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A Year Like No Other

2020 promised to be a year of opportunity during which the LCS Education Foundation would extend its typical programs and achieve predictable milestones. As we now know, 2020 has certainly surprised us all!

The Foundation has played a very active role in responding to rapidly shifting needs and priorities by supporting our students and teachers as COVID-19 has dramatically changed the landscape of classroom instruction. The current pandemic has not only forced our schools to remodel educational delivery systems, but it has also highlighted inequities inherent in our society. As both *excellence* and *equity* are the tenets of our mission, the Education Foundation is committed to ensuring equal opportunities for success to all. So how have we responded?



Preparing book distribution during COVID-19

With help from the community, we immediately responded to unanticipated needs to ensure a continuity of learning for all of our students. With over 60% of LCS students qualifying for free or reduced lunch, this has been especially crucial. Over the past few months, we have:

- provided school supplies required to complete continuity of learning activities to students who lacked those resources at home.
- collected over 8,000 plastic sheets from LCS teachers and businesses to support local PPE efforts before supply chains could catch up to demand.
- provided \$1,000 in incentives to help LCS teachers receive Google certification to build their virtual teaching skills as well as their classroom skills.
- purchased 6,000 grade-specific elementary books from interactive fairy tales to beautifully illustrated and engaging science books — to distribute to 1,200 students who have limited access to books in their homes in order to minimize reading loss and build their home libraries during this extended time away from the classroom.
- ♦ helped to secure 300+ face masks for the LCS food distribution team.
- provided art materials to support enrichment activities to over 900 students at the elementary and middle school levels.

All of this was made possible thanks to special donations from organizations such as the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation Youth Philanthropy Award, businesses such as Walmart, and individuals such as Lee and Sharon Ainslie. We don't know all that lies ahead for the 2020-2021 school year, but we do know that this year will be different from any other. As the LCS Education Foundation celebrates its **35th anniversary** and reaches its **\$1,000,000** mark for Classroom Innovation Grants since the start of this program, our commitment to excellence and equity for all of our students has not changed. With your support, we will continue to respond flexibly and effectively to whatever challenges our school system faces in the months to come. Thank you for your partnership in the past and your continued support as we look ahead to the future.

Message from the President



On behalf of the Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation Board of Trustees, I thank all of you who have been so supportive of our programs over the years. We

Mr. E. Mac Frankfort are very fortunate to live in a city where public education is valued so highly, and where individuals and businesses are so generous with their contributions.

The challenges facing us all in 2020 are many, and they are substantial – a viral pandemic, social/cultural unrest, an economy in recession, state and city finances in disarray. All of these things are impacting Lynchburg City Schools, as they are school systems all over our country. Nevertheless, we will push on through these hard times because we have no other choice.

For 35 years, the Education Foundation has provided Classroom Innovation Grants to teachers, run our Tools4Schools Warehouse that puts school supplies into the hands of students who otherwise would go without, and administered scholarships for LCS students. These programs will continue to be our focus, but we cannot know for sure what the next few months will bring. We are living through challenging times and it is therefore my task to seek your support when the specifics of the efforts that we undertake are far from clear. I can assure you that we will stay true to our mission, and that we will select the most impactful initiatives as they are identified. And so this year, perhaps more than any other, I ask for your support with a sense of urgency even in the face of uncertainty.

How can you help to give our students the opportunities they need to become good citizens and to realize their dreams? We believe your contribution to the Education Foundation provides you with a great way to impact the Lynchburg City Schools positively. Please don't let the dynamic nature of our current circumstances curb your generous support. Please make a donation today.

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, Laurel Logan, graduated from E.C. Glass High School and plans to focus on aerospace engineering, physics and computer science at Virginia Tech.

As a student at the Central Virginia Governor's School for Science and Technology, Laurel won recognition at local, regional and state science fairs for her research on the effects of different types of glass on the speed of light. She continued her study of light with an internship at Blue Ridge Optics. She was active in the marching band, chemistry club and the rock climbing club at E.C. Glass, and also completed an internship at Delta Star.

