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## Scholarships Advance Student Excellence



Chloe Seng receiving the 2018-2019 Excellence in Science Scholarship funded by BWX Technologies Inc., DTE Energy Foundation, Framatome, Mr. and Mrs. Lee & Sharon Ainslie, Dr. & Mrs. David & Judy Frantz, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles & Mary Jane Pryor. Funds raised for this year's scholarship allowed for a \$34,000 award.

The Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation advances academic excellence through unique scholarship opportunities and is thrilled to announce the return of the **Excellence in Science Scholarship!** This prestigious \$30,000 scholarship supports top scholars in Lynchburg City Schools and is awarded to a graduating senior for outstanding achievement in science or engineering.

This year's recipient, Chloe Seng, attended the Central Virginia Governor's School for Science and Technology and E.C. Glass High School. She won recognition at local, state, and international science fairs for her research with perovskite solar cells, and completed an internship with Framatome.

Chloe, who now attends the University of Virginia, is continuing to pursue her research in solar energy, said "I am incredibly grateful for the peace of mind that this scholarship has provided and the confidence it has given me moving forward."

Krista Hartmann was the second recipient of the Pryor Scholarship (the predecessor of the Excellence in Science Scholarship) when she graduated from LCS in 2015. Receiving this scholarship helped provide valuable opportunities for Krista, who graduated from the University of Virginia in May 2019. "I have wanted to become a doctor for as long as I can

remember, but I never understood how much my education would cost," says Krista. "The scholarship gave me the opportunity to come closer to achieving my career goals."

While in college, Krista researched antibiotic resistance in an infectious diseases lab. She was chosen as a Global Health Scholar and traveled to Guatemala, where she worked on a public health research project. She double majored in biology and studio art, and was selected as a Miller Arts Scholar. She also volunteered as an EMT with the local rescue squad.

The **James K. Candler Opportunity Fund** is another significant scholarship which enables

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Continue reading to learn more about how the Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation advances excellence and equity in the Lynchburg City Schools through advocacy and educational funding.

Advancing Lynchburg City Schools

## Celebrating Top Scholars at the 15th Annual Senior Honors Reception

The top fifteen academic graduates (based on their GPA) from both E.C. Glass and Heritage High Schools were honored for their scholastic accomplishments at a special recognition dinner hosted by the LCS Education Foundation and held at Randolph College on May 5, 2019.



**E.C. Glass High School:** Margaret Gladieux, Sara Greene, Lila Hutchison, Katie Kauppi, Margaret Kicklighter, Meg Lloyd, Benjamin McCarthy, Eliza Mitchell, Kate O'Connell, Marina Pantner, Claire Podosek, Chloe Seng, John "Drew" H. Sorrells, Minahil Syed, Zoë Winters

**Heritage High School:** Debora Chagas, Jaylin Davis, Jasmine Ellis, Samuel C. Ford, Megan Hack, Joshua Howard, Sha'Mya Jones, Abigail Kirkwood, Ellie Matthews, Teresa Michael, Taylor Murphy, Ethan Royal Page, Frederick Smallshaw, Anirudh Venkanagari, Ivy Wheaton



Lynchburg City Councilman Beau Wright provided keynote remarks to help prepare graduates as they head off to college.



Each student invited a Lynchburg City Schools teacher who profoundly impacted his or her education. Jaylin Davis chose science teacher Kelly Edwards as her honored guest. Superintendent Crystal Edwards and Heritage High School Principal Tim Beatty were also on hand to celebrate the Senior Scholars.

Thank you to Lynchburg's area colleges & universities that recognize and value academic excellence and sponsor this event!



## Scholarships Invest in their Future!

**Belvac Production Machinery** awarded two \$500 scholarships for leadership, scholastic achievement, community service, and ability to overcome personal or circumstantial obstacles: Jacqueline Coles, (E.C. Glass), Sha'Mya Jones (Heritage)

**Excellence in Science Scholarship** is a \$34,000 scholarship awarded to a top science or engineering student: Chloe Seng (E.C. Glass)

**Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation** awarded two \$500 scholarships for scholastic achievement and community service: Megan Hack (Heritage), Naomi Levin (E.C. Glass)

**James Howard Scholarship** is a \$500 scholarship awarded to a Heritage High School college bound football player selected by his coach: Vonte Pannell

**Lynchburg Junior Woman's Club** awarded two \$1,000 scholarships for exceptional community service: Skylar Callaham (E.C. Glass), Eleanor Matthews (Heritage)

**M.H. Masonry** awarded two \$500 scholarships for scholastic achievement and community service: Isaiah Brown (Heritage), JaCori Kittrell (E.C. Glass)

**Orthodontic Arts** awarded a \$500 scholarship to a Heritage student who plans to study nursing, dentistry, or medicine: Eduardo Rivera

**Stroobants Scholarships** awarded a total of \$16,000 to students pursuing a career in the trades: Jacob Adams (Heritage), D'Arrin Calloway (Heritage), Hunter Raso (E.C. Glass), Lachad Trent (Heritage)

**Taylor Brothers of Lynchburg** awarded two \$500 scholarships for scholastic achievement and community service: Keelan Burns (Heritage), Sha'Aisha Jerome (E.C. Glass)

**Technical Management & Resources** awarded two \$1,000 scholarships for leadership, scholastic achievement, and community service for African American students: D'Arrin Calloway (Heritage), Tigest Maxson (E.C. Glass)

**Stacy Knight Westgate Scholarship** is a \$500 scholarship awarded to a Heritage High School college bound baseball player as selected by his coach: Camen Bailey



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students who are enrolled in LCS to participate in experiences that would otherwise be financially out of reach. This year's recipients received support for a Vector Space rocketry build and national competition, National History Day competition, James River Association day camp, and Early College. In addition, one Heritage High School student used this scholarship to help attend the National Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Leadership Conference in California. Caleb Mink earned this honor to compete after winning first place in the Applied Math for Culinary Arts event in Virginia. In the national competition, he took a test of culinary math problems, gave a 5 minute presentation to the judges about yield percent, and responded to judges questions and a list of case studies involving culinary math. Congratulations, Caleb, for winning a silver medal at this national event!

