



Summer is a Season of Thanks

As we do each May, the Loudoun Education Foundation celebrated the 45 educators nominated for Teacher and Principal of the Year at our Outstanding Educators Banquet, held at the beautiful Cana Vineyards on May 5, 2023.

LEF Executive Director Danielle Nadler captured the sentiment of the event in her remarks from the podium, saying: "Please consider tonight one big thank you note from the Loudoun Education Foundation for all that you do day in and day out for students."

Now, as summer unofficially kicks off, that sentiment extends to education champions like you. We appreciate your generous efforts to raise the bar on education for our students. Please read on to find out what we're up to, and how you can help.

An Ode to Teachers



Message from Executive Director Danielle Nadler: It's no coincidence that Teacher Appreciation Week falls in May. It's strategically positioned a few weeks after spring break, just as the weather begins to warm, when it's more difficult to keep students focused on their studies.

If there was ever a time teachers needed a Crayola masterpiece from their student, a high-five in the carpool line, a Target gift card and a tall latte, or just a handwritten thank-you note, it's now.

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Meet May's Year of the Educator Honoree



Ramona Henriquez, a kindergarten teaching assistant at Kenneth W. Culbert Elementary, was the winner of the May Year of the Educator prize! **LEARN MORE**

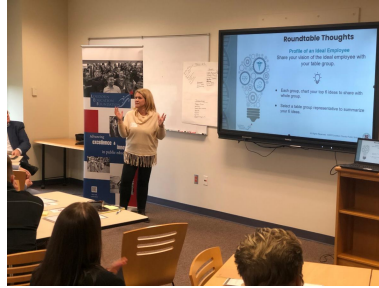
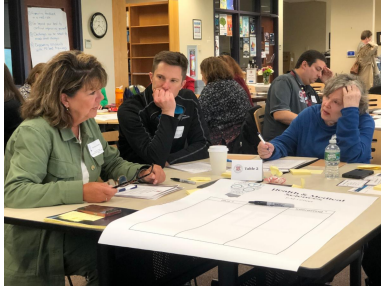
Each month this school year, LEF has surprised a randomly selected educator with a gift valued at \$500 or more. Thank you to those who donated gifts and funds to help make the Year of the Educator a success.

Other Year of the Educator prize winners this school year were:

- Veronica Coates, School Nutrition Lead at Woodgrove High;
- Travis Mirabella, Math Teacher at Willard Middle;
- Holly Myers, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at Blue Ridge Middle;
- Blanca Reyes, Custodian at Dominion High;
- Michelle Robles, Special Education Teacher at Forest Grove Elementary;
- Michael Shenkman, Social and Global Sciences Teacher at Briar Woods High;
- Meghan Smith, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher at Ashburn Elementary;
- and Amy Trickett, English Teacher at Lightridge High.

Anyone interested in donating items or funds to support the program next year **can email us.**

Meeting of the Minds



Recently, LEF hosted a round table discussion with community leaders on Building Health and Medical Science Careers.

This was an essential step toward developing the future Health and Medical Sciences Academy (HAMSci) in Loudoun County Public Schools.

Thank you to Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Inova Health System, StoneSprings Hospital Center, Loudoun County Economic Development, Loudoun County Public Schools Shenandoah University, Kaiser Permanente Thrive, Athari Bio, Pounce, Northern Virginia Community College Loudoun Campus, iCARE Clinics and the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, for participating in this rich conversation to align needs and resources!

Eat Pizza, Support LEF!

We are excited to partner with Solo NY Pizza in Leesburg for LEF Spirit Night! We can't wait to see you there on **Wednesday, May 31 from 4-9 PM.**

Don't forget to mention "Loudoun Education Foundation" at checkout, as they will donate 15% of sales to keeping our students fed and focused.

Please help spread the word and tag your pizzas with @lef4lcps and Solo NY Pizza!

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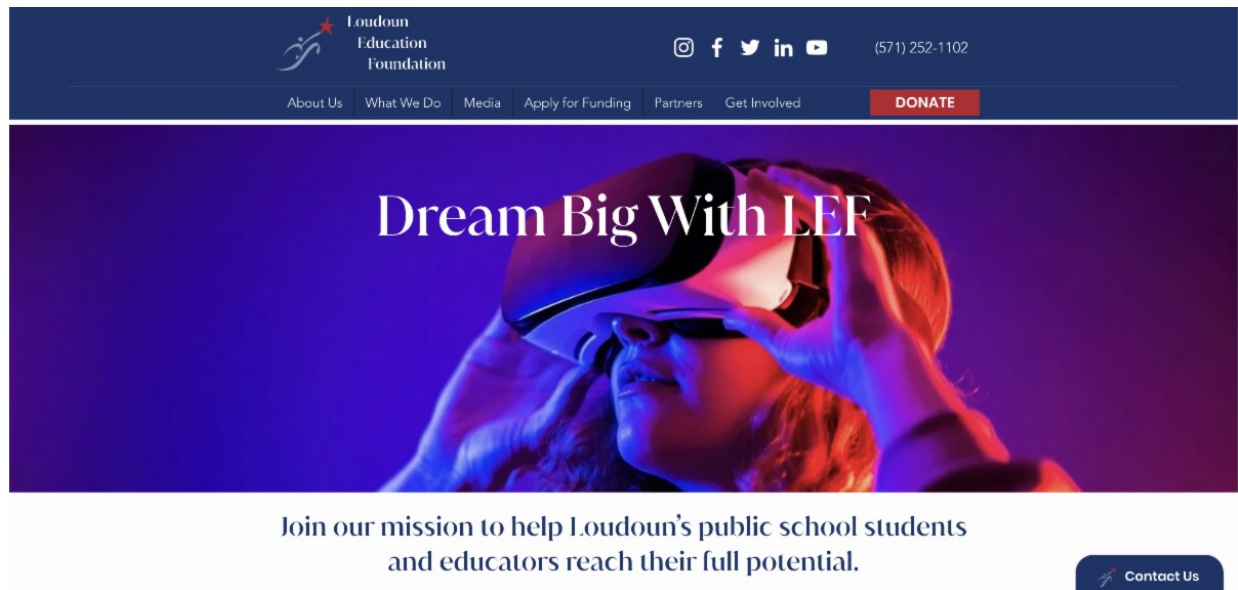
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We Have a New Website!



Check out our new website, at LoudounEducationFoundation.org! Thank you to **POUNCE Solutions** for revamping our site to better communicate how individuals, families, and businesses can join us in our work in supporting Loudoun County students and educators.

Mark Your Calendar



- June 8:** Last day of school for students
- June 9:** Loudoun United game spotlighting LEF (**GET TICKETS**)
- Aug. 12:** LEF Volunteer Appreciation Night
- Aug: 24:** First day of school for students
- Oct. 2:** LEF Golf Classic at The Club at Creighton Farms (**SIGN UP**)



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