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Grants Award Luncheon

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Music

Central High School Quartet

Directed by Micah Averbeck • Coached by Busya Lugovier

Charlotte Linebarger • 1st Violin

Simone Toribio • 2nd Violin

Chia Mee Yang • Viola

Natalie Linebarger • Cello

Welcome

Anna Prinsen, Vice President, Board of Directors

La Crosse Public Education Foundation

Mistress of Ceremonies

Lisa Klein, News 8 WKBT

Recognition of Grant Recipients

Speaker

Kent Handel

President and CEO

Trust Point Inc.

Special Recognition

Fowler & Hammer • Corporate Partner in Education

Carol Taebel • Margaret Dihlmann Malzer Distinguished Service Award

Dirk Hunter • Leadership Award

Closing

Lisa Klein, News 8 WKBT



Today's Speaker: Kent Handel

- ▶ Kent Handel, president and CEO of Trust Point Inc., Wisconsin's oldest and largest independent trust company.
- ▶ Joined Trust Point in 2001.
 - ▶ During his tenure, Trust Point has grown to oversee more than \$4.5 billion in assets.
- ▶ Among many local boards, Kent serves on the Board of Trustees at Viterbo University. He is a former Board Chairman.
- ▶ Trust Point staff are involved in more than 90 nonprofit organizations.
 - ▶ They logged more than 3,200 hours of volunteer time in the last year.



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World Drumming

- ▶ *Amanda Wolfgram, Amy Johnson-Pierce, Miranda Campbell, Erin Schockmel, Colin Stiemke, Jill Schams, Karla Wakeen, Jessica Ingvalson*
- ▶ Buy 23 new West African-style drums, and repair drums first purchased with LPEF grant money in 2002. With the new drums, along with others purchased by the District in the past several years, there will be enough drums to allow each of the nine elementary schools to have their own set year-round, instead of sharing drums among schools.
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Amanda Wolfgram with students at North Woods International School



2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Where Everybody Belongs

- ▶ *Lisa Buley, Logan Middle School*
- ▶ Support training for two educators to enable Logan Middle School to launch a yearlong orientation program helping 6th-grade students with the transition to middle school and a new academic and social structure. The program trains 8th-grade students to be mentors to 6th-graders, leading to increased attendance, reduced disciplinary issues and improved school climate.
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Lisa Buley with Brad Quarberg, a member of the LPEF Board and Board of Education



SPECIAL AWARD IN HONOR OF RETIRED TEACHER NORMA ARNESON
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Bibliotherapy - Books to Support Student Needs



Norma Arneson

- ▶ *Krista Kaminski, Hintgen Elementary*
- ▶ Buy a set of books to be used with students by a behavior support teacher at Hintgen Elementary. The teacher, who has a background in Child Life Specialties, hopes to reach students who are struggling with words to tell how they are feeling by helping them read a story where they can relate to the character or that might otherwise prompt them to open up about their emotions.

Grant support provided by:



LPEF Board Member Tammy Larson
with Krista Kaminski



2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

A Story in Your Pocket

- ▶ *Carrie Wuensch-Harden, Hamilton/SOTA I*
- ▶ Buy 14 self-contained audio books and companion print books with diverse subject matters for students at Hamilton/SOTA I. The audiobooks improve reading and comprehension skills and introduce students to books above their reading level.
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Carrie Wuensch-Harden with LPEF Board Member Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer



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Hi-Low Books

- ▶ *Kadie Koepke, Southern Bluffs*
- ▶ Buy books that are high interest, but low level, for Southern Bluffs Elementary students who are reading below grade level. The materials help students with phonics, vocabulary and comprehension without the stigma attached to reading “baby books.”
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Kadie Koepke



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MeMoves for Self-Regulation

- ▶ *Leah Aubert and Vivian Storm, Southern Bluffs*
- ▶ Buy several sets of “MeMoves” videos, a program that incorporates music, rhythm, patterns, repetition, emotion and movement to help students quickly calm and focus attention. The videos have been used successfully to help students get their bodies ready for learning and success in the classroom.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Leah Aubert (left) and Vivian Storm



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Logan Ranger Artificial Limb Charging System

- ▶ *Steve Johnston, Logan High School*
- ▶ Support an effort at Logan High School to invent an energy management system for prosthetic limbs. Logan is one of 15 schools competing in a national program hosted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is using an MIT grant to harvest kinetic energy from human motion to generate and store electricity for prosthetic limbs, rather than requiring them to be plugged in to recharge. LPEF funds will support sending three Logan students to the MIT competition next June, plus will pay costs of filing a patent application for the invention.



