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Welcome Dawn Fields Wise!

The Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation (LCSEF) owes much of its impact on the education community to the strong leaders it has had since its inception in 1985. As the most recent Executive Director, Jodi Gillette, stepped out of the role at the Foundation and into a new role at Central Virginia Community College, Dawn Fields Wise is stepping in as the new Executive Director.

Wise brings over eighteen years of non-profit experience, most recently serving as the Director of Resource and Grant Development at United Way of Central Virginia, where she was appointed in 2014 to head up the organization’s move into Community Impact and its first area of emphasis—the School Readiness Initiative. During her tenure, she has guided the Initiative’s tremendous and rapid expansion alongside United Way’s educational programming arm, Bright Beginnings Central Virginia, which includes securing multi-year funding from the prestigious Kellogg Foundation, one of only two local United Way chapters in the world to do so. Most recently, she has helped increase the initiative’s overall educational programming budget by 1738%, from a \$136,000 annual budget to over \$2.5 million.



Dawn Fields Wise,
Photo by Andrew Wilds Photography

When the LCSEF Executive Director search began, Wise referred to the opportunity as her ‘dream job.’ Wise stated, “I am a first-generation college student and as a result, I am passionate about education — and about improving education systems — because every student should have the opportunities I went on to have. I am personally invested in ending educational inequity because these barriers are real and urgent and we need all systems working together to make sure that every child gets what they need and deserve.”

In addition to her position at United Way she has also been extensively involved in other local nonprofits, and has served on the United Ways of Virginia Steering and Research Committees, and the statewide ALICE Committee helping raise awareness through advocacy and lobbying for struggling, working families.

She is a native of Amherst County and is a proud graduate of the University of Virginia with a degree in History and has completed her post-graduate work in Teaching at Mary Baldwin University.

Message from the President



As I begin my two-year term as president of LCS Education Foundation (LCSEF) Board of Trustees, I want to thank all of you who have been so

supportive of our programs over the years.

Thanks to the generous support of so many individuals and businesses in our community who value public education, the Education Foundation was able to keep its programs moving forward at full force, with approximately \$85,000 awarded to support our teachers through Classroom Innovation Grants, over \$20,000 invested in our **Tools4Schools** warehouse to put needed school supplies into the hands of students and educational resources into the hands of teachers, and continued administration of \$88,300 in scholarships for LCS students.

Our Ed Foundation has been able to add new and grow existing programs which benefit our students with fascinating opportunities: The AEP Foundation provided funding for environmental education; members of our local arts community provided funding for the therapeutic art program; the continued generosity of a group of donors keeps the Excellence in Science scholarship funded; and donations to support teacher recruitment and the Lynchburg Imagination Library have potential for significant community impact.

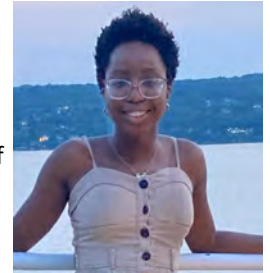
The 2022-23 school year will be an exciting one for the LCSEF, with a new Executive Director, Dawn Wise, at the helm, and a Foundation board committed to both maintaining existing successful programs and exploring new opportunities for helping Lynchburg City Schools' students and staff.

I am asking for your support again this year. Your contribution to LCSEF will be a positive force in supporting our schools. Thank you.

Julie P. Doyle, President,
Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation
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Excellence in Science and Stroobants Scholarships: Community Investment Provides Opportunities for Top Students

Thanks to the generosity of local donors, the Excellence in Science Scholarship awards \$30,000 to a graduating senior for outstanding achievement in science or engineering. This year's recipient, Jade Personna, graduated from E.C. Glass High School and started at Massachusetts Institute of Technology this fall.



Jade selected MIT for its excellent engineering program and opportunities for undergraduate research. "I developed a passion for sustainability at a very young age and I have always had an interest in buildings, bridges, and other structures. I like making things and solving tricky problems, which is what led me towards engineering. I chose civil specifically ... to work in sustainable development and design buildings, bridges, and transportation networks that are good for both the people who use them and the environment."