Laurel's love of science began with her interest in the physics behind music theory and the combination of "logic with the creativity of discovery." She would ultimately like to earn her PhD and work in research as a professor or at a firm. "I want to push my learning as far as I possibly can," she said in her scholarship application. "Thank you for making this opportunity available to me."





Receiving the Excellence in Science Scholarship in 2016, E.C. Glass graduate Zachry Martin studied engineering at the University of Virginia. He graduated this year with a major in systems engineering and a minor in economics and had the opportunity to combine much of the science and math concepts that he enjoyed in high school.

He participated in an academic internship in Berlin, Germany, where he worked for a small startup that created a search engine to connect electronic component customers with manufacturers. He became active in the International Council on Systems Engineering and worked to help other

engineering students have the opportunity to study abroad. He also helped coach a successful 7^{th} and 8^{th} grade boys' recreational basketball team through the volunteer center at UVA.

Zachry recently started a job as an associate consultant at Application Consulting Group. He was attracted to the company because of its focus on using computer programming and software to analyze data and optimize performance, "which was one of my favorite aspects of the systems engineering curriculum at UVA."



Another major award is the Stroobants Excel Scholarship, which provides \$13,000 to an 11th grade student nominated for outstanding work in a career tech class in recognition of his or her scholarship, leadership and compassion for other students. Adam Palmer is the first student to receive this prestigious scholarship and is a 2020 graduate of Heritage High School. Adam will attend Central Virginia Community College to pursue an associate's degree in Engineering Technology and then plans to transfer to Virginia Tech's College of Engineering.



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. Although the 2020 in-person program was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and school closures, LCS and the Education Foundation proudly acknowledged each top graduate with a certificate honoring his or her success as well as group and individual social media recognition. Additionally, each student honored a special teacher who has had a lasting impact on his or her life.

E. C. Glass High School

Robert Carrington, Andrew Dunlop, Armelle Duston, Madison Gallagher, Colby Mandeville, Christopher Marotta, Anthony Marraccini, Kaitlyn Matthews, Henry Newton, Zoe Nylund, Cy Pabis, Abigail Pitts, Virginia Townsend, Alyssa Underwood, Leah Wisniewski

Heritage High School

Graysen Adams, Madisyn Calloway, Tyler Coleman, Sarah Copeland, Amelie Ellis, Ian Garland, Timothy Hannan, Georgia Helein, Noah Keeney, Abu Mayagile, Taylor Morgan, Grace Steger, Natalie Torres, Taylor Wisskirchen, Elizabeth Wyrick



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

















Scholarships Recognize Student Success!

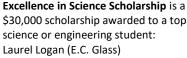






Belvac Production Machinery awarded two \$500 scholarships for leadership, scholastic achievement, community service, and ability to overcome personal or circumstantial obstacles: Jordan Dominie (E.C. Glass), Javar Saunders (Heritage)





Greater Lynchburg Community

Foundation awarded two \$500

and community service:

Taylor Morgan (Heritage),

Thomas Stokes (E.C. Glass)



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

scholarships for scholastic achievement

Kentayven Howard-Vaughan



Lynchburg Junior Woman's Club awarded two \$1,000 scholarships for exceptional community service: Graysen Adams (Heritage), Zoe Nylund (E.C. Glass)

Lynchburg Morning Rotary Club awarded two \$500 scholarships for students pursuing careers in the trades: Bria Jennings (Heritage),

Andrew Simon (E.C. Glass)

M.H. Masonry awarded two \$500 scholarships for scholastic achievement and community service:
Brian Trent (Heritage),
Alyssa Underwood (E.C. Glass)

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

Stroobants Focus Scholarships totaling \$21,000 were awarded to students pursuing a career in the trades:
Bria Jennings (Heritage),
India Poindexter (Heritage),
Andrew Simon (E.C. Glass), Andrea Smith (E.C. Glass), Luke Tyree (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: Adam Palmer (Heritage)

Taylor Brothers of Lynchburg awarded two \$500 scholarships for scholastic achievement and community service: Kaitlyn Matthews (E.C. Glass), Brandon Tweedy (Heritage)

Technical Management & Resources awarded two \$1,000 scholarships and a Chromebook for leadership, scholastic achievement, and community service for African American students: Victoria Jenkins (E.C. Glass), Victoria Johnson (Heritage)

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

Classroom Innovation Grants Reach One Million Dollars

We are proud to announce that we have reached the \$1,000,000 milestone of community investment to bring additional resources to our students and teachers through Classroom Innovation Grants since the start of this program. Lynchburg should be proud of its commitment to education, and this program allows 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 in a virtual classroom. 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 taxdeductible donations from businesses, foundations, and individuals. 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,



Empowerment Academy students assess water quality during a day on the James River

please join our team of sponsors by contacting our director at (434) 515-5081 or gillettejk@lcsedu.net today.

