

Outstanding teachers get much-deserved recognition, LEF awards \$27,500 in scholarships, Backpack Coalition feeds 980+ hungry students



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Foundation News and Updates - May 2016

Celebrating Teachers that make Loudoun County the Best

Superintendent Dr. Eric Williams posed for a selfie with award-winning teachers to kick off the annual LEF Outstanding Teacher Recognition Dinner. Each educator recognized at the May 6th banquet was a nominee for the *Washington Post* teaching award for Loudoun County. In addition to dinner, a certificate, swag bag and raffle prizes, each teacher went home with a \$250 grant for their classroom! Many



thanks to all of our supporters for this important event for teachers, especially platinum sponsors **Apple Federal Credit Union Education Foundation** and **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**. [See who won](#)

LEF Awards \$27,500 in Scholarships for Continuing

Education

The Foundation recently awarded eight continuing education scholarships to LCPS staff. Five teachers received scholarships for \$5,000 each to attain their masters degree in critical teaching shortage areas, thanks to a donation from the **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**. Two classified employees received scholarships at \$1,250 to pursue a teaching degree. Finally, LEF awarded \$2,500 to one recipient of the Edgar B. Hatrick, III Scholarship for Future Leaders in Education. [Learn more](#)



New and Improved Elementary STEM Labs Become a Reality

The Foundation thanks **Orbital ATK** for donating funds to LEF to support the creation and expansion of labs for the study of science, technology, engineering and math at three LCPS elementary schools. Madison Trust, Selden's Landing and Sully Elementary will receive funding to purchase equipment and supplies, based on the successful implementation of a STEM lab at Guilford Elementary. Guilford is a school with a 79% economically disadvantaged population and 74% ELL population. Since the creation of the STEM lab, standardized test scores there have risen significantly in English, math and science.



Record Number to Attend Odyssey of the Mind World Finals

A record of 12 teams from 11 Loudoun County Public Schools will attend the 2016 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in Ames, Iowa. Odyssey of the Mind is an international program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities to students in kindergarten through college. LEF is proud to support each of the LCPS teams as they travel to Iowa State University to compete May 25-28. The funding



comes from a \$10,000 grant to LEF from the **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**. Thank you, CMCF! [See list of winning OM teams](#)

LCPS High Schools Named to Most Challenging List

All 13 eligible LCPS high schools were recently listed in the Washington Post's 2016 rankings of America's Most Challenging High Schools. Dominion HS took the top ranking for the county, coming in 20th in the Washington region. Rock Ridge and Riverside were not ranked because they are new schools. Overall rankings are determined by the number of college-level tests given at a school in the last school year divided by the number of graduates that year and other factors. [View rankings](#)



Sponsor the LEF Golf Classic at Creighton Farms

LEF is seeking sponsors for our annual fundraising golf tournament to support programs and activities that make Loudoun County the best in the nation for public education. This year's tournament is at the Club at Creighton Farms on Monday, September 19th. There are many opportunities available including title, event and banquet, lunch, contest and beverage cart sponsors. Thank you to **Moseley Architects, Cigna, Architecture Inc.** and **J2 Engineers, Inc.** for your sponsorship commitments! [Sponsorship Opportunities](#)



How do you feed 980+ hungry LCPS students? With donations and volunteers!

Almost one-third of all LCPS students receiving food on weekends get it from the Backpack Coalition program. With the help

of 48 organizations within Loudoun County--and dozens of volunteers--the LEF/LCPS Backpack Coalition program is feeding 980+ food-insecure LCPS students every single week.

The program, which began in the spring of 2014 with \$100,000 in matching funds from 100 Women Strong, has grown 632%! It costs just \$5 per week to send one child home for the weekend with a backpack full of food. The total cost per week is about \$4,900.



Did you know that **100% of donations are used to purchase food** through the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank's Feeding America Program? The food is delivered to the Loudoun Interfaith Relief warehouse in Leesburg where volunteers pack and distribute the family-style food for hungry students in need.

Donors and volunteers are needed! Hunger does not take weekends off. [Find out how you can help today.](#)

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