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## LAEF Kicks Off 4<sup>th</sup> Year of STEAM Fairs at Los Alamitos USD Schools!

(Los Alamitos, CA) – For 4 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 Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at the coronation gala and raised a record \$210,000. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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. STEAM professionals will also be on-hand to provide interactive booths that will introduce students to career opportunities.

STEAM Fairs will be held on all 9 school campuses this Spring where students will present their STEAM projects to their peers. Every year the STEAM Fairs continue to grow in numbers and students look forward to touring the fairs.

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, call (562) 799-4700 Ext. 80424 or email <u>info@LAEF4kids.org</u> today!

Pictured below are the candidates from the 2017-18 King & Queen of Hearts Campaign, who raised the funds that support LAEF's STEAM Initiative.

From left to right: Craig Chamberlain, Karen Russell, Dan Brandt, Queen Wendee Close, King Geoff King, and Amy Payne