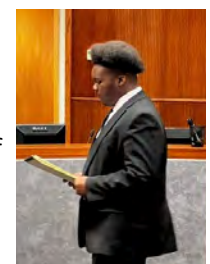


Emily Mullen earned a 2022 Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation scholarship of \$1,000 recognizing excellence in scholarship and community service. She will continue her education at Shenandoah Conservatory where she plans to study instrumental music education. Her career goals include teaching music and professional orchestral conducting.

Emily was an Early College student graduating in 2022 with a diploma from E.C. Glass High School as well as an Associate's Degree from Central Virginia Community College. She received tuition assistance for Early College from the James K. Candler Opportunity Fund, a unique scholarship enabling students enrolled in LCS to participate in experiences that would otherwise be financially out of reach.



Dai'dieon Colmore was awarded a Stroobants Aspire Scholarship when he was in the 7th grade, allowing him ample time to consider his future plans knowing that money is set aside to fund his education beyond high school. He credits the scholarship's boost to his confidence and the support of the team behind every Stroobants Scholarship awardee with his determination to pursue a law degree.



Dai'dieon has taken advantage of additional Stroobants Foundation funds to participate in summer enrichment opportunities as he prepares to meet his future goals. Last summer Dai'dieon attended the National Student Leadership Council on Law & Advocacy. He says, "We got to speak with many amazing professors and facilitators...! I've learned so many valuable leadership skills that I have already started implementing in my life!" Additionally, he enjoyed visiting the Smithsonian and Holocaust Museums while attending the conference. This summer, as Dai'dieon prepares to graduate from high school and go off to college, he will join his German class on an immersive trip to Germany. We are grateful for all the advantages of experiential learning and college scholarships made possible through the generosity of the AI Stroobants Foundation to LCS students.



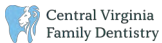
Celebrating Top Scholars

The Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation partners each year with the Lynchburg City Schools to honor the top 15 seniors from E.C. Glass High School and the top 15 seniors from Heritage High School for their superior academic accomplishments. The students invited two family members and an honored teacher to join them at a celebratory dinner held on May 1, 2022 at the University of Lynchburg. The featured speaker was Emily S. Crowder, Executive Director, Global Camps Africa.

E. C. Glass High School: Charly Beasley, George Best, Isaiah Bradner, Brian Cate, Owen Dunlop, Sasha Hatch, Eric Kauppi, Ina Lynch, Brady Mandeville, Reagan Morford, Jillian Nylund, Jade Personna, Virginia Blair Trost, Eli Wood, Jeffrey Wooters

Heritage High School: Pablo Alanis, Charlie Armes, Sydney Carter, Tammy Cash, Lily Doebler, L J Green, Jayda Haynes, Carleen Howard, Erin Howard, Pranav Jothi, Eujine Kim, Alaysia Oakes, Alex Taylor, Brynn Young

Thank you to Lynchburg's area colleges & universities that recognize and value academic excellence and sponsor this event!



Scholarships Recognize Student Success!

Belvac Production Machinery awarded two \$1,000 scholarships for leadership, scholastic achievement, community service, and ability to overcome personal or circumstantial obstacles:

Avery Sprouse (Heritage)

Jordan Walker (E.C. Glass)

Excellence in Science Scholarship is a \$30,000 scholarship awarded to a top science or engineering student: Jade Personna (E.C. Glass)

Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation awarded two \$500 scholarships for scholastic achievement and community service: Annanda Graves (Heritage) Emily Mullen (E.C. Glass)

James Howard Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship awarded to a Heritage High School college bound football player selected by his coach: Karson Adcock

Lynchburg Junior Woman's Club awarded two \$1,000 scholarships for

exceptional community service:

Charly Beasley (E.C. Glass)

Skylar Chewning (Heritage)

Lynchburg Morning Rotary Club awarded two \$500 scholarships for students pursuing careers in the trades:

Lucas Pannell (E.C. Glass)

Taliyah Pratt (Heritage)

M.H. Masonry awarded two \$500 scholarships for scholastic achievement and community service:

Pranav Jothi (Heritage)

Caroline Light (E.C. Glass)