The Al Stroobants Foundation has also made a significant commitment to support LCS students, awarding **Stroobants Scholarships** in three categories—graduating seniors who are pursuing an education in a trade (this year's recipients listed on page 2) and also providing an early and significant scholarship commitment to a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student and an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student who is enrolled in a career tech curriculum and can benefit from knowing that a post-secondary education is within his or her reach.

The needs and opportunities for our students continue to grow. If you'd like to help support these efforts, please consider donating today!



Krista Hartmann is both a scientist and an artist. Shown in front of one of her pieces from her fourth year show entitled, "Need Money?"



Caleb Mink wins a Silver Medal at the National FCCLA event in Anaheim, CA

## Message from the President

### Kevin G. Smith

The mission of the Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation is *Advancing excellence and equity in the Lynchburg City Schools through advocacy and educational funding.*

Why do we as a community make an investment for a public education system?

As Councilman Beau Wright said at the Ed Foundation's most recent Senior Honors Dinner, "I think it starts with a bedrock principle: that each of us has value, that every mind is worth nurturing, and that a baseline education is a right. You're worth it just because you exist."

It is this worth that leads communities to contribute their tax dollars to support schools that are open to everyone. It doesn't matter who your parents are, how much money you have, what you look like, or what part of town you live in. Public schools reflect the wonderful concept that everyone has worth, that everyone deserves opportunities to improve his/her station, and that these opportunities should be provided by the community to all Lynchburg students.

Public education is a remarkable idea that very clearly ties to the rights of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." In fact, I dare say that public education and our support of it provide the opportunities that help citizens achieve meaningful lives, understand their liberties and pursue their happiness. While these are difficult goals to achieve consistently, they are what LCS has been doing, is doing, and will continue to do in the future.

We are fortunate to live in a community that contributes so much to help LCS achieve its goals and provide the opportunities that will make better citizens. We also are fortunate that the Ed Foundation provides a way for the community to help support LCS. Community support last year allowed the Ed Foundation to provide more than \$82,000 for Classroom Innovation Grants, serve more than 1,300 students needing assistance with its **Tools4Schools** program, and give more than \$87,000 in scholarships for LCS students. These activities truly help meet the Ed Foundation's mission of excellence for all students at LCS.

***So that we can continue to meet our mission and maintain this tradition of excellence, the Ed Foundation needs your support.***

Please continue to engage with your time, talents and support of LCS as it helps all students in our community realize their self-worth and pursue their goals for happiness. Thank you.



## Classroom Innovation Grants Engage Students and Impact Lives

Students who are engaged in stimulating and challenging lessons meet with greater success. Classroom Innovation Grants support a culture of innovation and provide teachers with the opportunity to request grant funding from \$500 to \$5,000 to implement exciting and effective projects and programs for their students. During the 2018-2019 school year, these grants allowed students to learn coding, stay healthy through DrumFit, experience wetlands and watersheds with an Enviscape model, test the water quality of the James River, explore far away lands through Google Expeditions, and much more. Over the years, some Classroom Innovation Grants have received recognition from state and national organizations, including the Virginia School Board Association. Most recently, one Classroom Innovation Grant partner, Vector Space, represented Lynchburg in this year's national Nation of Makers Conference in Tennessee and took home the award for **Best Attention to Intentional Inclusion** for their work on the 'Empowerment to Employment' hands-on workforce ready project with the Empowerment Academy, Lynchburg Beacon of Hope, and the Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation. All Classroom Innovation Grants are funded by tax-deductible donations from businesses, foundations, and individuals. Thank you to all of the teachers listed below for going the extra mile for our students and to our donors for making this program a wonderful success! If you are not already a contributor, please join our strong team of sponsors by contacting our director (information on page 1) today.



More information about each of these 2018-2019 projects can be found on the web at [www.lcsedu.net/edfoundation](http://www.lcsedu.net/edfoundation):

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Generous donations to our **Tools4Schools** Warehouse allowed us to supply 1,330 students with school supply kits and 880 with backpacks to ensure that ALL students arrive at the bus stop on the first day of school with the supplies they need to be ready to learn! Teachers can also shop free at this warehouse for educational materials and classroom rewards and incentives through both onsite and online shopping to mitigate out-of-pocket expenses.

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## Breakfast with the Superintendent: Connecting our Community with our Schools

Our thirteenth annual Breakfast with the Superintendent was held on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at the University of Lynchburg. This event provides a unique opportunity for local business and community leaders as well as interested citizens to meet with school leadership to learn more about the Lynchburg City Schools. This year's program was entitled, "#ReinvestLCS" and was presented by the Superintendent, Dr. Crystal M. Edwards. Dr. Edwards explored the many ways the school division, along with community investment of volunteer time and money, is making the most of the 982,800 minutes our children spend in our schools, positively impacting our students, their families, the Lynchburg community, and beyond.

We thank the over 400 business and community leaders who attended this program, the proceeds from which support the Education Foundation's ongoing programs and projects.



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