

# LAEF



LOS ALAMITOS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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### **LAEF Donates \$45,000 for STEAM!**

(Los Alamitos, CA) – The Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) was proud to donate \$5,000 to each Los Alamitos Unified school campus this month, for a total of \$45,000 to support STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and math) instruction across the district.

“Even during these trying times, LAEF is committed to its mission and continues to provide funding in critical areas impacting all students,” said LAEF Board Chair Tom Lent. LAEF has experienced a drastic drop in revenue this year due to limited class schedules and cancelled fundraising events, however the Board felt strongly about continuing these donations in the important area of STEAM.

LAEF Executive Director Carrie Logue presented checks to all district principals last week and said, “It was amazing to see the gratitude from all of the school principals for this gift that will allow them to continue STEAM education even in the middle of an unprecedented year.” STEAM donations will help enhance and support programs on Middle and High School campuses and principals are committed to finding ways, even this year, to enhance and inspire student engagement in STEAM and Computer Science classes. At the elementary level, LAEF continues to partner with the “Friends of” groups at each school to provide students with an enhanced

educational experience from credentialed teachers and help extend the STEAM Initiative across the district.

To date, LAEF has donated a total of \$225,000 to support the salaries for Elementary School Media Center/STEAM teachers and a total of \$97,500 to middle schools and LAHS to support STEAM programs.

The STEAM donations are due to the community's support of LAEF's King & Queen of Hearts campaign. The campaign ended on February 7th at the Royal Gala and raised over \$135,000. The current Queen of Hearts is retired superintendent Dr. Sherry Kropp. This year's Royal Gala will look a little different with a Fundraising February campaign in lieu of a traditional gala. LAEF will continue to honor a member of our community with strong ties to the district and the foundation. With the community's help, LAEF will continue to raise money for funding in critical areas.

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](http://www.LAEF4kids.org) or call (562) 799-4700 Extension 80424 today.



Pictured from left to right are Lee Principal Amy Vento, Weaver Principal Dr. Todd Schmidt, Oak Principal Erin Kominsky, McGaugh Principal Dr. Issaic Gates, Los Alamitos Elementary Principal Gary Willems, Hopkinson Principal Evelyn Garcia, LAHS Principal Dr. Gregg Stone, Rossmoor Principal Amy Coltey and McAuliffe Principal Dr. Ryan Weiss-Wright.

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