

## PRESS RELEASE

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## Free District-Wide STEAM Showcase with Virgin Orbit Keynote Speaker!

(Los Alamitos, CA) – Do you want to be inspired and have a ton of fun? Come out to the 5<sup>th</sup> annual District-Wide STEAM Showcase on Saturday, April 6! It will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Los Alamitos High School Gym. It is open to the public and admission is free of charge.

At the STEAM Showcase, students of all ages will present their projects and have their work on display for all to see. The Showcase will feature a keynote presentation from Hannah McCallum, Propulsion Engineer at Virgin Orbit. STEAM professionals will also be on-hand to provide interactive booths that will introduce students to career opportunities. Snacks and drinks will be provided to round out the morning fun!

The Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) is continuing its work with the schools and students of the Los Alamitos Unified School District by providing free STEAM classes, STEAM Fairs at all schools, and sponsoring the district-wide STEAM showcase! The LAEF STEAM Initiative is funded by generous donations to the 2018-19 King and Queen of Hearts campaign, which ended on February 8 at the coronation gala and raised a record \$215,000.

The participation in the LAEF STEAM Fairs continues to grow each year. It gives hundreds of students the opportunity to display and present inspiring projects to their peers. McAuliffe and Oak Middle Schools will hold their fairs on March 27 and March 29, respectively. LAHS will hold their STEAM Fair on Friday, April 5. The elementary school STEAM Fairs begin on March 29 at Los Alamitos Elementary, and all others will take place from April 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

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!

Elementary students being inspired by the LAHS STEAM Fair projects presented at the 2018 STEAM Showcase.



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