Steve Johnston (third from left) and students with Brad Quarberg of LPEF Board and Board of Education

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Closing Gaps: Middle School Intervention Kits

- ▶ *Heidi Jones, Logan Middle, and Ruth Baardseth, Lincoln Middle*
- ▶ Buy sets of high-interest, leveled books to be used at Logan and Lincoln middle schools as part of an intervention program to help students who are reading at levels significantly below their peers.
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Heidi Jones with Brad Quarberg

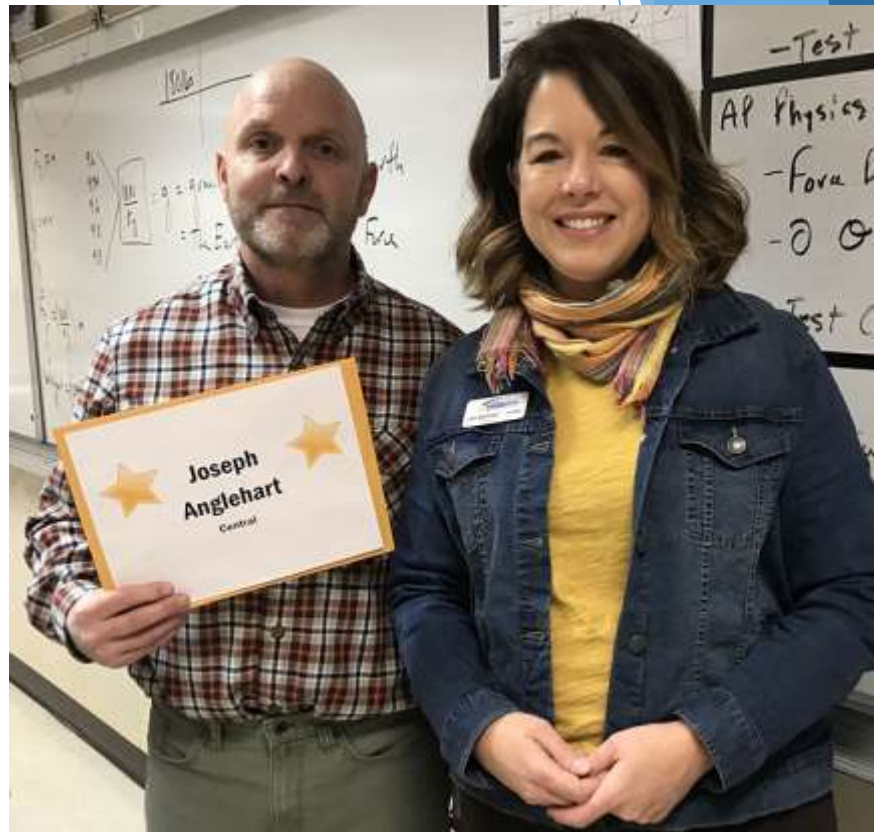


Ruth Baardseth
(right) with
Margaret
Dihlmann-Malzer

★ 2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Aquaponics: An Interdisciplinary Approach

- ▶ *Joseph Anglehart, Central High*
- ▶ Establish an aquaponics farm to grow plants and fish in a Central High classroom to demonstrate principles of science, agriculture, math and business. The program expects to produce 350-400 heads of lettuce and other vegetables, as well as 32 pounds of fish, all of which can be used in the school nutrition program or donated to families in need.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Joseph Anglehart with LPEF Grants Committee Chair Cari Mathwig-Ramseier



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Go-To Books

- ▶ *Jenny Banse, Southern Bluffs, and Tami Hillestad, Spence*
- ▶ Purchase sets of "mentor" books for Southern Bluffs and Spence elementary schools, specific to each grade level, that will help students see themselves as authors in their own right as they compose original stories.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Jenny Banse



Tami Hillestad



Julie Wilson's kindergarten class at Spence will also use the books

2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Summit Archaeology Project

- ▶ *Debra Klaeser, Summit Environmental School*
- ▶ Support a yearlong study by Summit Environmental Elementary students of the archaeology process and the earliest Native American cultures of our area. Students will study, conduct shovel testing to identify a potential excavation site on the Summit school grounds, work with UW-L experts on an excavation, process artifacts and report findings. Local experts from the Ho Chunk Nation will demonstrate skills and historical cultural activities.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Debra Klaeser



