I came to Inspire wanting to perform, but **I learned there is so much more to theater: the production team, backstage, design, choreography, directing.** I also had the opportunity to appear in “The Addams Family” and “42nd Street,” and I loved being on stage, so in the future, I would take any opportunity I can have to work in theater.

Inspire helps you ready yourself for any challenge and journey you’ll be going through after graduation—either to college or to work. And the **teachers and counselors are dedicated to finding you the best opportunities.**”



STEM EDUCATION: IGNITING PASSION IN STUDENTS AND HOPE IN THE WORLD

Imagine a robotic hand, designed by engineering students, manufactured on a 3D printer, and brought to life by the actors and musicians on stage. In 2018, Inspire students brought “Thing” to life in the fall musical *The Addams Family*.

Inspiring Innovators and Solution-Based Thinkers

Picture a suitcase sized solar battery, built and delivered by Inspire students to villagers in Tanzania. This suitcase sized box provided light and joy during a dark African night.

This is the Inspire science and engineering student experience. Inspire students are pushing boundaries of what’s expected of high school science and engineering students. Imagine what they could achieve with modern labs and equipment...

Inspire teachers empower students with tools and know-how to grow the critical abilities associated with interpreting, evaluating, and communicating valid information from reliable sources.

“STEM-based industries such as computer science, aerospace, agriculture, clean energy, life sciences and advanced manufacturing are the backbone of our state’s innovation economy. But we can’t take these industries for granted. We need to make sure our *education system is keeping students ahead of the curve* and providing employers access to a world-class workforce.” – Jay Inslee, Governor, State of Washington

The Missing Link

In order for our students to experience a state-of-the-art education that will prepare them to be innovators, developers, and researchers, we need a campus that will allow for:

- > State-of-the-art science labs
- > Dynamic maker spaces providing the environment to imagine, to dream, to invent, to create and to collaborate to reveal unforeseen possibilities
- > Comprehensive storage for equipment and materials
- > Updated safety features

With your help, we will continue to grow the scientifically literate and innovative citizens of tomorrow.



98%

Our graduation rate is 98%. That’s 15% higher than the state average!



10 YEARS OF SUCCESS AND GROWING

Inspire has grown and flourished over the last 10 years, never losing its focus on student-centered learning. Our larger student base propelled us to expand our academic, programmatic and artistic offerings.

A Few of These Changes Include:

Enrollment

From the initial enrollment of 270, Inspire now supports an enrollment of approximately 460 students.

Staffing

Our original staff consisted of 12 teachers and 3 support staff. We have grown to 28 teachers, 2 administrators, 2 full-time counselors, and 10 support staff.

Program Offerings

Course offerings have developed into a comprehensive program offering 12 program majors; 14 Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways, 12 AP courses, and culminating senior projects.

Accreditation

A full 6 year WASC (Western Association of Schools & Colleges) Accreditation. This is the longest cycle awarded.

Counseling

Inspire has a ratio of 210:1 students to counselor, one of the smallest in California (with an average of 663:1).

