

Teachers Inspire



2020 Grants Award Luncheon
LA CROSSE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

LA CROSSE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Grants Award Luncheon

Jan. 21, 2020

Presented by



Music

Logan High School Brass Quartet
Directed by Mark Lakmann

Leah Mattingley • Trumpet
Colin Miller • French Horn
William Coffey • Trombone
Alex Knerzer • Tuba

Welcome

Rochelle Nicks, President, Board of Directors
La Crosse Public Education Foundation

Mistress of Ceremonies

Jennifer Livingston, News 8 WKBT

Recognition of Grant Recipients

Speaker

Darryle Clott
Associate, Ethics in Leadership Institute, Viterbo University
2019 Mrs. Oktoberbest

Special Recognition

Trust Point Inc. • Corporate Partner in Education
Tammy Larson • Margaret Dihlmann Malzer Distinguished Service Award
Mark White • Richard Swantz Leadership Award

Closing

Jennifer Livingston, News 8 WKBT

Today's Speaker: Darryle Clott

Teachers Inspire: “One of the most important things we do is inspire students to be everything they can possibly be.”

- ▶ Associate, Ethics in Leadership Institute, Viterbo University
 - ▶ Retired in 2004 from teaching at La Crescent High School, where she taught a comprehensive unit on the Holocaust in her English classes.
 - ▶ Leads Holocaust Educator Workshops at Viterbo.
 - ▶ Is a Teacher Fellow at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in D.C.
 - ▶ Bachelor's and master's degrees from UW-La Crosse.
- ▶ 2019 Mrs. Oktoberfest



Special Thanks to our
Presenting Sponsor



Our Salute to Educators Sponsor



Our Named Grant Sponsors

Coulee Bank
BANK WITH CONFIDENCE


DAIRYLAND POWER
COOPERATIVE

GUNDERSEN
HEALTH SYSTEM®

KAPLAN®

LHI™



MAYO CLINIC
HEALTH SYSTEM



TRUSTPOINT

Corporate Investors/ Named Grant Sponsors



Our Grant Sponsors and other Corporate Investors

FIRST SUPPLY



GERHARDS
THE KITCHEN & BATH STORE



THE **Insurance** CENTER

Borton
CONSTRUCTION



POTATO
KING

usbank

UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN
LA CROSSE
FOUNDATION

 **Xcel Energy**[®]

Other Sponsors

Table Sponsors

Board of Education/School District of La Crosse

Association of La Crosse School Administrators

La Crosse Education Association

Johns, Flaherty & Collins

Stifel

Viterbo University

Western Technical College

La Crosse Tribune

G.E.C.U. The Friendly Credit Union

ISG

La Crosse Glass

Teacher Sponsor

Dahl Automotive

LPEF Endowed Funds: Designated Grants

La Crosse Community Foundation Funds

Maureen and Robert Freedland Fund for Studies of the Shoah

Richard Swantz Endowment Fund

Dr. Gunnar and Mary Baldwin Gundersen Fund

Duane and Carol Taebel Fund

Carol Taebel “Thank a Teacher” Fund

Trust Point Funds

Judy and Randy Eddy Sr. Fund

McGavock Family Endowment for Music Education

Quarberg Family Pride of the North Side Endowment

Rachel Gundersen Endowment for Arts & Humanities

Claire E. Jandt Endowment for Library Media at Northside Elementary

Tom and Jean Heyt Thompson Endowment

Randy and Lynn Nelson Endowment



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Fitness For All

- ▶ *Jessa Ellenbecker, Logan and Central High*
- ▶ Provide matching funds toward purchase of two recumbent cross training inclusive cardio trainers for use by Central and Logan high school students with a disability or a condition that requires adaptive cardio fitness equipment for pain relief and fitness. The grant is a partial match to funding provided by the La Crosse Community Foundation.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Jessa Ellenbecker with Brad Quarberg, LPEF Board member and Board of Education member





2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Logan Laundry

- ▶ *Cynthia Leiran-Monroe, Logan High*
- ▶ Purchase a washer and dryer for use by Logan High students so that the most vulnerable students will be able to wear clean clothes on a daily basis.



- ▶ Sponsored by:

Cynthia Leiran-Monroe with Brad Quarberg, LPEF Board member and Board of Education member





SPECIAL AWARD IN HONOR OF DISTRICT RETIREE HEIDI MORRIS
2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Inquiry Kits

- ▶ *Tara Schuttenhelm, Leah Justin and Nicole Brudos, North Woods International*
- ▶ Buy materials to create "Investigation Kits" for International Baccalaureate students at North Woods to explore prior to each unit and develop their "wonder" questions about what they would like to learn.



