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LAEF Celebrates Teachers of the Year!

Los Alamitos, CA - The Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) hosted a special event at Old Ranch Country Club on May 7 to recognize and celebrate the Los Alamitos Unified School District's top teachers of the year. The event was attended by a wide range of guests, including teachers, their family and friends, principals, school board members, LAEF staff and board members, and district cabinet members.

A total of eleven outstanding Los Al faculty were honored at the event, one teacher from each of our district schools, along with the District's Teacher of the Year and Employee of the Year. Honorees included Tim Jones (Los Alamitos High School), Laura Conroy (Oak Middle School), Jennifer Bellinder (McAuliffe Middle School), Allison Masumiya (Weaver Elementary), Rosanna Ly (Rossmoor Elementary), Lisa Salmones (McGaugh Elementary), Julie Little (Los Alamitos Elementary), Mary Cole (Lee Elementary), Amanda Lenhart (Hopkinson Elementary), Lori Avalos (District Teacher of the Year) and Jerilynn Kuhar (District Employee of the Year). Each teacher was recognized for their dedication, creativity, and passion for their students.

Principals from each of the honorees' schools spoke about their exceptional contributions and the positive impact they have had on their students and school communities. In addition, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ryan Weiss-Wright spoke about the District's teacher and employee of the year and their unwavering commitment and heartfelt support for students, as well as the lasting influence they've had on their schools.

"We are thrilled to be able to recognize these exceptional teachers and celebrate their achievements," said LAEF Executive Director Carrie Logue. "These teachers have gone above and

beyond to connect with their students, create magic inside their classrooms, and leave a lasting impact on our community. We are so grateful for their service and LAEF is thrilled to sponsor this awards dinner for the third year running.”

The event also provided an opportunity for guests from all district schools to connect with one another, strengthening the bonds between teachers, administrators, and LAEF. LAEF is committed to supporting the education and enrichment of students in the Los Alamitos Unified School District, and events like this help to foster a strong sense of community and collaboration within the district. LAEF is proud to host an evening celebrating such wonderful teachers in our district. Congratulations to all the honorees!

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 student mental health/wellness, STEAM instruction, Innovation Grants 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.



Pictured from left to right: District Superintendent Dr. Andrew Pulver, Amanda Lenhart (Hopkinson), Laura Conroy (Oak), Allison Masumiya (Weaver), Julie Little (Los Alamitos), Mary Cole (Lee), Lori Avalos (District Teacher of the Year), Lisa Salmones (McGaugh), Tim Jones (LAHS), Rosanna Ly (Rossmoor), Jennifer Bellinder (McAuliffe), Jerilynn Kuhar (Employee Teacher of the Year) and LAEF Executive Director Carrie Logue.

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