

Grants make teachers' dream lessons come true, PVHS soccer goes to states in style, Grads get safe celebrations



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## Foundation News and Updates - June 2016

### Teachers Rewarded for Thinking Outside the Box

The LEF "Prize Patrol" surprised several teachers with checks of up to \$1,500 to help make their dream lessons come true. At Algonkian Elementary, LEF funded Chrissie Deviancy's "Telling Stories in the Library With LEGOs" creative writing project and an "Elementary Battle of the Books" competition spanning several schools. The Spring 2016 Teacher Classroom Grant cycle funded 33 teacher classroom grants totaling nearly \$24,000. Thank you to the **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation (CMCF)** and **Whole Foods Ashburn** for supporting this important LEF program.



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## Sending PVHS Soccer Team to State Tournament in Style

The Park View High School boys soccer team headed to states with a big send-off and charter bus thanks to a \$2,500 donation to LEF from the **Claude Moore Charitable**

**Foundation**. When Coach Arturo Jimenez realized the team didn't have the funds to book a charter bus to the two-day tournament in Lynchburg, he contacted LEF and a few community leaders to see if they could help.

He noted, "This is not a school where parents can send in money for a bus, a championship ring (if earned), spirit wear...any of the extras that we love for our students to be able to have." The PVHS soccer team will be getting their rings--they are the new 4A state champs! [Read more](#)



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## LEF Gives Graduates a Reason to Celebrate

All-night, alcohol-free graduation parties will continue at 11 LCPS high schools and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Through a grant from the **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**, LEF gave \$39,000 in support of Project Graduation. Statistics show the prom and graduation nights are the times of highest risk to young people.

The Northern Virginia Project Graduation initiative began in 1987 and has grown to become a state-wide celebration promoting a safe, supervised and a memory-filled event for graduating seniors. Thank you, CMCF! Congratulations, LCPS seniors!



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## Stantec Steps Up as Title Sponsor of LEF Golf Classic

The Foundation thanks **Stantec** for serving as the Title Sponsor of the 2016 LEF Golf Classic on Monday, September 19th! This global

engineering, consulting, and design services firm is a local partner with Loudoun County Public Schools on past and current building projects--including architecture services for the new Academies of Loudoun facility. More sponsors are needed at all levels to make this fundraising event a success. [Learn more](#)



## Breaking Ground on the Academies of Loudoun

The building planned nearly a decade ago to house Loudoun's new technology academy is becoming a reality. A ground breaking ceremony for the Academies of Loudoun took place on Friday, June 17 on the 120-acre campus located off of Sycolin Road. The two-year construction process will give way to a 300,000 square foot facility equipped with state-of-the-art technology. LEF will be the nonprofit organization helping to secure donated funds and equipment from the community. [Read more](#)



## Teachers, Technology and Inspiration

On the first day of summer break, 700 teachers couldn't wait to get back to the classroom. LCPS educators came together on June 17 at Riverside HS to share best practices in teaching with technology at the Inspire Loudoun event.



Formerly known as ActivLoudoun+, Inspire Loudoun is a teacher-staffed professional development day where teachers exchange ideas on collaborative practices, flipping the classroom, project and problem-based learning, use of mobile devices and more. The popularity of the event demonstrates the power of educators who collectively want to learn more about the effective use of technology and raise student achievement.

Thank you to Microsoft for being a silver sponsor of this event. LEF is proud support Inspire Loudoun and wishes the event continued success!

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