

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## LAEF Donates Over \$150,000 for Innovation Grants!

(Los Alamitos, CA) – The Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) is proud to provide over \$150,000 to Los Al Unified staff members to support Innovation Grants for the 2024-25 school year! From the end of May through August, LAEF accepted grant applications from school staff to support anything innovative, such as curriculum, supplies, and technology. LAEF received 112 grant applications and is funding 54 of the requests.

Grant funds will impact all six elementary schools, both middle schools, Los Alamitos High School and the Adult Transition Program. To date, LAEF has granted \$702,175 to support STEAM and innovation across Los Alamitos Unified School District.

Grants include a Podcast studio for 5th grade classrooms, supplies to "Grow Your Own Pizza Garden" for elementary students, a laser cutter and engraver for middle school students, Virtual Reality headsets for the LAHS history department and start-up supplies for a Flower Delivery business for the Adult Transition Program. This is just a sampling of the grants that will enhance student learning this school year!

The Innovation Grants are due in large part to the support from LAEF's major donor group, the Los Al Leadership Circle (LALC). The LALC consists of the distinguished, significant supporters of LAEF's visionary work. Members of the LALC provide the critical donations that

bring LAEF's support of Los Al kids to the next level. To learn more about how to become a member of the LALC, please visit <a href="https://www.LAEF4kids.org/LALC">www.LAEF4kids.org/LALC</a>.

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 TK to 12. LAEF impacts all students by providing significant funding for staff 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.



LAEF Board Chair Kendra Jones presents donation check to Los Alamitos Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Andrew Pulver at the State of the District breakfast event.



LAEF staff and board members present a donation check for \$150,975 for Innovation Grants to Los Al USD representatives.