



**LOS ALAMITOS EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

# LAEF

## 2025 NEWSLETTER

### LAEF's SUMMER ENRICHMENT - LARGEST EVER!

Each year, Los Alamitos Education Foundation's (LAEF) flagship program, the Summer Enrichment Institute (SEI), is an essential program for Los Al parents and students alike. SEI offers fun and educational learning opportunities for students in grades K-12. Kids and teachers were thrilled to come together at Rossmoor Elementary School for enrichment again this summer. In fact, this summer was LAEF's largest attended SEI to date.

A record 789 students participated in SEI, a program that keeps kids learning, exploring, and growing all summer long. With exciting class options ranging from gardening, photography, and robotics to cooking, puppetry, and various sports, students dove into a season full of fun, enrichment, and creativity.

Art classes are always popular and fill up very quickly. This summer, first grade students in Alyssa Patterson's Colorful Creations class designed adorable self-portraits. These show how SEI provides discovery and delight among all the students that attend. Other popular classes that brought fun and creativity for the students included Puppet Production, Culinary Camp, Ukulele and Photography (pictured to the right).



**LAEF Has Donated Over \$3.6 Million to Los Al Kids Since 2013!**

# SUPPORTING LOS AL KIDS AT ALL LEVELS!

**OVER \$341,000 JUST THIS YEAR!**

**\$154K for Innovation Grants**

**\$69K for Mental Health Interns**

**Over \$31K for Program Scholarships**

**\$13K for Well Space Support**

**\$17K for Specialized College Application Workshops & Software for LAHS students**

**\$9500 for STEAM Fairs**

**\$24K for FREE Spanish Classes for TK-3rd**

**\$24K for FREE After-School Workshops**

**Reduced-Fee Middle School Classes**

**Supporting Griffin Lab Tutoring at LAHS**

**One-on-one aides to support students with special needs taking LAEF Classes**



## LAEF Celebrates Teachers of the Year!



Eleven outstanding Los Al faculty were honored at the event, one teacher from each of our district schools, along with the District's Teacher of the Year and Employee of the Year. Honorees included **Tim Jones** (Los Alamitos High School), **Laura Conroy** (Oak Middle School), **Jennifer Bellinder** (McAuliffe Middle School), **Allison Masumiya** (Weaver Elementary), **Rosanna Ly** (Rossmoor Elementary), **Lisa Salmones** (McGaugh Elementary), **Julie Little** (Los Alamitos Elementary), **Mary Cole** (Lee Elementary), **Amanda Lenhart** (Hopkinson Elementary), **Lori Avalos** (District Teacher of the Year) and **Jerilynn Kuhar** (District Employee of the Year). Each teacher was recognized for their dedication, creativity, and passion for their students.

Every spring LAEF hosts a Donor Appreciation Event for our Los Al Leadership Circle members. We love the opportunity to celebrate our donors and connect with them. This year 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Morgan Cochran shared with donors how she is utilizing 3D printers in her classroom at Rossmoor Elementary School to enhance her curriculum. The printers were purchased through LAEF's Innovation Grants program.

**We Love our Donors!**



# SAVE THE DATE!

# LAEF'S NIGHT Out



SATURDAY, FEB. 28 AT 6:00PM

SEAL BEACH TENNIS & PICKLEBALL CENTER  
3900 LAMPSON AVE., SEAL BEACH

FEATURING  
THE  
BAND:



Don't miss the FUN! Learn more at: [LAEF4Kids.org/LNO](http://LAEF4Kids.org/LNO)

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 LOS AL LEADERSHIP CIRCLE MEMBERS

Want to be a part of our Circle? Learn more at: [LAEF4Kids.org/LALC](http://LAEF4Kids.org/LALC)

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**Bold** = Board Member/Emeritus

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