

## **LPS Foundation Spotlight June 2024**

#### LPS Foundation Grants Deliver Life (and Knife) Skills

Recent grants awarded to the Littleton Public Schools Foundation are affording students at the <u>Explorative Pathways for Innovate Careers (EPIC) campus</u> a variety of hands-on learning opportunities, and LPS Nutrition Services personnel got a culinary boost from nonprofit partner <u>Nourish Colorado</u>.

## A \$100,000 grant for EPIC from the City of Centennial's Stadium District Funding will provide:

- Industry Certifications: Each EPIC student is offered the opportunity to take industry certification exams. The grant will help pay for the exams, which range from \$50 to \$200.
- Course Fees: Because of the specialized nature of EPIC classes, every course has fees that are traditionally passed on to the student (\$25 - \$250 per semester). This grant will help offset those fees.
- Uniforms: Students are required to wear uniform shirts while on the EPIC campus to promote community and collaboration. This grant will give students a second shirt.
- Paid Internships: EPIC works with industry partners and schools to provide internships for students. Not all partners have funds to pay for interns. With this grant, 60 students will be able to participate in a paid internship.
- Intergenerational Connectivity: \$5,000 from the grant will seed a program for adult learning that partners seniors from our community with EPIC students.



An additional \$5,000 grant from the Schramm Foundation will bring a Beekeeping class to the EPIC campus this summer. Instructor Mike Montgomery, the Natural Pathways Lead, has already procured two active beehives and is gathering supplies for this innovative offering, which will give students a firsthand experience in the art of overseeing an apiary.

Within LPS Nutrition Services, a \$4,000 grant from a generous funder provided 70 employees with a 90-minute culinary skills session from the expert chefs at Nourish Colorado. The training offered LPS food service leads with the knife skills needed to handle fresh, locally sourced ingredients and take that knowledge



back to their own school kitchens. One participant noted: "This training is amazing because everybody in the kitchen comes from different backgrounds. And the trainers suggested some cool vegetable cooking/pickling ideas I hope we can implement in our kitchens every week to offer variety."

We'll share further updates about how these grants are benefiting students in the coming months. (And we might even ask for some honey from our newest, buzziest friends at EPIC!)

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#### **Golfing for Good to Support LPS Students**



It's time to dust off those clubs, rally your golf buddies, and gear up for an exciting day on the green at our <a href="#">Annual "Tee it Up for LPS Golf Tournament"</a> on Friday, August 9, 2024, at Lone Tree Golf Course.

Enjoy a Friday off work to be a part of the camaraderie, the competition, and the joy of being outdoors. Whether you're reconnecting with old friends or making new ones, this event promises plenty of fun. But more than just a round of golf, your participation directly contributes to the education of over 14,000 students enrolled in LPS schools.

**Partnership opportunities are AVAILABLE NOW.** View our <u>partnership packet</u> or contact LPSF Executive Director Stefanie Carroll at <u>scarroll@lps.k12.co.us</u> for more details.

Transforming Spaces, Empowering Lives: The Story of East Community Center and LPS Foundation

Our community's vision to transform East Elementary School into a vibrant resource hub is now a reality, thanks in part to LPS Foundation supporters. The space, now home to 15 organizations, serves the North Littleton neighborhood's diverse needs.

#### LPS Foundation funders helped to establish the **East Community Center** through:

- A \$200,000 grant given by the City of Littleton's Stadium District Funding for the purpose of establishing and operating the community center;
- Contributions toward translation services, food, and childcare for community meetings so every voice could be heard, and;
- Funding for an independent facilitator to guide discussions and implement strategy as the community center plan formed.

We celebrated our collective success during the East Community Center's Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on April 18, 2024. You can learn more about the East Community Center and how to get involved at <a href="https://littletonpublicschools.net/ecc">https://littletonpublicschools.net/ecc</a>.



#### LPS Foundation Board of Directors: Movers and Shakers

We extend our deepest gratitude to outgoing board members **Bob Golden**, **Michael Ceilley**, and **Jennifer Henninger**, whose dedication and vision have significantly advanced our mission to raise funds to support each LPS student's unique path to success. Thank you for your service, time, and commitment.

We will welcome three new board members in June: **Rick Dodds**, **Christine Sweetland**, and **Pam Newell**. Each brings a unique blend of expertise and passion to our organization. Their fresh perspectives are invaluable as we strive to enrich educational opportunities and build a brighter future for all LPS students and educators.

Calendar of Events: Save the Date

#### LPS Nights at the Colorado Rockies

Monday, May 27 at 2:10 pm vs. Cleveland Guardians Saturday, June 15 at 7:10 pm vs. Pittsburgh Pirates Get your tickets now

#### LPS Nights at the Colorado Rapids

Saturday, May 25 at 7:30 pm, Colorado Rapids vs. Minnesota United FC Saturday, June 22 at 7:30 pm, Colorado Rapids vs. CF Montreal Get your tickets now

Friday, August 9 - Tee It Up for LPS Golf Tournament, Lone Tree Golf Course

Sunday, October 27 - The 29th Annual Stride Run/Walk, Littleton Museum

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