Tara
Schuttenhelm



Leah
Justin



Heidi Morris
(with Harvey)



Nicole Brudos and students

Grant support provided by:

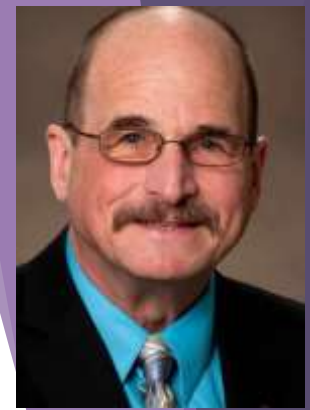




SPECIAL AWARD IN HONOR OF DISTRICT RETIREE TOM THOMPSON 2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Sound Panels

- ▶ *Sonya Mahlum, Hintgen Elementary*
- ▶ Buy materials to build sound-absorbing panels for the Hintgen Elementary gymnasium, and decorate with inspirational tapestries, making the space more usable for assemblies and community groups who currently struggle to use the gym because of poor acoustics.



Dr. Tom Thompson



Grant support provided by:



Sonya Mahlum with LPEF Board Member Tammy Larson



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Winter Guard: Exploration of Dance & Choreography

- ▶ *Jason Harden, Lincoln*
- ▶ Buy flags and performance uniforms for a new Winter Guard flag and dance choreography team open to all middle school students.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Jason Harden



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Enduring Families Video Project

- ▶ *Sandra Brauer, Mary Nelson, Wendy Mattison and Julie Welch*
- ▶ Partner with the *Enduring Families Project* through the La Crosse County Historical Society to create video monologues and lesson plans that bring the voices of historical local African American people into the Social Studies curriculum.
- ▶ Sponsored by:

Coulee Bank
BANK WITH CONFIDENCE



Enduring Families performers at People Fest 2019



Sandra Brauer with North Woods students



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Julia Cook - Because Kids Don't Come With Instructions

- ▶ *Carrie Wuensch-Harden, Hamilton/SOTA I*
- ▶ Purchase books and support a visit to Hamilton/SOTA I by author Julia Cook who will present at a family night, meet with staff and engage with students to encourage social/emotional learning and character development.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Carrie Wuensch-Harden (left) with LPEF Board Member Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer





2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Classroom Seated Risers

- ▶ *Marlina Zimmerman, Longfellow Middle School*
- ▶ Help purchase risers for the general music, choir, and adaptive music students at Longfellow Middle School. LPEF funding will supplement school and parent funding, and match a grant from the Marck Family Fund at the La Crosse Community Foundation.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Marlina Zimmerman with students

Gillette & Associates, LLC
Certified Public Accountants



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Evicted

- ▶ *Kim Butterfield, Central High*
- ▶ Buy copies of the book *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* for a group read by Advanced Placement English Language and Composition students at Central to enlighten students about systemic issues of poverty and to participate in in-depth discussion.
- ▶ Sponsored by:

GUNDERSEN
HEALTH SYSTEM®



Kim Butterfield



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Portable Wireless Microphones

- ▶ *Tim Sprain, District theater program*
- ▶ Support purchase of a wireless microphone system to be used for theater productions at all district schools. The system addresses a major need to improve audience enjoyment of District theater performances. Funding supplements a major grant received from the La Crosse Community Foundation.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Tim Sprain with LPEF Grants Committee Chair Cari Mathwig Ramseier



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Whiteboard Table Collaboration

- ▶ *Jennifer Appel, Logan Middle*
- ▶ Purchase a set of whiteboard tables for a 7th-grade math and science classroom at Logan Middle, replacing damaged tables with spaces to encourage collaboration and creativity, allowing students to draw, write and display their work without using paper.