Summit Principal Dirk Hunter with Jean Dowiasch of the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center and LPEF Board Member Kathie Tyser



2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Multi-Cultural Library

- ▶ *Carter Semb and Maggie Miller, Hamilton/SOTA I*
- ▶ Help two 3rd-grade teachers at Hamilton Elementary expand their classroom libraries to purchase quality, leveled, multicultural books where the school's diverse students can identify with characters and situations. The books also will be available for use by readers in the Readers Creating Readers program funded by anonymous donors to LPEF.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Carter Semb, left, and Maggie Miller, right, with LPEF Board Member Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer



2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Trauma Informed Parenting Class

- ▶ *Bree Moore-Lawrence and Shelley Shirel, Spence*
- ▶ Support a partnership with La Crosse County to bring a nine-week parenting class to Spence Elementary. The class helps families who have experienced trauma become better equipped to help children heal and build on their strengths.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Bree Moore-Lawrence with LPEF Board Member Tammy Larson



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Bee Aware

- ▶ *Carissa Brudos, Summit*
- ▶ Support an artist-in-residence and hands-on art project to educate students at Summit Environmental Elementary, along with members of the community, on the importance of pollinators in Wisconsin. The visiting artist specializes in encaustic painting (molten beeswax paint) and will help students create an art installation simulating a hive structure.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Carissa Brudos, left, with LPEF Board Member Kathie Tyser

2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Edible Schoolyard Project

- ▶ *Jamie O'Neill, GROW*
- ▶ Support installation of a pollinator garden at Hamilton/SOTA I Elementary as part of a larger effort by GROW to create an "edible schoolyard" landscaping the 7th Street side of the school.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



LPEF Board Member Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer, left, with Jamie O'Neill, center, and Hamilton Principal Ben Burns





2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Northside Dads' Nights

- ▶ *Parents Brian Merkey, Derek Mueller, Eric Crammond, Justin Reineking, John Duerst, Ryan Cornett*
- ▶ Provide art supplies for one event, and a hands-on display of snakes and reptiles for another event, in support of a parent group at Northside/Coulee Montessori Elementary hosting Dad's Nights events aimed at bringing together kids and their dads, or male guardians.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Brian Merkey, left, and Derek Mueller, right, with LPEF Board Member Kathie Tyser





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Smile Artist Project

- ▶ *Carrie Quick and Jean Ruprecht, State Road*
- ▶ Support a visiting artist for a weeklong stay to State Road Elementary, teaching students how to draw and working with 5th-grade students to design and paint a school mural. The mural will be based on the school's "Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe" theme and will integrate math, reading and writing skills.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Jean Ruprecht



Carrie Quick, right, with LPEF Board Member Cari Mathwig-Ramseier





2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

International Baccalaureate Resources

- ▶ *Jessica Hembd and Sara DePaolo, North Woods*
- ▶ Make an initial purchase of multicultural books for use by students at North Woods International Elementary School as it begins implementation of the International Baccalaureate program, which focuses on global education.



Sara DePaolo, left, and Jessica Hembd, center, with LPEF Board Member Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer

Purchase of these materials were completed through a generous Adopt-a-School grant from:



★ 2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

The Remarkable Immigrant Journey of Judge Kristy Yang

- ▶ *Richard Blasing, Lincoln*
- ▶ Pay travel costs for a visit to Lincoln Middle School by Judge Kristy Yang of Milwaukee. Judge Yang is the first female Hmong-American to be elected as a judge in the United States. She was born in Laos, lived in a refugee camp and eventually migrated to Wisconsin, where she was educated in public schools.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Rick Blasing with LPEF Board Member Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer



2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Wonder Bikes

- ▶ *Michelle L. Powell, Spence*
- ▶ Buy 8 Balance Wonder strider bikes and helmets for use by preschool to 1st-grade students at Spence Elementary to help promote gross motor development.



Michelle Powell, back middle, with her students and LPEF Board Member Tammy Larson



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Readers' Advisory and Workshop

- ▶ *Anika Paaren-Sdano, Logan High*
- ▶ Buy eight sets of books by contemporary, diverse authors to engage Logan High School students in small group workshops with high-interest texts of their own choosing.



