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K-12 Foundation Newsletter

Mission Statement

We are a nonprofit organization with a mission to support students, faculty and administration of Lake Havasu Unified School District #1, and enrich the school's programs and activities so that LHUSD#1 will be a world-class learning center for the benefit of the Lake Havasu Community.



Bonnie Campbell and Judy & Jim Day present K-12 Foundation 2007 allocation.

How do you say SUCCESS?

- S** – Students
- U** – Upstanding
- C** – Commemorative
- C** – Cultural
- E** – Educator
- S** – Scholar
- S** – Spectacular

The words above describe the SUCCESS of the 3rd Annual Academic Recognition Banquet!

K-12 Board members, Kathy Hodel and Jim Childe organized and presented another fabulous recognition banquet honoring 20 distinguished Students and Teachers. Their hard work, coupled with generous sponsors, is evident in the SUCCESS of this event year after year.

Thank you to Ross & Marlene Hobday, Unisource Energy Service, Wal-Mart, Don & Sylvia Clark and State Farm Insurance-Alex Ross for their continued commitment to recognize academic achievement and the teachers that make it happen.

Jim Day, K-12 Foundation President welcomed the attendees with a significant announcement accompanied by kazoo and beauty starlets displaying a check for \$27,000. This was the total amount of money that the K-12 Foundation gave to the nine schools (\$3,000 each).

Gail Malay, LHUSD #1 Superintendent ignited the attendees with her thoughts on some of the new challenges the future holds for students and teachers. She congratulated all distinguished students and teachers for their above average dedication to education in learning and teaching. Her philosophy of a lifelong learner is evident in her passion for education.

Each student was asked by Ms. Hodel why they chose the teacher for this honor. Many recalled specific touching incidents as well as the constant inspiration that their teachers gave to them day after day through their modeling exceptional values and ethical behavior. The teachers each had a chance to enlighten the attendees on each particular student.

Special thanks were given to many of the fantastic people of our community that are so very generous and dedicated to this event including table sponsors, advertisers, and volunteers. Your support wows us each and every year. Thank you is an understatement – our humble gratitude is extended to you.

The lighting of the candles from student to teacher caps off the evening in a touching tribute to all of the distinguished students and teachers while accompanied by singing of “The Wind Beneath My Wings”.

Teacher Appreciation - Flip Flop to Margaritaville



Hal Christiansen & Tim Shugrue get ready to Flip Flop to Margaritaville.

The Foundation presented the 5th Annual Teacher Appreciation Night, at Shugrue's Bridgeview Room with a flowing margarita fountain donated by Shugrue's.

The raffle table was overflowing with generous donations from so many local establishments, all the way toa Pontoon Boat rental from the Nautical Sports Center and

desks, chairs, lamps and supplies donated from Staples.

Along with the opportunity to win great prizes, every teacher in attendance received something valuable to them....a ream of paper or other supplies to assist them in the classroom.

"We want the teachers to know how much their hard work is appreciated" said

President, Jim Day. "This is their opportunity to relax and enjoy for one night".

If you would like to contribute or volunteer for next years event and make our teachers feel appreciated, please email Victoria at vlcowper@yahoo.com



Staline Elementary staff applaud K-12 Foundation for their gifts.



Board Members John Johnston, Sherry Sims, Marquita McKnight and Jim Day get ready to limbo.

Start The New Year Right... Sign Up Now For Tax Credit.

Would you like to keep more of your state tax dollars here in Havasu?

Arizona tax law allows taxpayers a tax credit of up to \$200 individual and \$400 married if they support school extracurricular activities. Any Arizona taxpayer can do this, whether they have a child or not and whether they live in the Lake Havasu Unified School District or not.

For more information:

<http://www.havasu.k12.az.us/business/taxcredit.html>



Pictured left to right: Roger Burger (Athletic Director LHHS) and Margee Chieffo (Smoketree Elementary)

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Academic Recognition Banquet

Distinguished Students



(Alphabetical Order): Jacqueline Bezanson, Cara Cox, Meghann Gifford, Jenna Hayward, Kelly Henderson, Ashley Huff, Jessica Johnson, Ryan Lawson, Rachel Majerus, Jason Zachary Mehlhoff, Chris Morrison, Megan Muller, nocle Mull, Emery Pearson, Michael Phelps, Justin Pickell, William Rogers, Meghan Schlemmer, Jenna Smithley, Rachel Zinn.

Distinguished Teachers



(Alphabetical Order): Anna Biasiucci, Brian Aranguena, Jennfier Matzdorff-Bangsund, Barbie Bittner, Jaime Festa-Daigle, Ken Edmunds, Karen Gifford, Marilyn Gray, Tania Gray, Sarah Hughes, Bree Karlin, Michelle Kearns, Christie Locatis, Tuller Merrifield, Mary Morgan, Larry Olsen, Jason Rienhart, Ginny Sautner, Kari Thompson, Sue Parrett.



Hal Christiansen, Bonnie Campbell, Jim Day, Richard Anderson, Marquita McKnight and Lindley Diskin

Anderson - The Winning Team

Anderson Chrysler Dodge Jeep donated \$6,000 from the proceeds of car sales during the month of August. This is the third year that Anderson has participated in the car dealer promotion. Every new car owner also got complimentary membership to K-12 Foundation.

National Board Certification



NBC Sara Hughes & Erin Eppler are all smiles as Jim Day presents reimbursements and flowers for their achievement.

The Foundation is proud to announce that five teachers from LHUSD #1 have achieved National Board Certification. The certification is an intense and rigorous process that requires experienced teachers to demonstrate their ability to teach subjects effectively.

As each teacher completes their certification, they will be reimbursed up to \$2,000 from a \$50,000 fund established by Jerry & Cindy Aldridge. The following have achieved this prestigious standing:

- Christie Olsen, Middle Childhood Generalist, 2002
- Erin Eppler, Middle Childhood Generalist, 2006
- Sara Hughes, Adolescent Young Adult Social Studies, 2006
- Margee Chieffo, Early Childhood Generalist, 2007
- Jaime Fest-Daigle, Adolescent Your Adult Social Studies, 2007

Upcoming K-12 Events

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Letter from Jim Day — President K-12 Foundation



Grape stomping champ!

As we move into our fourth year, the Foundation continues to grow and find its identity in the community. We have donated over \$70,000 in books, equipment, teaching materials, and cash to all of the schools in the district. The needs are great and the wish lists are endless, but we continue to find ways to support our youth through the schools.

The Taste of Havasu event which occurs during London Bridge Days is rapidly becoming a signature event for us. We appreciate all who attend and support this event. In addition, we are proud of the teachers and students that we honor each year with our Teacher Appreciation Night and our Night of Excellence.

Annual gifts from businesses and civic organizations allow us to continue funding the many needs that exist. Your annual membership dues and personal gifts go a long way to give us a steady flow of support, and I encourage you to use the enclosed form and send your gift today. If you would like to be more active in the K-12 Foundation, there are positions available on committees that function once or twice a year or on the board. Please contact us at vlcowper.yahoo.com for more information.

Join the adventure, get involved, make a difference!