- ▶ Sponsored by:



Jennifer Appel, left, with Logan Middle Principal Amber Erickson



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Classroom VR for Special Education

- ▶ *Courtney Kirker, Emily Juneau and Kali O'Neill, Hintgen*
- ▶ Buy a set of virtual reality headsets to allow Hintgen Elementary special education students to experience settings outside the classroom and across the globe.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



From left: LPEF Board Member Tammy Larson with Emily Juneau, Courtney Kirker and Kali O'Neill





2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Classroom Libraries: Science

- ▶ *Katherine Keeney, Logan High*
- ▶ Purchase books for science classrooms at Logan High School, providing content-related materials and high-interest titles that will engage more students in reading.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Katherine Keeney with Brad Quarberg,
LPEF Board member and Board of
Education member



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Ozobots - Visual Coding Robots

- ▶ *Courtney Vail, Lincoln Middle*
- ▶ Purchase Ozobots, robots that can be programmed without use of a computer or iPad, to provide an introduction to coding to 7th-grade math students at Lincoln Middle School.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Courtney Vail



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Virtual Reality STEM Academy

- ▶ *Tim Sprain, Lincoln*
- ▶ Buy a Virtual Reality system for use by Lincoln, Longfellow and Logan middle schools as a STEM education tool that focuses on the eight key Science and Engineering practices. The VR system will improve student science practices and motivation.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Tim Sprain with students using the VR system



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Instructional Supports for Social Emotional Learning

- ▶ *Barb Secord, Longfellow*
- ▶ Buy a teen literacy library to help Longfellow Middle School students develop social skills, promote resiliency and build emotional health and self-confidence.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Barb Secord, left, with LPEF Board Member Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Logan InvenTeam

- ▶ *Steve Johnston, Logan High*
- ▶ Fund Logan High School student research, patent search and development of a prototype for a hydration bladder volume monitor.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Steve Johnston, right, with Brad Quarberg, LPEF Board member and Board of Education member





2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Fair for All

- ▶ *Jessa Ellenbecker, Logan High, and Melissa Norman, Lincoln Middle*
- ▶ Provide a matching grant toward buying sport wheelchairs for Unified Physical Education classes in middle schools and high schools to provide inclusive experiences for disabled and non-disabled students alike. This grant is a partial match to a major grant awarded by **Mayo Clinic Health System-Franciscan Healthcare**.
- ▶ Sponsored by:

Jessa
Ellenbecker



Melissa Norman with students



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Compassion Day at Children's Museum

- ▶ *Tracy Taylor-Johnson, Summit*
- ▶ Pay for transportation for all 3rd-grade students in the District to experience "XOXO: An Exhibit about Love and Forgiveness." This exhibit at the Children's Museum of La Crosse provides activities and experiences about compassion, respect, kindness, inclusion, love and forgiveness.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Tracy
Taylor-Johnson



Students at XOXO exhibit



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Logan High Weight Room

- ▶ *Jordan Gilge, Logan High*
- ▶ Provide matching grant funding to upgrade equipment and increase safety and usability for all students using the Logan High weight room. Partially matches a grant from the Green Bay Packers Foundation.
- ▶ Sponsored by:



Jordan Gilge, left, with Brad Quarberg, LPEF Board member and Board of Education member





2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Bal-a-Vis-X Training

- ▶ *Kerry Kost and Brooke Boisvert, Hintgen Elementary*
- ▶ Provide funding for two teachers from Hintgen Elementary to attend a 2-day training and purchase Bal-A-Vis-X equipment for student exercises that encourage cooperative interaction, attention, balance and motor coordination, leading to increased attention and focus in class.



From left: LPEF Board Member
Tammy Larson with Kerry Kost and
Brooke Boisvert



Underwritten by:
Richard Swantz Endowment Fund
La Crosse Community Foundation



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Maximize Content Time with ELA Integration

- ▶ *Shelly Long,*
Northside/Coulee Montessori
- ▶ Buy books for teacher professional development at Northside/Coulee Montessori Elementary School on how to integrate English Language Arts and Social Studies subject matter into classrooms.



Shelly Long



Underwritten by:
Richard Swantz Endowment Fund
La Crosse Community Foundation



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Perceptions of Self: Using Art for Social Justice Advocacy

- ▶ *Dani Hartman, Heidi Jones, Logan Middle*
- ▶ Buy art materials for Logan Middle School students to use in identifying words, images, and ideas they associate with themselves. Students will create an identity torso to encourage critical thinking and explore messages they hear and read.



From left: Dani Hartman and Heidi Jones with LPEF Board Member Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer



Underwritten by:

Rachel Gundersen Endowment for Arts & Humanities



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Outdoor Adventures/Field Research

- ▶ *Keachen Abing, 7 Rivers, and Andy Hartman, Logan*
- ▶ Purchase camping equipment, solar panels and a portable power supply needed for outdoor experiences for students from 7 Rivers Community High School, Central and Logan high schools. Students will connect with the outdoors and conduct science and field research.