Anika Paaren-Sdano with Brad Quarberg, a member of the LPEF Board and Board of Education

★ *Underwritten by:*
Rachel Gundersen Endowment for Arts & Humanities

★ 2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Equity, Social Justice and Closing the Learning Gap

- ▶ *Lisa Schreiner and staff, Southern Bluffs*
- ▶ Purchase two sets of books on equity and social justice issues for rotating book studies by staff at Southern Bluffs Elementary School. Staff will be divided into two groups and engage in guided book studies during monthly staff meetings and early release days.



Lisa Schreiner with LPEF Board Member Shawn Dutchin

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2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Herman Meets Copland Jazz Arrangement

- ▶ *Charles Schreader III and Kristin Freedlund, Longfellow*
- ▶ Commission an arrangement of the Woody Herman Big Band version of "Fanfare for the Common Man" by American composer Aaron Copland, to be performed in Spring 2019 and subsequently by the jazz ensemble at Longfellow Middle School/LDI.



Chip Schreader with LPEF Grants
Committee Chair Cari Mathwig-Ramseier



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Youth Frontiers Kindness Retreat

- ▶ *Amy Oliver, Hintgen*
- ▶ Support a one-day retreat by Youth Frontiers for 4th and 5th graders at Hintgen Elementary School to focus on kindness and empowering them to be "everyday heroes" through their daily work as leaders of the school and safety patrol members. The project ties into ongoing school efforts to build a positive school culture and improve student behavior.



Amy Oliver, right, with LPEF Board Member Tammy Larson

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Dr. Gunnar and Mary Baldwin Gundersen Fund
La Crosse Community Foundation

2017-18 Grant Recipient

Shoah Educator Workshop

- ▶ *Jeanne Halderson, Longfellow*
- ▶ Grant provided money for substitute teachers to allow Longfellow Middle School teachers to attend the Viterbo Holocaust Educator Workshop in March 2018.



Liz Ramsay and Jeanne Halderson with Holocaust studies materials



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Maureen and Robert Freedland
Fund for Shoah Studies
La Crosse Community Foundation

★ 2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Feed the Body, Fuel the Mind

- ▶ *Dori Bertilson and Deb White, Spence*
- ▶ Expand on a previous LPEF grant, providing free books to about 35 Spence Elementary families who receive help through the school food pantry. Children will receive certificates in their food bags, inviting them to select an age-appropriate book of interest to them and their siblings. They will be able to take the book home and keep it to build a home library.



Deb White



Dori Bertilson with LPEF Board Member Tammy Larson

★ *Underwritten in part by gifts made by in memory of former Spence and Longfellow teacher Jerry Pilger.*

★ 2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Team Summit Ice Fishing Adventures

- ▶ *Nick O'Keefe, Lisa Boyer and Tracy Taylor-Johnson, Summit*
- ▶ Purchase equipment for students at Summit Environmental Elementary School to participate through physical education classes for three days of ice fishing each winter on the Mississippi River backwaters near the school.



Nick O'Keefe, Tracy Taylor-Johnson and Lisa Boyer

★ *Underwritten in part by gifts made by Mary E. Larson, a member of the Board of Education.*

★ 2017-18 Wish List Grant Recipient

Legacy Keepers Trip

- ▶ *Shaundel Spivey, Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge*
- ▶ Support a trip for up to 50 students who identify as black, biracial or multiracial. The trip was designed to inspire academic achievement and encourage leadership development, STEM careers and economic empowerment, in part by exposing students to the contributions, inventions, and achievements of African Americans in STEM fields and entrepreneurship.
- ▶ Major funding for this trip was provided by:



Shaundel Spivey





2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Core Communication in General Education

- ▶ *Megan Meyer, Summit*
- ▶ Buy specialized display boards and bracelets for staff at Summit Environmental Elementary to use, allowing improved communication with non-verbal students when they are in regular classrooms and other spaces throughout the school.



Megan Meyer with LPEF Board Member Kathie Tyser



2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Take a Bite Out of Waste

- ▶ *Carrie Wuensch-Harden, Hamilton/SOTA I*
- ▶ Test use of washable plastic cups and bowls at Hamilton/SOTA I Elementary, reducing the amount of plastic foam bowls and cups being thrown away. Students will learn to reduce waste and reuse whenever possible. The District may save money, providing support to expand the program to other schools.