Orthodontic Arts awarded a \$500 scholarship to a Heritage student who plans to study nursing, dentistry, or medicine: Sokhna Mbathe

Stroobants Focus Scholarships totaling \$18,500 were awarded to students pursuing a career in the trades: Lucas Pannell (E.C. Glass) Loralie Riffle (Empowerment Academy) Taliyah Pratt & Olivia Viar (Heritage)

Stroobants EXCEL Scholarship awarded \$13,000 to a student nominated for outstanding work in a career tech class in recognition of his or her scholarship, leadership and compassion for other students: Jonathan Baker (Heritage)

Taylor Brothers of Lynchburg awarded two \$500 scholarships for scholastic achievement and community service: Eujine Kim (Heritage) Alex Taylor (Heritage)

Technical Management & Resources awarded two \$1,000 scholarships and a Chromebook for leadership, scholastic achievement, and community service for African American students: Kabria Jackson (Heritage) Alaysia Oakes (Heritage)

Stacy Knight Westgate Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship awarded to a Heritage High School college bound baseball player as selected by his coach: Matthew Cassidy

Classroom Innovation Grants

We are proud to bring additional resources to our students and teachers through Classroom Innovation Grants, which allow teachers to explore new teaching methods and showcase new learning opportunities for their students. Grant funded projects can provide hands-on exploration or support new ways to implement stimulating lessons. Whatever the need, Classroom Innovation Grants provide funding from \$500 to \$5,000 for teachers to engage students in exciting and effective projects and programs.

All Classroom Innovation Grants are funded by tax-deductible donations from businesses, foundations, and individuals. Lynchburg should be proud of its commitment to education. Thank you to all of the teachers listed below for going the extra mile for our students and to our donors for making this program a wonderful success! If you are not already a contributor, please join our team of sponsors by contacting our director at (434) 515-5081 or wisedf@lcsedu.net.

These thirty-nine projects totaling \$84,325.90 were funded in 2021-2022:



Virtual Academy students are "hands-on" learning about electricity

IMPACT GRANTS: (*\$2,001—\$5,000*)

Economic Development Authority of the City of Lynchburg

"Creating STEM through Laser"
Sandusky Middle School—Monica Tucker

BWX Technologies, Inc.

"Dunbar Wacom Tablets"
Dunbar Middle School—Emily Kelly

WestRock, U.S. Pipe, R.M. Gantt Construction

"Aquaponics in the Classroom"
Heritage High School—Cathy Drumheller

Merryman Charitable Foundation, International Paper, American National Bank, Harrington Corporation

"The Last Word in Podcast and Media Productions"
Fort Hill Community School—Zachary Guca, Christhonda Davis

Berglund Toyota, Truist, Fleet Laboratories

"LOVEworks Public Art Installation"
Sheffield Elementary School—Joanna Bourque

Schewel Charitable Foundation

"Hugs & Kisses Performance"
Sandusky Elementary School—
Marisa Jones, Melissa Smith

Piedmont Community Health Plan, Dominion Seven Architects, Hanwha Azdel

"Health Room Transformation"
Dunbar Middle School—Elizabeth Kappler

Framatome

"Exciting Hands on Electricity Experiences"
Virtual Academy—Owen Onderdonk, Josh Boyd

Genworth Foundation

"Everybody Reads: Building a Family-School Early Literacy Partnership through Books"
Hutcherson Early Learning Center—
Jessica Webb

Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation-Faye Marcum Mifka Fund, Walmart Neighborhood Market, Walmart (Old Forest Road)

"We Built the Community"
Sandusky Middle School—Karen Camden, Katie Sharpe

Genworth Foundation

"Protecting our Investment: Violins and Equitable Opportunities"
Division Wide—Ginger Paris

BWX Technologies, Inc.