More information about each of these 38 2019-2020 projects totaling \$89,049 can be found at www.lcsedu.net/edfoundation:

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(\$2,001—\$5,000)

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"Hands in the Sand"
All LCS Schools—Carrie Lewis

Genworth Foundation

"Google Expeditions"
All LCS Elementary Schools—Allison Kappler

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"Rules of the Road"
Hutcherson Early Learning Center—
Jane Ruehle, Kristin Porterfield,
Cheryl Hughes, Beth Mullen

Economic Development Authority of the City of Lynchburg

"Pop-Up Business"
Empowerment Academy—
Tara Dillon, Kacey Crabbe

Old Dominion Furniture Company, Bank of the James

"James River Grant"
Empowerment Academy—Michaela Phillips

Centra Foundation

"PES Sensory Room"
Perrymont Elementary School—
Katelynn Thomas, Kathy Latham,
Ayanna Stamps-Glover, Taylor Guill,
William Owsley, Rosa Derricott

Centra Foundation

"5-Year Multipurpose Pediatric Patient and Emergency Care Simulators" Heritage High School—Andrea Bryant, Alisa Wilkinson

Berglund Toyota, ABC 13 WSET-TV, Harman Eye Center, Harrington Corporation, Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation Teacher Grant Fund

"Spartan TV / Video Production Program" Sandusky Middle School—Kris Mela

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"Oriental Ceramic Projects"
Linkhorne Middle School—Marsha Carwile

BWX Technologies, Inc., LG Flint General Contractors, Hurt & Proffitt, George Rainsford Fund

"The Young Men and Women of Distinction" Fort Hill Community School—George Hurt

Appalachian Power, Beacon Federal Credit Union

"Water Quality Assessment Field Trip"
E.C. Glass High School—Jessica McIntosh,
Sara Woodward

Carrington Family Foundation

"Heritage High School Art Collection"
Heritage High School—Jon Roark, Ruth Glaze

Genworth Foundation, Electronic Design & Manufacturing, Roger & Winston Green

"High School Students Go Places with VR Goggles"
E.C. Glass High School—
Krista Rawls-Fanning, Catherine Phillips

Framatome,

Innovative Wireless Technologies, Master Engineers & Designers

"The Learning Center Maker Space"
Sandusky Middle School—Matthew Mason,
Emma Cartolaro, Karen Camden, Julia Guca

Coldwell Banker Commercial Read & Co., Wooldridge Heating · Air · Electrical

"SMS GOT DRAMA" Sandusky Middle School— Patricia Finn Rapiejko, Kaydan Ferguson

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

WestRock

"ART Is A Game Changer"
Sandusky Middle School—Karen Camden

Walmart Neighborhood Market, Wegmann, USA

"Steaming UP FACS"
Sandusky Middle School—
Patricia Finn-Rapiejko

Sam's Club, BB&T

"Project Inclusion Student Retreat" Heritage High School—Dennis Coan. Kenya Fowler

Fleet Laboratories, **Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation** Robert R. Bowen, MD Fund

"Project Inclusion Student Retreat" E.C. Glass High School—Heather McCormick

Piedmont Community Health Plan

"C.H.I.L.L. Room: An Emotional Regulation Room"

Sandusky Middle—Rebekah Melton

Flowserve

"Podcasting Kits for Classrooms" R.S. Payne Elementary School— Catherine Phillips, Van Hoffman

