

### LAEF CELEBRATES TEACHERS OF THE YEAR!



LAEF Teachers of the Year pictured from left to right: LAUSD Superintendent Dr. Andrew Pulver, Andrea Parsons (LAHS), Keena Vince (Los Alamitos Elementary), Jill Shafer (Hopkinson), Kenny Tsuji (McAuliffe), Lisa McClellan (McGaugh), Velma Freyre (Rossmoor), Amy Demos (Weaver), Matt Maya (Oak), Terri Hansard (Lee), LAEF Executive Director Carrie Logue

LAEF hosted a special event in May to recognize and celebrate the Los Alamitos Unified School District's Teachers of the Year. LAEF was proud to bring back this celebration that had not taken place since before the pandemic. A total of nine outstanding teachers were honored at the event, one from each district school. Each teacher, nominated by their peers, was recognized for their dedication, creativity, and passion in the classroom. Each school principal spoke about the teacher's exceptional contributions and the positive impact they have on their students and school communities. Then, each teacher was presented their award and gift, and gave an acceptance speech.

### SUMMER ENRICHMENT INSTITUTE - LARGEST EVER!

Each year, LAEF's Summer Enrichment Institute (SEI) is an essential part of summer for Los Al parents and students, offering fun and educational learning opportunities for students in grades TK-12. This year, we held SEI at Rossmoor Elementary School and it was LAEF's largest attended to date. LAEF's first session of SEI was launched on June 20 and Session 2 began on July 3rd, offering over 144 fun and academic enrichment classes to more than 680 students.



SEI kids enjoying Art (left) and Volleyball (right) this summer at Rossmoor Elementary.

### AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW & THRIVE!

- 1,422 students enrolled in Fall classes across all nine schools!
- 225 of those students are enrolled through the Extended Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP).
- 16 free virtual elementary World Language classes in 4 languages.
- In 2023, approximately 240 scholarships were issued to students in need totaling over \$31,000!



McGaugh Elementary kids learning Pickleball during the After-School Program.

**LAEF Has Donated Over \$2.64 Million to Los Al Kids Since 2013!**

# LAEF FOCUS: STUDENT WELLNESS & STEAM

**LAEF STEAM GRANTS NOW  
TOTAL \$450,000 SINCE 2016!**



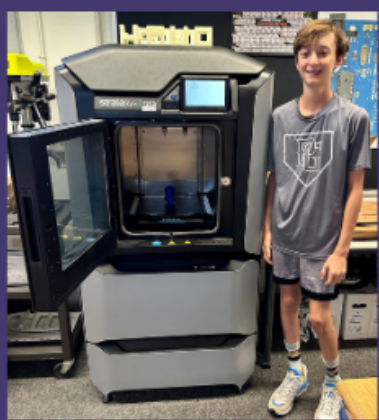
LAEF donated \$55,000 to fund stipends for six counseling interns for the 2023-24 school year. These staff members will provide extra support to students in our Well Spaces!

**OVER \$527,000 TO SUPPORT  
MENTAL HEALTH SINCE 2017**



LAEF awarded \$74,200 for STEAM Grants (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math) during the 2022-23 school year. Each of the district's nine schools received a grant based on applications from school principals to support anything STEAM related, such as curriculum, supplies, technology and/or staff salaries.

## STEAM Student Spotlight



In 2021, Oak Middle School used LAEF STEAM grant funds to purchase a 3D printer. 7th grader Lucas Wadleigh is currently enrolled in STEM III and the 3D printer has inspired him to get creative and bring his

ideas to reality. The STEM class is his favorite class because it has taught him that he can dream up an idea, plan the design and “watch them become real with a 3D printer.” His latest design is a “12 slot USB holder combined with a 2 slot SD card holder” that is not available in stores. He was inspired to create it to hold the number of cards he has. LAEF is so happy to hear that the 3D printer and STEAM grants are inspiring the next generation of inventors!

## Class Spotlight



LAEF loves to bring new and unique classes to the After School Programs, giving students the ability to try something different. This Fall, McGaugh and Weaver students are getting to learn photography

skills in a class taught by local photographer, Lorie Tannourji. So far they have explored the art of photography through leading lines and how to compose creative shots with still objects, such as mini erasers and mini lego figures. Tannourji is super impressed with their “creativity and enthusiasm in learning new photography techniques.” A couple of the students have even expressed the desire to become professional photographers.



# LAHS WELLNESS GARDEN NOW OPEN



L to R: Dr. Pulver,  
Carrie Logue,  
Gurjit and  
Mohinder Sethi  
and Chris Forehan



"The Oasis," thoughtfully named by students, is a collaborative effort with Los Al USD, Drs. Mohinder & Gurjit Sethi and LAEF. It's a place for students to experience nature, relax and reset just outside the WellSpace.



## COMING SOON! Fundraising February for Los Al Kids



Save the Date!

*Royal Gala*

Friday, Feb. 2, 2024 at The Grand, Long Beach

Learn more at: [LAEF4Kids.org/FundFeb](https://LAEF4Kids.org/FundFeb)



LAEF's 2023 Royalty, King Dave Locke  
and Queen Erin Kominsky

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