



NEWS RELEASE

Lake Elsinore Valley Education Foundation

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The Lake Elsinore Valley Education Foundation serves LEUSD's pre-K through high school students

LEVEF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND MORE!

LAKE ELSINORE The Lake Elsinore Valley Education Foundation (LEVEF), a local non-profit philanthropic organization, presented ten \$1,000 individual scholarship awards to Lake Elsinore Unified District college-bound seniors during a reception with students and families on May 16, 2017.

Scholarship funding included donations of \$5,000 from Southern California Edison and \$1,000 from SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, in addition to LEVEF's annual fundraising efforts.

Scholarship awards are based on personal student essays, interviews with Foundation directors, and applicant information. This year's recipients include *Elsinore HS*—**Brianna Gorham-Moran, Sydney Southwick, Jordan Castello, and Holly Chang**; *Lakeside HS*—**Megan Carter and Nathan Smith**; *Ortega HS*—**Adela Maldonado**; and from *Temescal HS*—**Kelley Cowan, Jordyn Strange, and Dylan Reese**. The Lake Elsinore Valley Education Foundation has awarded scholarships since 2005.



Figure 1. Front L-R: **Brianna Gorham-Moran-EHS; Sydney Southwick-EHS; Jordan Castello-EHS; Holly Chang-EHS; Adela Maldonado-OHS.** Back: **Kelley Cowan-TCHS; Jordyn Strange-TCHS; Dylan Reese-TCHS; Megan Carter-LHS; Nathan Smith-LHS; Kevin Pape, LEVEF Chairman.**

Earlier this year, the Foundation distributed nearly 1,000 free books to LEUSD TK-3rd grade students. The Foundation has made thousands of free books available to young readers from pre-school through fifth grade over the past six years. These school-approved titles are obtained through *First Book National Book Bank*, costing the Foundation only shipping charges.



Figure 2. LEVEF volunteers hand out free books in TK-Grade 3 classrooms, which are eagerly received!

The Lake Elsinore Valley Education Foundation was created in 2005 under the auspices of former LEUSD Superintendent Dr. Sharron Lindsay to provide financial and instructional support to students in the pursuit of college and career success.

LEVEF’s Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers representing local government, business, utilities, and education. Fundraisers to support scholarship and book donation programs include an annual golf tournament hosted by *The Links Championship at Summerly, Lake Elsinore* and charitable donations. All



Figure 3. LEVEF Board: Maureen Foster-Davis, Val Geason, Judy Gulielmana, Kevin Pape (next to SCE Rep Jeremy Goldman), Dana DeJong, and Brad Fife. Gary Washburn (not pictured).

LEVEF funds and donations are held in trust by a fiduciary, *The Community Foundation*.

For more information about getting involved with the Lake Elsinore Valley Education Foundation, please contact Kevin Pape at (951) 609-7525, or visit the LEVEF Web site www.levelf.org.

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