7 Rivers student with Andy Hartman, middle and Keachen Abing, left



Underwritten by:

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



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Universal Art Experience

- ▶ *Lindsay Shay*
- ▶ Support project to bring Zot Artz, a traveling inclusive art experience, to La Crosse to allow special education and special needs students to participate in a fun and creative art experience, leading to a community art show.



Underwritten by:
Duane and Carol Taebel Fund
La Crosse Community Foundation



Lindsay Shay



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Teen Lit Con

- ▶ *Cynthia Halter, Central*
- ▶ Provide transportation for 44 students from middle school and high school to attend the 2020 Teen Literature Convention in the Twin Cities and be able to engage with authors and share the joy of reading and writing.



Cindy Halter with LPEF Executive Director David Stoeffler



Underwritten by:
LPEF Judy and Randy Eddy Sr. Fund

2019 Grant Recipient

Shoah Curriculum Materials

- ▶ *Bobbi Gillitzer, Eric Martin, Jeanne Halderson, Scott Bagniefski, Brad Masche, Ben Hamburger, Christina Fenton*
- ▶ Grant provided money for extensive new materials for use in Shoah studies curriculum for the 7th grade social studies, plus high school US and World history courses.



Liz Ramsay and Jeanne Halderson with Holocaust studies materials



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

★ 2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Symphony for Youth

- ▶ *Jan Lea Brock, La Crosse Symphony Orchestra*
- ▶ Partner with the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra to share a symphony learning experience with 3rd-through 5th-grade students throughout the District. Students will learn about the symphony, the instruments, music, etiquette, and appropriate conduct.



Underwritten by:
LPEF McGavock Family Endowment for Music Education

Photos used with
permission



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Exercising Empathy

- ▶ *Tracy Taylor-Johnson and Darcy Maxwell, Summit*
- ▶ Purchase books for Summit Environmental Elementary School students that help them understand and develop empathy and emotional intelligence skills. These skills allow students to better understand the perspective of others.



From left: Darcy Maxwell and Tracy Taylor-Johnson with LPEF Board Member Kathie Tyser



Underwritten by:
Tom & Judy Sleik Family Fund
La Crosse Community Foundation

★ 2019 Grant Recipient

Pride of the North Side Marching Band

- ▶ *Mark Lakmann, Logan High*
- ▶ An endowment established by Brad and Gail Quarberg produced its first grant in March 2019, as \$300 was provided for use by the marching band. In future years, grants will also go to the Logan choir.



Mark Lakmann with Brad Quarberg

★ *Underwritten by:*

LPEF Quarberg Family Pride of the North Side Endowment

★ 2019 Grant Recipient Teacher Recognition Awards

- ▶ A new endowment fund created by Tom and Jean Heyt Thompson supports recognition awards for school staff. The first recipients included:
 - ▶ Kate Hooper, North Woods International kindergarten teacher, for being named a Wisconsin Teacher Fellow.
 - ▶ Tricia Gibbons, intellectual disabilities teacher at Logan High, for being named a Wisconsin Teacher Fellow.
 - ▶ Tom Kammer, Logan High, for being named Wisconsin outstanding biology teacher of the year.

★ *Underwritten by:*
LPEF Tom and Jean Heyt Thompson Endowment



Top: Tom and Jean Thompson applauding Kate Hooper and Tricia Gibbons; Bottom: Tom and Jean with Tom Kammer.

★ 2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Limanya Drumming Residency

- ▶ *Mary Stutesman, Longfellow and Logan Middle School*
- ▶ Host the Limanya African Drum and Dance Troupe to perform for middle and elementary students, and provide professional development for general music teachers.



Mary Stutesman with music students

★ *Underwritten in part by gifts made by in memory of Madelynn Melby, a longtime area music teacher and mentor to other educators. She died in March 2018.*



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Re-Imagine Recycling!

- ▶ *Carissa Brudos, Summit*
- ▶ Bring artist in residence Gena Ollendieck to Summit Environmental School for a week to share ways to repurpose discarded and found objects and create art.

Carissa Brudos, left, with
LPEF Board Member
Shawn Dutchin





2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Spring Science Garden Lessons

- ▶ *Jamie O'Neill, GROW La Crosse*
- ▶ Purchase materials for a garden and science connected curriculum led by GROW La Crosse at Emerson, Hamilton/SOTA I, Hintgen and State Road schools.



