

LAPS Foundation Summary of Accomplishments July 2021-June 2022

Goal A: Fund innovative opportunities and materials for our schools.

- Awarded \$15244 in Great Ideas Grants to teachers (some spending will be in FY23).
- Awarded \$3265 in Mini-grants to teachers.
- Spent \$18,107 in funding donated by N3B for robotics, engineering and maker space resources for LAMS.
- Successfully planned and carried out our Shower with Love campaign in February 2022. 150 teachers participated. Raised \$8722 from community donations. LAPS Foundation donated \$9321 for a total funding impact of \$18,043.

Goal B: Create a school environment in which students are inspired to learn.

- Spent \$2381 for Wellness grants for LAPS employees/students (some of that amount was awarded in FY21 but spent in FY22).
- Provided \$2143 in staff appreciation funding.
- Spent \$10,246 on fitness equipment for the Topper Wellness Center at LAHS and wellness items for the living skills program at LAHS.
- Participated in “Celebrating the Seniors” month in May, including partnering with Kiwanis to purchase senior yard signs (\$1149).
- Helped with career fair in the fall at LAHS, including providing snacks for participant businesses and advertising the new career technical scholarship.
- Purchased a washer/dryer set (\$400) for the Living Skills program at LAHS.
- Dispersed funding (\$1432) for two student grants, one for the leadership class at the middle school and one for a high school student completing a project for the middle school (gaga ball pit).
- Hosted a lunch for LAPS administrators in June 2022 (\$571) and received helpful feedback about Foundation support for next fiscal year.

Goal C: Provide quality professional development opportunities for district educators.

- Awarded \$1200 in Professional Development Grants to teachers.
- Awarded \$800 in Book Group Grants.
- Hosted two professional development events, Let’s Celebrate LETRS and Pre-K is our Focus (\$5247) to allow teachers to collaborate and discuss best practices.
- Reimbursed 10 teachers for completing the dossier process, a total of \$3200.
- Recognized the Teacher of the Year and Classified Staff of the Year with \$500 each.
- Looking ahead to next fiscal year: funding the Safe and Civil Schools professional development event in the fall

Goal D: Maintain a scholarship program to recognize outstanding LAHS graduating seniors.

- Awarded \$11,200 in scholarships to 2022 graduating seniors.
- Created a new scholarship for career technical students and awarded one to a graduating senior this year.

- Successfully added an online submission option on our website. About half of the scholarship applicants used it.
- Recognized 11 educators of distinction who inspired the students who won LAPS F scholarships.
- Administered \$38,500 in scholarships for others, including a new memorial scholarship, the Kristin Kosiewicz Memorial Scholarship.
- Held an outdoor scholarship reception and had photographs of the students and their educators of distinction together.

Goal E: Develop a funding base to provide financial support not available to LAPS from other sources.

- Had a successful in person “Taste of Knowledge” fundraiser in October 2021 at Pig & Fig. We raised a net total of slightly under \$50,000 (which was about \$10,000 more than our goal).
- Annual Appeal at end of 2021 raised \$31,316.08.
- Applied to the IRS to change our 501(c)3 status to make it easier for people to give through donor advised funds (ex. Fidelity Charitable)
- Administered funds to LAPS from the Bombardt Music endowment (\$4710) with the Los Alamos Community Foundation which funded a harp, music resources and professional development.
- Received \$5731 from Los Alamos Schools Credit Union credit card donations.
- Received \$31,726 from LANL employees who donate through Lab giving with matching funds.
- Received \$1680 from Smith’s Inspiring Donations.
- Maintained an email distribution list of 553 names and an alumni list of 872 names.
- Published 19 articles in the local online newspapers for FY22.
- Held a successful first time HillHopper Homecoming event for LAHS alumni and teachers on Homecoming weekend which was very well received and brought in about \$1500.
- Expanded alumni relations (Ramsey Stage naming effort and Hilltopper 5K)

Goal F: Develop a high performing Board of Directors, Executive Director and organization.

- Made great use of the new office on Central Avenue with more space and room for committee meetings.
- Welcomed 3 new board members.
- Welcomed Jose Delfin as the new LAPS Superintendent.
- Continue to have excellent student board members who fully participate in meetings and events and provide good feedback and info for student reports.
- Held two Teacher Advisory Discussions and received helpful feedback (health and PE teachers and new teachers were selected for this year) and set aside funding for specific needs for them.
- ED and several board members participated on the HB33 committee which successfully passed the 2021 Public Schools Building Act election