The News & Advance, Walmart Old Forest Road

"Magazine Madness!" Heritage Elementary School-

Julie Speck, Emily Gatzke, Gordon Merck, Nina Briggs, Alethea Lindauer



"Sensory Pathways" T.C. Miller Elementary School for Innovation-Kristin Smith



Scott Insurance Students focusing energy on "Monsters Come to Sensory Pathways at TCM 'Life'"

E.C. Glass High

School, Bedford Hills Elementary School— Kimberly Gibson-McDonald, Keena Collins

EC Glass High School Class of 1968

"Making Mini Printing Presses with a 3-D Printer"

E.C. Glass High School— Kimberly Gibson-McDonald

Liz Sumpter & Brian Carlton

"TheatreLink Innovative, Interactive Playwrighting" E.C. Glass High School—Allison Daugherty

Central Virginia Federal Credit Union, **Successful Innovations**

"Spartan Mindfulness Center" Sandusky Elementary School—Michelle Gowen

Coleman-Adams Construction The Education & Research Foundation Inc., **First National Bank**

"Drummina to Success" Dearington & Linkhorne Elementary Schools— Kea Oboth



ECG students make BHS student monster drawings come to 'life'!

Anonymous, Moore & Giles, Kim & Stephen Tibbs

"Acting for Change II: Play Reading Initiative" P.L. Dunbar Middle School for Innovation-Albert Carter

HumanKind

"Give Them A Task!" Hutcherson Early Learning Center— Karen Jennings, Christina Marston

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"Mind over Matter"

T.C. Miller Elementary School for Innovation— Jason Shelton, Elizabeth Brown

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"Heart Monitors for Movement" Heritage Elementary School—Jacob Heidorn

American National Bank, Sylvan Learning of Lynchburg

"BRAINball: Play is the Way!" Perrymont Elementary School— Marisa Freeman, Hannah Walker, Robin Einreinhof, Beth Manwarren, Lisa Smith

Westminster Canterbury, Walmart Wards Road

"Aware and Share Program" T.C. Miller Elementary School for Innovation— Shawn Lipscomb

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"Counting Collections" R.S. Payne Elementary School—Tracy Proffitt

Tracy & Al Baker, Lynchburg Municipal **Employees Federal Credit Union**

"Becoming the Wild Card" Linkhorne Elementary School—Kristy Genung

Belvac Production Machinery, Carter Bank & Trust

River Exploration Program with the James River Association

Heritage High School—Patrick O'Hara

Anonymous

"Painters and Poets: Creators of Magic" Fort Hill Community School-Elizabeth Bonheim, Greer Harris



Donations to our Tools4Schools Warehouse allow us to provide 1,100-1,300 school supply sets and 600-800 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 teachers annually.

Perhaps most importantly, this program allows us to stay responsive whenever opportunities or challenges arise. During the COVID-19 outbreak, we used resources from the Tools4Schools Warehouse to supplement school supplies needed for at home learning kits and enrichment activities. This ensured that families who could not have provided the supplies required to complete assignments could work with their children and continue learning during this challenging period.

At this time of fiscal strain and health concerns, financial gifts rather than material donations are particularly encouraged. Please send your donation today!

Thank You Warehouse Sponsors!

Mr. & Mrs. Lee S. & Sharon Ainslie











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The Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation held its annual 'Breakfast with the Superintendent' on March 10, 2020, at the University of Lynchburg. This event drew a capacity crowd of 450 business and community leaders as the Superintendent of Lynchburg City Schools, Dr. Crystal M. Edwards, introduced this year's program, entitled 'I Am Lynchburg.' Karen Nelson, Perrymont Elementary School Principal and 32 year LCS veteran, served as master of ceremonies, poignantly showcasing some of LCS's lesser known programs that ensure exceptional educational opportunities for all Lynchburg City School students. At the time of this event, we were mindful of handshaking but groups of more than 10 were an accepted norm. Wow did things change! Thank you to all of our 2020 'Breakfast with the Superintendent' attendees whose commitment to our schools is invaluable and to all of our sponsors whose support yields the resources we need to provide for the students of LCS in good times and in bad. We look forward to being together again for our March 18, 2021, Breakfast with the Superindent, whether virtually or in-person, so please save the date!

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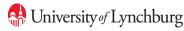


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