Jamie O'Neill, left, with State Road Principal Jac Lyga



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Logan AVID's Big Read

- ▶ *Carrie Harings, Logan High*
- ▶ Purchase copies of the book *Educated* by Tara Westover for AVID students and staff at Logan High to provide a college-level experience by doing a group read of this memoir about education, first-generation college students and the trauma of racism.



LPEF Board Member and Board of Education Member Brad Quarberg surprises Carrie Harings with grant delivery



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Classroom Hydroponics

- ▶ *Lee Ann Honey-Brittenham, Logan Middle*
- ▶ Buy a hydroponic and aeroponic growing system to help Logan Middle School students gain analytical and critical thinking skills while growing consumable plants.

Lee Ann Honey-Brittenham,
right, with Logan Middle
Principal Amber Erickson





2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Empathy Development in Middle School Students

- ▶ *Maggie McHugh, La Crosse Design Institute*
- ▶ Support La Crosse Design Institute students to participate in *The Changemaker Project* to explore social justice issues through a design thinking lens. At the conclusion, 2-5 students will pitch their ideas virtually to venture capitalists and philanthropists who may choose to provide funding.



Maggie McHugh with LPEF Board Member Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Meet the Book - Connecting Kids with Books

- ▶ *Kristen Martin, State Road on behalf of all elementary schools*
- ▶ Purchase dual-language books written by author Angela Dominguez who will visit elementary schools and share how to write and illustrate a book.



Kristen Martin



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Kids Can Cook Class

- ▶ *Katie Pierre, North Woods International*
- ▶ Purchase food and supplies for 5 transdisciplinary cooking lessons so that North Woods International students are able to safely provide for themselves when their families aren't present.



North Woods Cook Kinsey Gibbs, left, with Katie Pierre



2019-20 1st Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Folk Dancing Around the World

- ▶ *Amanda Wolfgram and Joshua Hein, North Woods*
- ▶ Purchase music and materials for use by music and physical education classes at North Woods International, to be used in teaching a variety of dances from around the world.



At left: Amanda Wolfgram with students.
Above: Joshua Hein with students



2019 Wish List Grant Recipient

Earthships

- ▶ *Faith Yang, student, La Crosse Design Institute*
- ▶ Provide a grant for a student studying Earthships, which are passive solar homes using renewable energy. The grant provided Faith with an opportunity to visit an Earthship in New Mexico. She shared photos with her fellow students and created an 8-foot-by-4-foot-by-3-foot working replica of an Earthship.



Top: Faith Yang surprised by delivery of LPEF grant; Bottom: Presenting at LDI Showcase.



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

YA Books for a Better World

- ▶ *Joshua Wolcott, SOTA II and all schools*
- ▶ Buy young adult level books about immigration and family for a summer professional development experience. About 110 participating teachers from several district schools will experience ways to integrate technology (such as video) into lessons, and leave with a toolbox of templates and strategies for classrooms.



Joshua Wolcott with students



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Social Emotional Learning Kits

- ▶ *Resa Hawes*
- ▶ Purchase materials to create social-emotional learning kits to help increase student self-management and self-awareness. This completes a project partially funded by an LPEF grant in 2018. The addition of five kits will enable each elementary school to have a kit.



Resa Hawes and Angela Korson



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Spence Flip Forms

- ▶ *Amy Johnson-Pierce, Spence*
- ▶ Support a Spence Elementary School project to buy Flip Form risers to be used in the music room and at school events. The risers are versatile, maximize space and are easy to move. The LPEF grant will buy two sets of risers to supplement those purchased through school and parent funding.



Amy Johnson-Pierce, center left, with LPEF Board Member Tammy Larson and students



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Discovering Your Future Self

- ▶ *Carrie Wuensch-Harden, Hamilton*
- ▶ Partner with Ajamou Butler, Founder of Heal the Hood, to guide Hamilton Elementary School 3rd- through 5th- graders in writing their future story. Students will participate in writing workshops and create a picture book illustrating their own future story.



Carrie Wuensch-Harden



Ajamou Butler with students



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Grow Our Own Teacher Diversity

- ▶ *Mai Chao Duddeck, UW-L*
- ▶ Provide a fourth year of LPEF funding for a program to increase the number of teachers of color by focusing on teaching assistants and others already working for the School District of La Crosse and helping them earn full education degrees at UW-L.



Mai Chao Duddeck



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

A New Way to Play For All

- ▶ *Nicole Kuecker, Lisa Boyer, Lindsey Shay, Nick O'Keefe, Summit*
- ▶ Buy painting materials to create a sensory pathway on the playground at Summit Environmental School to inspire movement, develop coordination skills and promote self-regulation. The pathway will include the Zones of Regulation to promote social-emotional and regulation development in students.



