

# School programs enrich students educational experiences



Flo Mullendor, Carter Whitaker, Keegan McGrath, Silvia Gamiz, Jacqueline Lopez and Assistant Principal Dave Nygren at the Rim Ed Foundation retreat meeting last weekend, sharing their positive experiences with ROP and AVID programs at Rim High. (Photo by Rhea-Frances Tetley)

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The Rim Education Foundation has donated more than \$415,000 to the Rim Education Teacher Grant program since 1985. Over the past six years, the foundation has also granted over \$75,000 to the AVID programs at Rim and MPH. Last school year, the Rim Ed Foundation began supporting Rim High's ROP program, with a grant of \$5,000 and plans to expand that level of funding. "All these programs enrich the

educational experiences for our community's most precious asset, our children," said Jo Bonita Rains, Rim Ed Foundation (REF) board member.

The Rim district has suffered attendance declines, making it more difficult for them to provide the extra programs that can make a difference in a student's life. The district's attendance levels have dropped by one-third, to less than 4,000 students due

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