"Creating Authentic Learning in 3D"
Bedford Hills Elementary School—
Caroline Arp

International Paper

"LCS Fabulous Morning of Wellness"
Division-wide—Lakrisha Scott, Zoe Whitcomb-Stokes, Jodi Gillette

CLASSROOM INNOVATION GRANTS: (*\$500—\$2,000*)

Banker Steel

"Kinder" Garden"
Paul Munro Elementary School—
Jamie Addressa

Tessy Plastics

"3D Printing Club"
E.C. Glass High School—Paul Arslain

Dodson Pest Control

"Outdoor Classroom"
Fort Hill Community School—Vivian Kidd

Westminster Canterbury

"ESL Support to Amazement Square"
E.C. Glass and Heritage High Schools—
Stephanie Glover

Electronic Design and Manufacturing Co.

"Expressive Electronics"
Sheffield Elementary School—
Joanna Bourque

Walmart (Wards Road), Central Virginia Federal Credit Union

"SES Affirmation Garden"
Sandusky Elementary School—
Marisa Jones

Old Dominion Furniture

"Flexible Seating"
T.C. Miller Elementary School—
Beth Brown, Madeline Smyczek

Belvac Production Machinery, Coldwell Baker Commercial Read & Co. Realtors, Wooldridge Heating · Air · Electrical

"Art as Therapy-Focusing on the Creative Process"
E.C. Glass High School—
Kimberly Gibson-McDonald, Ashley Marot

Wiley | Wilson, HumanKind, Technical and Management Resources

"Building Character through Play"
R.S. Payne Elementary School—
Aimee Hasinger, Kira Roberts, Madison Neiderer, Kera Wehrach-Ernest

Virginia Garden Supply, Tracy & Al Baker

"Gardening Year Round"
R.S. Payne Elementary School—
Georgianna Cary

Successful Innovations

"Relief for Wiggly Students"
Sheffield Elementary School—
Jennifer Keller

Old Dominion Furniture Co., Beacon Credit Union, Master Engineers & Designers, Lynchburg Nissan
"We're Gaga for Children's Health!"
 Perrymont Elementary School—Marisa Freeman, Andrea Lively, Maddie Gunter, Brittany Dray, Laura Kobischen, Ayanna Stamps-Glover

Pinnacle Financial Partners, L.G. Flint General Contractors
"Step It Up, PES"
 Perrymont Elementary School—Marisa Freeman, Maddie Gunter, Brittany Dray, Jessica Filiaggi, Debbie Wilson, Hannah Leffel

Carter Bank & Trust
"File Folder Fanatics"
 Perrymont Elementary School—Ayanna Stamps-Glover



Students at Paul Munro Elementary School were able to see how plants grow from seed to flower or vegetable thanks to a generous grant from Banker Steel

Sam's Club, Innovative Wireless Technologies
"Spartan TV"
 Sandusky Middle School—David Lively

Sylvan Learning of Lynchburg, Kim & Stephen Tibbs
"Serving Up Reading at the Jag Cafe"
 Linkhorne Middle School—Kelley Jacobs

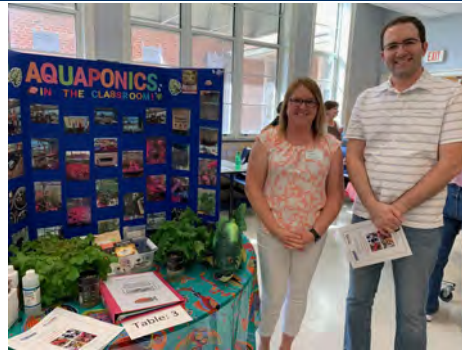
The News & Advance
"Jaguars LEAD to READ"
 Linkhorne Middle School —Renee Stephens

Scott Insurance, Virginia School Equipment
"Outdoor Education"
 Bedford Hills Elementary School—Chantelle Deddens

Belvac Production Machinery
"Ancient Latin Comes Alive: 3D Printing Artifacts"
 E.C. Glass High School—Jacquelyn Wilkins

Bank of the James
"Hexagonal Thinking"
 E.C. Glass High School—Amy DeCiantis

Liz Sumpter & Brian Carlton
"Poets and Page Turners"
 Dunbar Middle School— Erin Comninake, Brittany Willis



Ms. Drumheller showcases HHS's Aquaponics project during the annual Classroom Innovation Grant reception. A representative from WestRock, one of this grant's sponsors, looks on.