Student Preparation

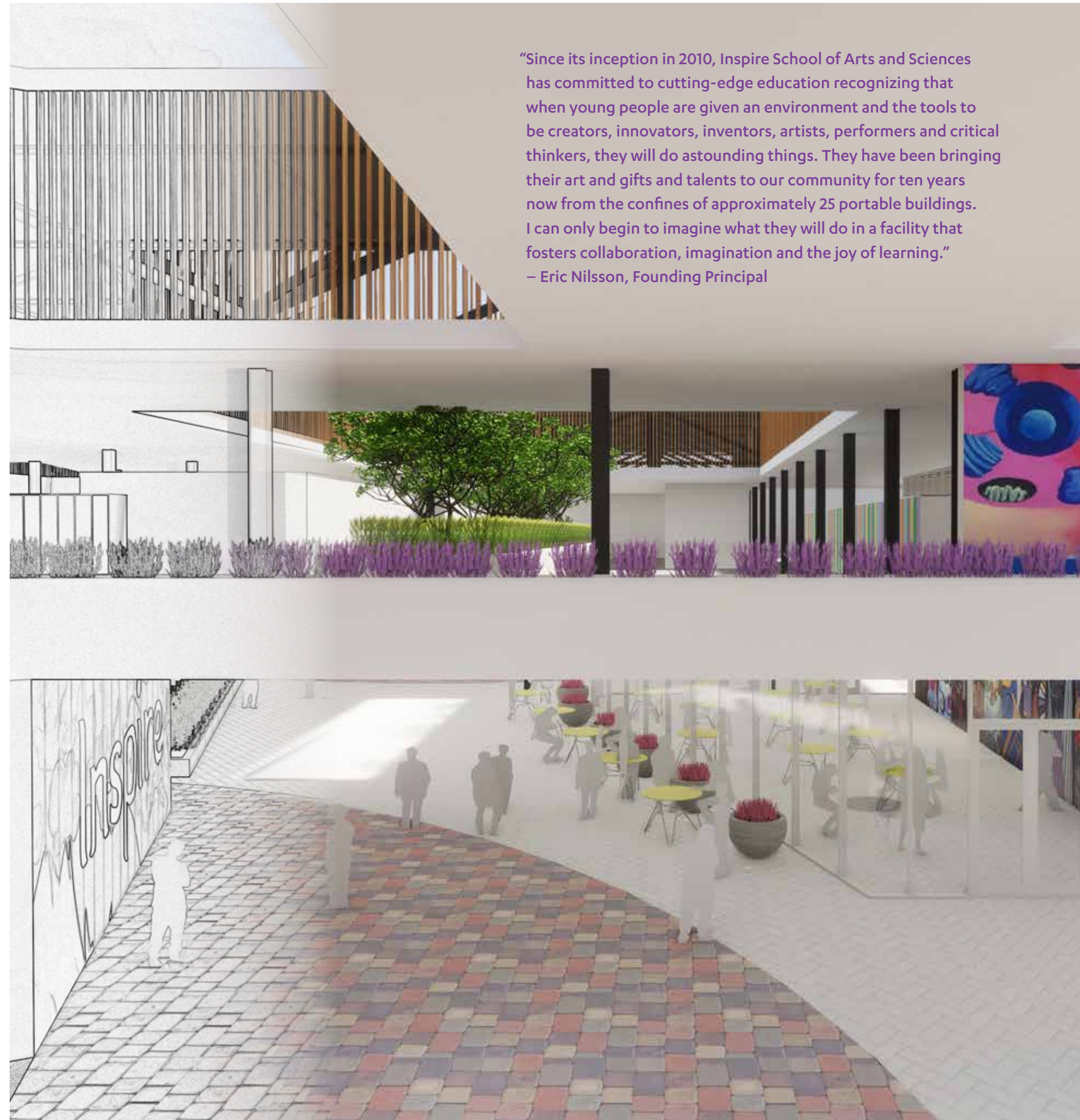
College and career-readiness curriculum used throughout all four years of advisory.

Extra-Curriculars

Forty-two student-led club offerings. Annual national and bi-yearly international faculty-led trips enhance students' global perspective.

Community

Collaborative involvement comprises both college and industry partners, including CSU Chico, Butte College and numerous local industries.



“Since its inception in 2010, Inspire School of Arts and Sciences has committed to cutting-edge education recognizing that when young people are given an environment and the tools to be creators, innovators, inventors, artists, performers and critical thinkers, they will do astounding things. They have been bringing their art and gifts and talents to our community for ten years now from the confines of approximately 25 portable buildings. I can only begin to imagine what they will do in a facility that fosters collaboration, imagination and the joy of learning.”
– Eric Nilsson, Founding Principal



HOW TO DONATE

This groundbreaking project will be the catalyst for thousands of students in their quest to make their mark in the world. A campus designed to deliver an immersive educational experience unlike any in the region. A campus with ample space to imagine, invent, create, play and learn will leave a positive impact on the lives of students, and the community.

Here's How You Can Help Shape our Future

The Gifts of Cash

The easiest and most direct way to support Inspire's Capital Campaign is a gift of cash.

Gifts of Stock

Appreciated stock (held more than one year) is an outstanding gift. You avoid all capital gains taxes and take a full value deduction on your tax returns.

Recurring Monthly Donations

Smaller gifts on a monthly basis is a wonderful way to support a project you love, at a pace that's more comfortable than giving all at once. You set the amount that works for you.

Matching Gifts

If your employer offers a match program from their 501©(3) non-profit, this is a wonderful way to double your gift. Contact your benefits person to request their matching gift form to complete and send to us.

Services or Items

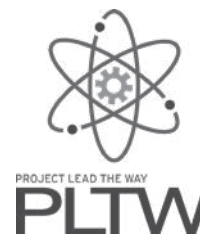
If you have a professional service or product you wish to donate please contact us. Ordinarily these gifts will be credited toward the campaign at their full market value as determined by the appropriate valuation technique. Services such as construction, building materials, artwork, painting, equipment, landscaping, etc will all be considered.

For more ways to give, visit:
www.SupportInspire.com

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

– BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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