Carrie Wuensch-Harden with LPEF Board Member Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer



2018-19 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Qball Speaker System

- ▶ *Lucas Ackerson, State Road*
- ▶ Buy a "throwable microphone" called a Qball, along with the necessary wireless speaker, for one State Road Elementary classroom, allowing students with soft voices to be more easily heard in the classroom.



Lucas Ackerson with LPEF Grants Committee Chair Cari Mathwig-Ramseier



2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Reading Without Walls

- ▶ *Kristi Moulton, Linda Watson, Lila Planavsky, Cynthia Halter, Denise Kuethe-Strudthoff*
- ▶ Support a community effort to bring award-winning author Gene Luen Yang for a two-day visit to La Crosse in Spring 2019, including speaking at all middle school and high school buildings. Mr. Yang is a recent National Ambassador for Young People's Literature whose work includes graphic novels of high interest to teens.



Kristi Moulton



Linda Watson



Lila Planavsky



Cynthia Halter



Denise
Kuethe-Strudthoff



2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Teaching Through a Lens of Social Justice

- ▶ *Alyssa Gray, Melissa Murray and Shaundel Spivey*
- ▶ Purchase teaching resources and books that will help educators inspire students, help them find their voices and stand up for what they believe in as they seek to address challenges facing our community, state, nation and world. Included are materials for social justice book clubs to be organized across the district.



Melissa
Murray



Shaundel
Spivey



Alyssa Gray, center with envelope, and students with LPEF Board Member Tammy Larson



2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

3D Modeling Through Virtual Reality

- ▶ *Maggie McHugh, La Crosse Design Institute*
- ▶ Purchase hardware and software for students at the La Crosse Design Institute, using virtual reality and 3-D modeling for classroom projects. Students will be able to design buildings, produce prototype models for homes, "teleport" to cities and explore them through virtual reality, and provide "tours" for family members wanting to explore student projects.



Maggie McHugh, left, with LPEF Grants Chair Cari Mathwig-Ramseier



2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Grow Our Own Teacher Diversity

- ▶ *Mai Chao Duddeck, UW-La Crosse*
- ▶ Provide continuing support for an innovative program seeking to increase the number of teachers of color by focusing on teaching assistants and others already working for the District who are earning full education degrees at UW-La Crosse. LPEF is providing a grant that matches the District's commitment to partial funding for tuition for two current employees enrolled in the program.



Mai Chao Duddeck with LPEF Board Member Pelli Lee

2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

School Garden Installations

- ▶ *GROW*
- ▶ Purchase equipment and supplies for new school gardens and education spaces at Hintgen and Hamilton elementary schools.



Karie Bersagel-Braley of GROW, with her daughter Matea and Hamilton teacher Barbara Wettstein



2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Social and Emotional Learning Kits

- ▶ *Resa Hawes and Angela Korson*
- ▶ Create toolbox kits, including books and curriculum materials aimed at improving student social and emotional learning. These kits will be checked out and shared across elementary schools, and other classrooms, for use by special education and general education students.



Resa Hawes and Angela Korson



2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Weight Room Improvements

- ▶ *Jordan Gilge and Casey Knoble, Logan High*
- ▶ Support new upholstery for benches in the weight room and other upgraded equipment for use by students in physical education classes and student athletes at Logan High School.