Wegmann USA, Inc., TRAX, LLC
"Edison Robot: Fun Robotics for Tomorrow's Inventors"
 Division-wide—Erin Comninaki

International Paper, Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation
"LCS Fabulous Morning of Wellness"
 Division-wide—Lakrisha Scott, Zoe Whitcomb-Stokes, Jodi Gillette

International Paper
"Link Crew at ECG"
 E. C. Glass High School—Heather McCormick

Hurt & Proffitt, Lynchburg Municipal Employees Federal Credit Union, Walmart Old Forest Road, Walmart Neighborhood Market
"Project Inclusion"
 Heritage High School—Cathy Drumheller

First National Bank, Moore & Giles, Inc., Anonymous
"Project Inclusion"
 E. C. Glass High School—Heather McCormick

Coleman-Adams Construction, Winston & Roger Green
"Let's Make Beats! Modern Studio Equipment for Modern Artists"
 E. C. Glass High School—Casey Wood



LCS Ed Foundation promotes arts education and equity by ensuring any student can participate in the exceptional LCS Strings Program.



Donations to our **Tools4Schools** Warehouse allow us to provide 1,100 school supply sets and 600 backpacks to students with financial need each year to ensure that all students begin the school year with the materials they need to be ready to learn! The warehouse also fills between 700 and 800 orders of educational materials and classroom rewards and incentives free of charge to LCS educators annually.



Volunteers from Columbia Gas spent one May morning packing back to school supplies and then returned with a check to fund additional supplies for our LCS students and teachers!

Thank You Warehouse Sponsors!



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The LCS Education Foundation served as the fiscal agent for the Samuel F. Kelso historic marker. Mr. Kelso was one of the first African American teachers in the City of Lynchburg and advocated for free public education for all in Virginia after the Civil War. We are honored to be part of the historic marker project to honor Mr. Kelso's legacy.

Thank you to Jane White for her efforts to keep important pieces of Lynchburg's history alive through historic markers,



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Prior to January 2022 this project was managed by the Aspire Foundation and delivered nearly 21,000 books to Lynchburg.



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A Fabulous Morning of Wellness

The LCS Fabulous Morning of Wellness allowed LCS employees to select a fun, leisure, or personal growth activity from a large range of choices courtesy of local businesses. In addition to demonstrating our appreciation, this day also provided opportunities for teachers and staff across the division to build an 'LCS Team' by connecting with other employees with similar interests, as well as allowing our teachers to experience opportunities within our community that may be of value to their family or classroom. 533 LCS employees chose from 48 offerings and fanned out across the city to enjoy a Fabulous Morning of Wellness! This event was possible thanks to generous contributions from International Paper and the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation.



Blackwater Creek Trail Hike led by Blue Ridge Mountains Council-Boy Scouts of America representatives.

Breakfast with the Superintendent: Connecting Our Community with Our Schools

The Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation, Inc., hosted our sixteenth annual Breakfast with the Superintendent as a virtual event on Thursday, March 17, 2022. This event provided an opportunity for local business and community leaders as well as interested citizens to learn more about the Lynchburg City Schools from school leadership.



Parental Engagement Program at Heritage Elementary School

This year's program was presented by Dr. Crystal M. Edwards, Superintendent of Lynchburg City Schools, with keynote address entitled, "Resetting for Success: How LCS is Addressing Academic Recovery for our Youngest Students". Dr. Edwards emphasized her point introducing presentations by the LCS Elementary Literacy Specialist showcasing the early success of the reading recovery program implemented in our elementary schools and two LCS principals presenting the parental engagement program and the embedded academic intervention system designed to ensure greater success for all students.



Reading Recovery Program at Bedford Hills Elementary School

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Allocate all or a portion of your Virginia tax refund, or an additional gift, when you complete your state tax return. Indicate your contribution on line 33 of form 760 and use code **680001** on line 11 of the Virginia Contributions Schedule (VAC), section II. The Foundation will then receive a check in the amount of your donation!
- ◆ **AMAZON SMILE**
Select the Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation as your charity at smile.amazon.com to support our programs while you shop.
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Leave a legacy to public education and help fund the future of our programs.
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