

2026 Senior Defense Panels

PEF Volunteer Guide – March/April

Pasadena Educational Foundation volunteers are invited to serve as panelists for PUSD Senior Defense presentations. Your participation provides valuable community perspective as students complete this important graduation requirement.

What Panelists Do

- Listen to 7–10 minute student presentations
- Use a simple, provided rubric to score and offer feedback
- Support and encourage graduating seniors
- No prior experience required

How to Sign Up

Please register directly with each school using the links or contact instructions below. When applicable, identify yourself as a PEF Volunteer.

School Opportunities

Blair High School

Dates:

Every Wednesday through April; additional Fridays in April

Time Blocks:

- 8:30–10:00 AM
- 10:30 AM–12:00 PM
- 1:30–3:30 PM

Notes:

- Panels held weekly
- One panel per shift
- Spanish speakers sometimes needed

How to Sign Up:

Email Jim Goffred: goffred.james@pusd.us

Rose City High School

Dates:

- Week of March 30, 2026

Time Blocks:

- 2:00 PM
- 2:30 PM
- 3:00 PM

How to Sign Up:

Email Dr. Olga (Vanessa) Torres: torres.olga@pusd.us

John Muir High School

NEW

Dates:

- April 2, 2026 (early presentations)
- April 27–May 5, 2026

Notes:

- Students present to a diverse panel of teachers, staff, and community partners
- Sign up for as many time slots as you like
- Details on location, procedures, and evaluation will be emailed after sign-up
- Participation in one or two defenses can be arranged via email

How to Sign Up:

Email Micol Issa: issa.micol@pusd.us

Questions about PEF volunteer opportunities? Contact NC Inguanzo, PEF Community Engagement Manager: ncinguanzo@pased.org