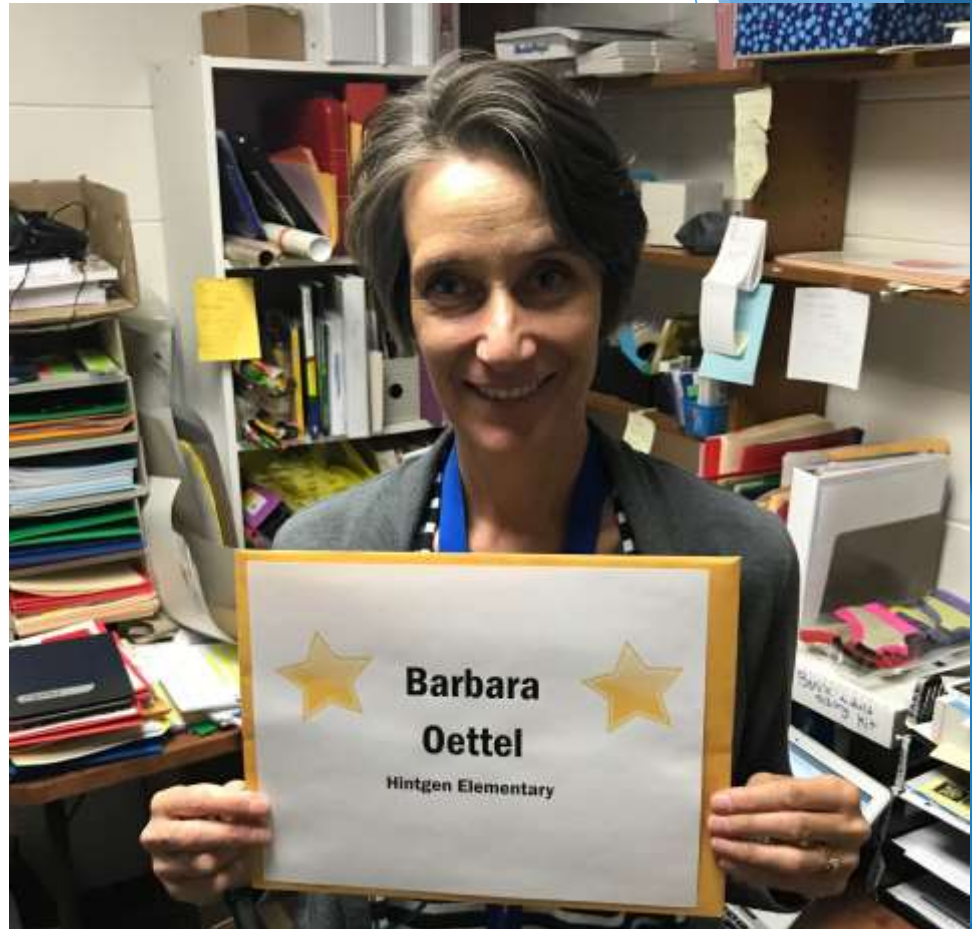
Jordan Gilge, left, and Casey Knoble, center, with LPEF Board Member Scott Mihalovic



2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Self-Regulation for Students

- ▶ *Barbara Oettel, Hintgen*
- ▶ Purchase computer hardware to fully utilize the "Me Moves" series of DVDs purchased in 2015. The DVDs combine calming music, rhythms and use of movement to effectively calm students and prepare them for learning at the start of the day or following recess.



Barbara Oettel



2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Unity Day: Jamie Nabozny Safe School Advocate

- ▶ *Katie Beyer and Byron Holz, Logan High*
- ▶ Welcome Jamie Nabozny to speak at Logan High School in October 2018 and to screen the short documentary, "Bullied," about Jamie's experience struggling in school as he was bullied for being gay.



From left: Byron Holz, Logan Principal
Walter Gnewikow Jr., Katie Beyer and
LPEF Board Member Scott Mihalovic



2017-18 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Write Brain Books

- ▶ *Diane Block and Alyssa Nelson, Logan Middle*
- ▶ Purchase story cards and wordless books to improve writing skills and social-emotional growth among students with intellectual disabilities at Logan Middle School.



LPEF Board Member Brad Quarberg with Alyssa Nelson, center, and Diane Block, right

Academic Achievement Award Recipients

- ▶ *Rhonda McGowan, Logan High*
- ▶ *Ellen Montenero, Central High*
- ▶ These teachers were honored Nov. 5, 2018, at the Board of Education Academic Achievement Award Ceremony. Teachers were selected by student speakers, who were asked to identify a teacher who has had a major influence on their academic career. Each teacher received a \$250 classroom grant from LPEF.



Rhonda McGowan



Ellen Montenero

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- ▶ In recognition of deep commitment to public education and longstanding support of LPEF, and other childrens' charities.



Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer Distinguished Service Award: Carol Taebel

- For passionate support for teachers and for service to the community and the La Crosse Public Education Foundation.



Carol sharing a laugh with Jocelyn Buxton and Summer Elston at 2016's Thank a Teacher Day



Carol with 3rd-grader Kareena Ramakrishnan



At the 2018 Thank a Teacher Day at North Woods, from left: Becky Misch, Carol's daughter Heidi Morris, Carol, Tara Schuttenhelm and Kate Hooper

Leadership Award: Dirk Hunter

- ▶ In recognition of innovative leadership in the transformation of Summit Elementary into Summit Environmental School, integrating an environmental focus throughout the curriculum.
- ▶ For leading his staff to develop a strong partnership with LPEF in seeking funding for innovative projects at Summit.



Dirk Hunter

