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### NEWS

#### LCPS Seniors Showcase Art, Take Home Awards

The Loudoun Education Foundation's 5th Annual Senior Art Exhibit celebrated the artistic talents of the Class of 2014. The Foundation awarded a "Best in Show" prize of \$500 to Jordan Kramer of Loudoun Valley High School for her modern art piece titled "Levelheadedness" (pictured above). Kramer was also offered a \$1,000 scholarship to the Art Institute of Washington-Dulles, where the event was held.

#### Mark Your Calendar: 24-Hour Giving Event May 6th

### WHO WE ARE

*The Loudoun Education Foundation--a 501(c)3--raises funds to create exceptional learning opportunities for Loudoun's public school students. Channeling our community's resources to students and teachers, Foundation projects capture the joy and love of teaching while increasing student engagement and the ownership of learning.*



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6



The 2014 GiveChoose Loudoun Fauquier Campaign taking place on May 6th is an opportunity for friends of LEF to make online donations of \$10 or more. The Piedmont Community Foundation set up the 24-hour event to support local charities. LEF will reach out soon to friends, family and partners soon to encourage donations. *Your gifts are appreciated!*

#### **LEF Donors Support Science and Engineering Fair**

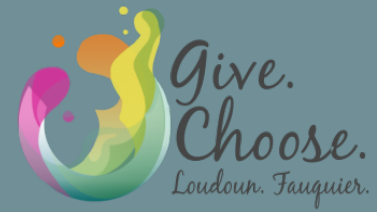


The Foundation thanks Orbital for their \$7,000 donation and serving as the main sponsor of the event. The 33rd Annual LCPS Science and Engineering Fair took place March 20th and dozens of awards were handed out to students and teachers. Among them, were awards from Lew Parker's Willowcroft Science Endowment. Briar Woods High School's Abhinav Seetharaman won the Willowcroft Science Scholarship, while teacher Donna Armani took home the Willowcroft Science Teacher Award.

#### **Corporate Sponsors Needed: Outstanding Teacher Recognition Dinner**

LEF is in need of additional corporate sponsors for the

"GiveChoose Loudoun Fauquier" online giving event to benefit LEF



#### **May 30**

Outstanding Teacher Recognition Dinner at Belmont Country Club, 6:00 PM

#### **June 5**

LCPS Social Sciences Awards at Tuscarora High School, 7:30 PM

#### **June 20**

Retirement Dinner for Dr. Hatrick at National Conference Center, 6:00 PM

**YOU MAKE LOUDOUN COUNTY THE BEST**



**Please consider making a donation to LEF online!**

Since the 1991-1992 school year, the Loudoun Education Foundation has given over a million dollars to support the teachers and students of Loudoun County Public Schools. The Foundation seeks private funding and resources to strengthen the quality of the Loudoun County Public

Outstanding Teacher Recognition Dinner. The event honors LCPS teachers who are nominated for the Washington Post Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award. Please contact [Dawn Meyer](#) if you would like to be part of this special event. Dinner is on Friday, May 30th at the Belmont Country Club at 6:00 p.m.

### Foundation Hosts Regional Leadership Forum

Executive Directors from Clarke, Fairfax, Frederick and Prince William counties and Falls Church City met to share ideas at the Local Education Foundations' Leadership Forum. LEF hosted the event on March 19th at the LCPS Administration Building. Representatives from Apple Federal Credit Union Foundation and SySTEMic Solutions were also present. Dialogue between the foundations focused on the importance of STEAM education.

### LEF Supports Social Science Awards

The Foundation contributed \$1,000 to the LCPS Social Science Awards, an annual event for local high school students. The award ceremony takes place Thursday, June 5th at Tuscarora High School at 7:30PM. Guest speaker will be Mirta Ojito, author of *Finding Mañana* and *Hunting Season*. The event is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 571-252-1370.

## PROGRAMS

### LEF Raises Nearly \$30K for Backpack Coalition

The Foundation now has \$28,740 to date in support of the Backpack Coalition of Loudoun County. The program provides school backpacks and supplies to help low-income students succeed in the classroom. LEF is grateful for the support of the organization [100 Women Strong](#), which provided \$14,000 in matching funds toward the cause. For more information on this program, contact Barbara Mendoza at [Barbara.Mendoza@lcps.org](mailto:Barbara.Mendoza@lcps.org).

### STEM Education Programs Seek Funding

Thanks to donations from Loudoun's business leaders, LEF will support a variety of STEM/STEAM education programs during the 2012-2015 school year. More funding is needed, however, to implement the proposed LEF Elementary STEM Grants program. Money raised will go to fund grants for STEAM education in elementary schools and teacher professional development. If you are interested in contributing, please contact [Dawn Meyer](#).

## ALLIANCES

### Claude Moore Makes Future Leaders Scholarships Possible

The Claude Moore Charitable Foundation gave \$15,000 to LEF to

School system beyond what public funds can accomplish.

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## CONTACT US

*Send us a message about whatever you like, ask a question or tell us about how the Foundation has impacted your classroom or your children's classroom.*

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support the annual Future Leader Scholarships. Fourteen LCPS high school seniors received scholarships of \$1,500, while Heritage High School student Ryan Miller earned a \$3,000 award at the School Business Partner Breakfast on March 14th at the National Conference Center.

### **Orbital Sciences Contributes to STEM Education**

A generous \$7,000 donation to LEF from Orbital Sciences funded the LCPS Science and Engineering fair on March 20th at Tuscarora High School, as well as other educational activities focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

### **iQuasar Funds New IT Scholarships**

A new LEF scholarship is available to LCPS high school students pursuing information technology. iQuasar, a Sterling-based IT services and solutions provider, donated \$1,000 to the Foundation for two \$500 scholarships. Applications are available on the [LCPS website](#).

Sincerely,

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