



# Press Release

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## Lynwood Partners Educational Foundation receives Grant from the California Community Foundation for the Lynwood College Pledge

**LYNWOOD, CA** – The Lynwood Partners Educational Foundation (LPEF) received a \$200,000 two-year grant from the California Community Foundation that will allow LPEF to support the Lynwood Unified School District (LUSD) to increase college readiness through the Lynwood College Pledge and Alumni Center, award scholarships to students, and provide additional financial support to inspire success in higher education.

The grant from the California Community Foundation is a part of the Los Angeles Scholars Investment Fund that combines multi-year scholarships with additional support resources proven to help students graduate.

“We believe that all students and their families deserve the same opportunity to pursue the highest level of education and achieve the life they dream of,” LUSD Superintendent Gudiel R. Crosthwaite said. “As a District, we continue to work to change the playing field, and California Community Foundation is partnering with us to help empower young people to achieve their goals.”

As a part of the grant, LPEF will award over \$72,000 in student aid over the next two years including college scholarships and small grants to college students facing challenges related to housing, food, transportation, books, tuition and technology.

Lastly, the grant will support the establishment of the Lynwood Alumni Center to assist LUSD high school graduates and recent graduates as they begin their college journeys.

“We are extremely grateful and excited for California Community Foundation’s investment in our efforts to support LUSD students achieve their highest academic and personal aspirations,” said Elsa Chagolla, LPEF Executive Director. “We value California Community Foundation’s partnership to advance educational equity in Lynwood.”

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The **Lynwood Unified School District** is dedicated to offering students a world-class education to prepare them for success in college and career in the 21st century. Under its Achieving Greatness Initiative, the district is realigning all aspects of its organization to strengthen and expand instructional programs, enrichment and extracurricular activities, and support system for students and staff. For more information, **visit [www.lynwood.k12.ca.us](http://www.lynwood.k12.ca.us)**.

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The Lynwood Partners Educational Foundation serves to support and enhance educational opportunities for Lynwood Unified School District (LUSD) students in the areas of College Access, Health and Wellness, and Educational Equity. Since 2015, LPEF has raised approximately \$1,000,000. For more information, visit [www.lynwoodedfoundation.org](http://www.lynwoodedfoundation.org).

## PHOTO CAPTION

**LUSD\_LPEDPLEDGE1:** Lynwood Unified Alumni and staff celebrate the \$200,000 LPEF in front of the future Lynwood Alumni Center

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The mission of **Lynwood Unified School District**, the cultivator of innovative thinkers, is to ensure each student fearlessly achieves his or her highest academic and personal aspirations while contributing to the greater society through a unique system distinguished by:

- ★ People of great character who inspire and lead by example
- ★ The instilling of courage to be creative
- ★ The transformative uses of technology
- ★ Safe and clean environments
- ★ The honoring of all voices of our community