

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 19, 2024 CONTACT: Juliette Funes PHONE: (626) 418-4501

Lynwood Partners Educational Foundation Awards \$101K in Scholarships to Lynwood Unified Class of 2024

LYNWOOD, **CA** – During its annual Scholarship Reception on June 13, the Lynwood Partners Educational Foundation (LPEF) awarded 102 graduating seniors with \$101,000 in scholarships – an increase of \$14,000 from last year – to support students' pursuit of higher education at trade schools, community colleges or four-year universities.

This year's scholarship <u>recipients</u> will attend prestigious universities and colleges such as Yale, Stanford, UCLA, UC San Diego, UC Irvine, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach City College.

"We are thrilled to support the dreams and aspirations of our graduating seniors and are immensely grateful to our donors and partners for helping to eliminate barriers to their success," LPEF Executive Director Elsa Chagolla said. "Investing in their education is an investment in our future, and we are committed to empowering these talented young individuals to achieve their full potential on their postsecondary journeys."

Since its establishment in 2015, LPEF has been dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities for Lynwood Unified School District students, securing over \$1 million in funding for Pre-K through grade 12 students in the form of college scholarships, STEM programs and other critical resources.

The Foundation also supports teacher grants, school grants and wellness initiatives. In <u>May</u>, the Foundation opened its Lynwood Alumni Center, which offers a dedicated space for current students and graduates to participate in networking events, college and career support, DACA/Dreamer support, financial literacy workshops, guest speakers and community events.

Chagolla was recently honored by Los Angeles County <u>Supervisor</u> Janice Hahn for her work on behalf of the Foundation to enhance access to educational programs and support student achievement.

"The distribution of these scholarships and the recent opening of our Alumni Center are remarkable achievements that underscore our community's commitment to fostering educational excellence and providing our students with the resources they need to pursue their dreams," Superintendent Gudiel R. Crosthwaite, Ph.D., said. "We extend our deepest gratitude to the Foundation and celebrate the bright futures that await our deserving scholars."

Visit www.lynwoodedfoundation.org to learn how to support Lynwood students.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

LUSD_LPEF_1: The Lynwood Partners Educational Foundation awarded \$101,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors from Lynwood Unified high schools during its annual reception on June 13, 2024.

LUSD_LPEF_2: Lynwood Unified alumni and staff cut the ribbon on the Lynwood Alumni Center during the grand opening celebration on May 30, 2024.

###

The mission of Lynwood Unified School District, the model urban school district, is to ensure each student fearlessly achieves their highest academic and personal aspirations while contributing to a diverse, global society through an evolving 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 inclusion of all voices in our community through equity, access and justice