

LAPS Foundation Summary of Accomplishments
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

ENHANCE THE SCHOOLS

- Awarded \$4606.74 in Great Ideas Grants to teachers.
- Awarded \$7373.53 in Mini-grants to teachers.
- Successfully planned and carried out our Shower with Love campaign in February-March 2025. 195 teachers participated. Raised \$14,007 from community donations. LAPS Foundation donated \$12,256 for a total funding impact of \$26,263.
- Spent \$2463.29 in Teacher Advisory grant funds for items identified at Teacher Advisory dinners.
- Awarded \$14,950 in Professional Development Grants to teachers.
- Awarded \$1290.43 in Book Group Grants.
- Purchased *The Epic Classroom* books (\$2787.60) for all teachers written by the keynote speaker at the LAPS back to school PD in July 2024
- Supported a professional development training for new teachers (\$1552) in September 2024, providing materials and resources for them to use in their classrooms.
- Supported a professional development event by LAPS in May 2025 where outside speakers were brought in for our district and other districts (\$806.89).
- Recognized the Teacher of the Year and Classified Staff of the Year with \$500 each.
- Provided \$2548.40 in staff appreciation funding.
- Gave homemade cookies in November and candy in February for staff appreciation across the school district to all staff.
- Spent \$2163.16 for Wellness grants for LAPS employees/students
- Supported efforts for the high school new teacher/mentor teacher program by providing desserts from local bakeries for each monthly meeting.
- Dispersed funding (\$583.76) for two student grants at LAMS.
- Funded Math nights at all five elementaries for a total of \$1943.61, including prizes, math games and for Mathamuseum to come to each Math Night.
- Funded the Devi Raju Citizenship Awards with restricted funding with 98 students receiving \$5720 in awards.
- Awarded a total of \$63,500 in scholarships to 2025 graduating seniors.
- Awarded four community service scholarships.
- Awarded one scholarship for a student pursuing a career technical path this year.
- Created a new scholarship for a “Future Teacher” and awarded it to a 2025 graduate.
- Created a new scholarship for former “Student Board Member” to recognize the contribution of the senior student board member and remove the need for them to apply for the Community Services scholarship
- Promoted applying for scholarships at the high school by posting informational videos on social media about scholarship applications and displaying a banner on the overpass and one inside the high school to encourage students to apply.
- Recognized 8 educators of distinction who inspired the students who won LAPSF scholarships.

- Administered \$52,500 in memorial scholarships, including the Raymon “Ray” Maldonado Memorial Scholarship which was new this fiscal year.
- Held an outdoor scholarship reception for students and their families at the LAHS Quad and had photographs of the students and their educators of distinction together.
- Accepted a donation from Los Alamos Housing Partnership for \$1.3 million to benefit career technical education at LAPS

ADVOCATE FOR SUPPORT

- Held a successful “Taste of Knowledge” fundraiser in with a theme of “Culture Fest” in September 2024 at Fuller Lodge. We raised a net total of slightly under \$40,000
- The Annual Appeal campaign in November/December of 2024 raised \$27,134.
- Administered funds to LAPS through the Bombardt Music endowment (\$5000) with the Los Alamos Community Foundation which funded a choir guest artist and lecturer culminating in the Choir Winter Gala performance in January, and an orchestra master class with professional clinicians to help teach orchestra students.
- Received \$6251.25 from Los Alamos Schools Credit Union credit card donations.
- Received \$15,939.25 from LANL employees who donate through Lab giving with matching funds from Triad of \$7954.63.
- Received \$1464.78 from Smith’s Inspiring Donations.
- Maintained an email distribution list of 1,122 names and an alumni list of 1,404 names.
- Published 16 articles in the local online newspapers for FY25.
- Published regular audience and alumni audience newsletters in December and June.
- Significantly increased our presence on social media with many more posts, and created an Instagram account.
- Maintained the LAPS Foundation website, including managing all the forms we receive such as grant forms, scholarship forms, and Shower with Love forms.
- Held a successful fourth HillHopper Homecoming event for LAHS alumni and teachers on Homecoming weekend which was very well received and brought in \$927. Lane Stevens was the band for entertainment.
- Held a successful third Hilltopper Run in August 2024 managed by TCR Productions and in partnership with the high school cross country teams. Received a donation of \$1500 from TCR Productions specifically for use during our Shower with Love campaign.
- Hosted High School tours for Reunion Classes 1994, 2004, 1974 and 2015.
- Alumni t-shirts—maintained a variety of choices for alumni to purchase at reunion tours and HillHopper Homecoming, keeping track of stock and reordering from local Northern NM business (owned by LAHS alumni).
- Received donation from LAHS Alumni Association of leftover funds (\$352.06) when they dissolved in spring 2025.
- Allowed two different groups to use our Givesmart platform, Choir Boosters for the Winter Gala and Class of 1970 for their 55th Class Reunion.
- Spent a significant amount of time meeting with and negotiating the transfer of the Los Alamos Housing Partnership funds, including drafting agreements, obtaining legal advice, opening a new bank account, filing at county clerk’s office, etc.

- Worked with LAHS Athletics to develop a plan to get completely caught up on yearbooks platform and plan for promoting in the future. Met with Rocket Alumni Solutions several times during the year on zoom

EXCEL AS AN ORGANIZATION

- Welcomed 3 new board members.
- 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 with groups of teachers to discuss the goals of the LAPS strategic plan.
- Hired a part time marketing specialist and significantly increased marketing efforts.
- Transitioned a new bookkeeper after the retirement of our longtime bookkeeper.
- Executive Director spoke at Kiwanis meetings in August 2024 and February 2025 with Foundation updates.
- The Foundation had a table with giveaways for students at the county fair to engage with the community.
- Foundation board members attended open houses for all schools in August 2024 and distributed information about the Foundation.
- BOD convened a governance committee to make proposed revisions to the strategic plan and policies and procedures.
- BOD revised and updated the strategic plan in May 2025.
- Successfully participated in LAPS yearly audit, gathered all information and attended meetings.
- Painted LAPS sign at district office to refresh the green background which had faded.
- Conducted yearly financial review at Edward Jones Investments with good participation from several board members.
- Facilitated purchase of bike helmets (\$415) for Safety Town for incoming kindergartners through donation from Century Bank.
- Hosted LANL Director Thom Mason for March 2025 BOD meeting.