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LAEF Kicks Off 3rd Year of STEAM Fairs at Los Alamitos USD Schools!

(Los Alamitos, CA) – For 3 years now, the Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) has helped to bring STEAM programs into all 9 of the Los Alamitos Unified school campuses by offering free STEAM classes, providing STEAM Fairs at all schools, and sponsoring a district-wide STEAM showcase for all students to participate in. LAEF is committed to inspiring children to pursue careers in the areas of science, technology, engineering, the arts and math through its annual STEAM Initiative.

The LAEF STEAM Initiative is funded by generous donations to the annual King and Queen of Hearts campaign. This year's campaign ended on Friday, February 24th at the coronation gala and raised a record \$180,000. With these funds, LAEF is able to provide the STEAM classes and STEAM Fairs free of charge to the students. LAEF not only provides all of the instructors for the 4-week classes, but also provides all the materials for each student's project. LAEF is proud to inspire more kids in the district each year as the STEAM Initiative continues to grow with more participants!

The entire community is invited to the STEAM Showcase on Saturday, May 20th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Los Alamitos High School Gym. The Showcase is free of charge! Students of all ages will present their projects and have their work on display for all to see. The Showcase

will feature a key-note presentation from Jenna Arkin of Earth Friendly Products. STEAM professionals will also be on-hand to provide interactive booths that will introduce students to career opportunities. The Reptile Zoo will again be at the STEAM Showcase to round out the learning fun!

STEAM Fairs are coming up at McGaugh Elementary School on Tuesday, April 11 and at Hopkinson Elementary School on Thursday, April 27.

LAEF is the non-profit partner of Los Alamitos Unified School District. LAEF enhances educational excellence by providing after-school and summer enrichment programs to children in grades Pre-K to 12. LAEF impacts all students by providing significant funding for STEAM teachers and instruction, as well as igniting new programs and providing valuable resources. For more information, visit www.LAEF4kids.org or call (562) 799-4700 Extension 80424 today!

Pictured below are candidates from the 2016-17 King & Queen of Hearts Campaign whose efforts fund LAEF's STEAM Initiative.

From left to right: Joe Maggiore, Queen Kerrie DaVanon, King Brian Liebl, Deb Machen, Ginny Ferguson, Tom Rowe, Erin Kominsky and Jeffrey Blancq

