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### NEWS

#### Claude Moore Charitable Foundation is "Making a Difference"

*CMCF Gives \$10K for LEF Spring Teacher Classroom Grants*

Thanks to a generous grant from the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation (CMCF), the Loudoun Education Foundation will be awarding more than \$20,000 in teacher grants this spring.



"The Claude Moore Charitable Foundation is pleased to support the teachers in Loudoun County Public Schools who are making a difference in their classrooms everyday," remarked Lynn Tadlock, Deputy Executive Director of Giving at CMCF. "Part of the mission of the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation is to enhance educational opportunities and the "Making a Difference" grants will do that."

[LCPS teachers may apply for a grant of up to \\$1,500 on our website.](#) The deadline for applications is Friday, March 27.

### 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.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### LCPS Senior Art Show

Monday, March 2, 2015  
Art Institute in Dulles,  
Virginia  
*Open to the public*

#### School Business Partner Breakfast

Friday, March 13, 2015  
National Conference Center,  
7:30AM

#### 34th Annual Science

## School Board Approves Amended Budget Proposal for FY2016

The Loudoun County School Board approved an amended Superintendent's Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget of \$982 million, an increase of approximately \$70 million over the 2015 budget. The School Board approved 10 motions that altered Superintendent Dr. Eric Williams' proposed budget and increased it by \$1.25 million. The School Board presented the Fiscal Year 2016 budget to the Board of Supervisors Thursday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m., and the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing will be on Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 3-6 p.m. [Further information regarding the public hearing can be found here.](#)

### PROGRAMS

## Teacher and Classified Employee Scholarship Applications Due Feb. 27



LCPS Teachers seeking an endorsement in a critical shortage field in graduate school and classified employees pursuing a teaching degree are encouraged to apply for an LEF scholarship. Two scholarships for \$1,250 each are available to assist classified employees who plan to teach in Loudoun County public schools. Five scholarships for \$5,000, funded by the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, will support teachers in graduate programs for critical teaching shortage areas. Scholarship applicants must have worked for LCPS for two years and be committed to working in the school system for an additional two years. [For details and an application, visit the LEF website.](#)

### EVENTS

## Outstanding Teacher Dinner Sponsors Sought

The Loudoun Education Foundation will be hosting the annual [Outstanding Teacher Recognition Dinner](#) that honors the 2015 Washington Post Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Nominees from Loudoun County Public Schools. The event will be held at Belmont Country Club in Ashburn,

## and Engineering Fair

Thursday, March 19, 2015  
Freedom HS, 6PM

## Outstanding Teacher Award Dinner

Friday, April 17, 2015  
Belmont Country Club,  
6:30PM

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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 School system beyond what public funds can accomplish.

### ACCREDITATIONS



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Virginia, on Friday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. Corporate sponsors are needed to make this event a success. To help honor our teachers, [contact LEF Executive Director Dawn Meyer](#).

## School Business Partnership Breakfast

The local business community, LCPS and LEF will come together at 7:30 a.m. on March 13 at the National Conference Center. The breakfast is a celebration of the positive impact of partnerships between schools and local businesses. To buy a ticket or table, please [download this application](#) and [submit to LEF Office Manager Linda Russ](#).

## ACTIVITIES

### LEF Supports the Arts in our Schools

*Student Artists to be Celebrated at Scholastic Gold Key Exhibition and Senior Arts Show*

The Foundation is proud to support for the first time the LCPS Scholastic Art & Writing Gold Key Awards Winner Exhibition Reception on March 9 at 6 p.m. in the Administration Building. Artwork will be on display from March 9th through March 20th. The process begins across the country as young artists and writers in grades 7-12 submit work in 28 categories of art and writing to a network of regional affiliates who present award ceremonies and exhibits for selected works on a local level. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards continues to be the longest running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in America.



2012 Senior Art Purchase Award Winning work by Annie Archer of Tuscarora HS

The Annual Senior Art Show at the Art Institute in Dulles, Va., honors the artistic talents of Loudoun County Public Schools' graduating class. The event is free and open to the public and runs March 2 through April 3, with an award ceremony on March 12 at 6:30 p.m. LEF hands out the top prize, an art purchase award, while additional sponsors are needed to support second- and third-place prizes. Please [contact LEF Executive Director Dawn Meyer](#) for more information.

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## FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT



### Paul Lin

LEF Trustee  
HP Enterprise Services

#### Interesting Facts:

"I've lived in Loudoun County for 15 years with my wife and two children. One child has graduated from LCPS and the other will be graduating this year. I've served as a trustee with the Foundation since 2001 and have filled the roles of Foundation Treasurer, Vice President and President."

#### Why do you continue to stay involved with the Foundation?

"I get a great deal of

## Young Scientists and Engineers to be Showcased at the 34th Annual Regional Science & Engineering Fair



2014 RSEF Winners

The Foundation supports the annual LCPS Regional Science & Engineering Fair (RSEF), which involves more than 220 LCPS high school students. This year's event will take place at Freedom High School at 6 p.m. on March 19. The fair stimulates student interest in science and engineering, encourages participation in independent research, provides students with the opportunity to present their research to science professionals and gives them public recognition for their work. Many thanks to **Orbital Sciences** and local winemaker and LEF supporter **Lewis Parker** for their support of this event.

If you or your organization would like to contribute to Mr. Parker's [Willowcroft Science Endowment](#), which provides a \$4,000 student scholarship and \$3,000 teacher award, please [contact LEF Executive Director Dawn Meyer](#), at 571-252-1102.

enjoyment being involved in the community and have had the perfect opportunity to do so through the Foundation. Throughout my time with LEF, I have been fortunate enough to have been involved with many great Foundation stakeholders and multiple committees."

### What is your favorite LEF event?

"One of the nice things that the LEF provides our community is an opportunity to honor our top LCPS high school scholars at the Excellence in Education celebration banquet. This year was especially salient and rewarding, as I had the opportunity to share and celebrate in my son's academic successes and achievements as an Excellence in Education honoree."

### Which Foundation program are you most proud of?

"My favorite and most memorable LEF program is the Teacher Classroom Grants program. There is no better feeling than being able to award grants that facilitate and enable our teachers to innovate and try new ways to inspire and teach our children."

Sincerely,

**Kristina Lebert**

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