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from executive director jeffrey dollinger

Happy New Year!

We are off to a great start in 2016 with many, many new schools and tens of thousands of students, their parents and teachers celebrating the culture of art thanks to Art in Action. There are still lots of schools, however, that have no access to art education and our mission drives us to help them get it.



That's why we are so excited about [OBJECT:ART](#), our annual benefit to raise funds to put art back in schools where it belongs. We are especially proud to be awarding the Art Visionary Award at the event this year to Vernon Davis, celebrated pro athlete, philanthropist and artist. He'll now be in the Bay Area at least twice over the next 6 weeks -- once for our amazing event on March 3, and also to play in a game called...the Super Bowl. We hope you can join us to meet this incredible individual who, like Art in Action, believes in the power of art to change lives.

If you can't make it that evening, please consider making a [donation](#) to bring art to schools that need it most. Thank you.

score big at our annual event to give kids art

Excitement is building for our annual fundraising event [OBJECT:ART](#), which happens on **Thursday, March 3, 2016**. Join us at the Computer History Museum where we'll present the **Art Visionary Award to Vernon Davis**, artist, pro athlete and philanthropist, for his commitment to promoting arts education and art appreciation among disadvantaged youth.

Bid on top-quality artwork and exclusive art-themed experiences while enjoying delicious food and cocktails. Tickets are selling quickly so don't wait! [Buy tickets now](#) for this lively, one-of-a-kind event.



Art Visionary Award Recipient
Vernon Davis.

meet our object:art sponsors

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Corporate partners like Genentech, Box, Adobe, Cisco, Seiler LLP and Shutterfly are making a huge difference in our community and at Art in Action. In addition to financial and in-kind support, they advocate for the importance of arts education, volunteer to help us assemble art materials for our schools, sponsor our annual fundraising events, and teach our program at their children's schools. These companies and many others match employee donations and volunteer hours. **Next time you donate** to Art in Action, [check to see if your employer matches](#) to double your impact. **If you or your team are would like to volunteer**, please email volunteer@artinaction.org.

art in action leads the way for discussions about art education

We are pleased to have the opportunity to share insights and implications from the [Stanford John W. Gardner Center for Youth and Their Communities study](#) with the education, civic and business communities at several upcoming speaking engagements.



In March we will be speaking to business and education leaders at the [CREATE CA](#) summit on arts, education and the economy in Fresno, CA. Later that month we are presenting a session at the [National Art Education Association Convention](#) in Chicago. In May we travel to San Diego for the [California State PTA Convention](#) for a presentation on inspiring family engagement in schools through the Art in Action program.

california kindergarten conference

Art in Action participated in the California Kindergarten Association's Annual PK1 Conference in Santa Clara where we shared information with teachers from all over the state and gained valuable connections to grow the program.



A display of Art in Action student artwork at the California Kindergarten Association Annual Conference.