Nick O'Keefe with LPEF Board Member Kathie Tyser



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Flexible Seating for Success

- ▶ *Carter Semb, Hamilton*
- ▶ Purchase diverse seating options for students in a Hamilton Elementary School classroom with limited space. Students will have varied seating options, which allow for movement, comfort and choices - creating a positive classroom environment.



Carter Semb, back right, with Hamilton Principal Ben Burns, back left, and students



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Outdoor Adventure Camp

- ▶ *Gregory Milligan and Phillip Klar, Logan High*
- ▶ Provide a full-day of outdoor experiential learning at Camp Decorah for Logan High School special education students. Students will experience the outdoors while turning off technology and participate in activities that provide a feeling of accomplishment, relationship and team building skills, and multiple sensory engagement.



Gregory Milligan with LPEF Board Member Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Outdoor Education

- ▶ *Jodi Mahlum, Logan High*
- ▶ Purchase 20 pairs of snowshoes to enable an entire Logan High School class to participate in winter activities for exercise and exposure to natural surroundings.



Jodi Mahlum, right, with LPEF Board Member Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Make-Do Cardboard Construction

- ▶ *Ruth Baardseth, Scott Bagniefski and Mary Sue Pintz, Lincoln*
- ▶ Buy materials for a hands-on construction approach to teaching geometry at Lincoln Middle/Coulee Montessori/SOTA II. Students will use recycled materials to design, solve, and build 3-D life-sized structures and then share their stories about the experience.



From left: Mary Sue Pintz, Ruth Baardseth and Scott Bagniefski



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

See It Right

- ▶ *Diane Block and Nicole Kuecker*
- ▶ Buy an assessment kit and materials for use with students with scotopic sensitivity syndrome, which causes sensitivity to light and makes it difficult to see text clearly. Color overlays are placed over the text to assist with reading.



Diane Block with LPEF Board Member Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

S.M.A.R.T. Course

- ▶ *Jennifer Speckeen, Hamilton*
- ▶ Purchase Stimulating Maturity Through Accelerated Readiness Training materials and set up a course in the hallway at Hamilton Elementary School. The course will activate students' brains for learning; reducing time spent in the classroom trying to re-regulate.



Jennifer Speckeen, back right, with Principal Ben Burns and students



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Hands-On Interactive Learning for Special Education Students



Megan Meyer

- ▶ *Megan Meyer, Caitlin Hanney and Kasey Pomeroy, Summit*
- ▶ Purchase OSMO learning systems to increase learning experiences for special education students at Summit Environmental Elementary School. The OSMO systems connect to iPads to provide targeted learning in basic math, money concepts, spatial relationships, spelling and following directions.



From left: LPEF Board Member Kathie Tyser with Caitlin Hanney and Kasey Pomeroy



2018-19 2nd Round Gold Star Grant Recipient

Positive Affirmations to Improve Student Success

- ▶ *Casey Scheuerell, Southern Bluffs*
- ▶ Buy vinyl adhesive signs with positive affirmations to display in bathrooms at Southern Bluffs Elementary School. The affirmations will help to improve student resilience, establish a growth-mindset, and encourage students to be their best.



Casey Scheuerell

Academic Achievement Award Recipients

- ▶ *Rhonda McGowan, Logan High*
- ▶ *Kim Butterfield, Central High*
- ▶ These teachers were honored Nov. 4, 2019, 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



Kim Butterfield

Corporate Partner in Education: Trust Point Inc.

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



Trust Point volunteers offered tutoring help to students at North Woods and the company donated money for books and other projects.



Margaret Dihlmann-Malzer Distinguished Service Award: Tammy Larson

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



Tammy Larson, far right, with other LPEF Board colleagues Bethany Nugent, left, and Shawn Dutchin, center



Tammy, second from left, helping at Bowtie Classic



Tammy Larson with Spence Teacher Julie Wilson after delivering a grant in December 2018

Richard Swantz Leadership Award:

Mark White

- ▶ In recognition of strong leadership as an advocate for teachers, for student success and for parent involvement.
- ▶ Mark became a respected leader among his peers during 28 years as an elementary principal, and now serves as Director of Human Resources for the School District of La Crosse.



Mark White



Mark White with Kathie Tyser at 2018
Grants Award Luncheon.