



- **Park City High School Robotics Students attended PCEF's board meeting and shared what it was like to compete at the World Robotic Championships** (3 Park City High School Teams earned a spot. No other community has ever sent three teams to the World Championship!) The boys spoke about engineering, teamwork, collaboration, communication and how each of these skills is a MUST in robotics. They also talked about "gracious professionalism" as a value they embrace and which fuels their drive to introduce more children to robotics through outreach to the afterschool program at McPolin Elementary and the Ronald McDonald House in Salt Lake City. There are currently 60 kids participating in robotics.
- **PCEF and Park City High School hosted a panel conversation designed for graduating seniors.** The panel focused on "The Art of the Possible." Six panelists, experts in their fields and players on a national stage, shared their stories of success and what they see as critical skills that differentiate high-performers from game-changers. They talked about the importance of being kind, caring, humble, hungry, resilient, passionate, committed to learning and growing, standing tall, and saying yes to all kinds of opportunities. They also talked about the importance of self-care and building a "team" of peers and colleagues that lift you up.
- **Running with Ed was on May 18th.** 1550 runners braved snow, rain and muddy trails to participate in the 10th annual Running with Ed. Participants, sponsors and fundraisers rallied together to raise more than \$250,000. All proceeds will be invested into programs that your children love like elementary art, PCCAPS, Afterschool, debate, robotics, and more. Did you know 200 volunteers fuel this race? Preschoolers, moms, dads, and grandparents are all on the course keeping runners safe. It's a joy-filled day and it feels good to cheer on teachers, students and parents as they race toward the RWE finish line and the last day of school. This year, PCEF and

PCEF's Men4Ed initiative made a commitment to ensure that ALL students who wanted to run could participate in the race. We had more students than ever run!

- **Rebeca Gonzalez Community Impact Scholarship Funded by a Donor and Distributed by PCEF.** This new scholarship, in honor of Park City High School graduate and Bright Futures Program Coordinator Rebeca Gonzalez, was awarded to one very deserving graduating senior. Chris Mora is a first-generation college student, participant in Bright Futures and Co-President of Latinos in Action. He will attend Westminster College this fall. Chris will study nursing and because of his strong academics, commitment to leadership and serving our community, Chris earned a number of scholarships that will underwrite nearly every cost to attend college. Chris is just one example of the many outstanding students who graduated from Park City High School this past Friday. Congratulations to every child for their accomplishments.

- **Park City School District's Coding Program continues to blaze trails.** Next year, the program will roll up to Ecker Hill and be available for students in grades K-7. Park City's computer science teachers continue to refine their program through collaborations and networking around the country. Most recently, the coding and computer science teachers visited the San Francisco Bay area to meet and observe programs in 7 San Francisco-area schools. One teacher's take-away:

"I learned that the elementary coding program that we have spent 4 years developing, is right on-point and in line with the San Francisco Unified School District (who is leading the nation in elementary coding right now). Trips like this change me as a teacher, in that I come back with a greater appreciation for all of the amazing support, technology, and opportunities that we have in Park City School District. We live in an amazing place with an incredible community and an education foundation that provides students and teachers with the most forward-thinking educational experiences."

- **PCEF's Grant Committee Awarded over \$850,000 to teachers and school leaders this month!** Funds will be awarded in August so teachers can hit the ground running when students are back in the classroom. These awards highlight PCEF's focus on teachers and

students. These funding decisions are rooted in research, best practices, and are judged through the lens of long-term academic success. One teacher's reaction to the award sums it all up:

"PCEF and its donors have created an amazing opportunity for students in our district. PCEF grants give teachers the opportunity to support students with innovative, current, and creative instruction."