

## **AEF Salutes Alameda Education Stars**

At its annual "Salute to Education" event on April 27, the Alameda Education Foundation (AEF) honored more than three dozen noteworthy staff members, volunteers, and programs in public schools across the island.

AEF offers a wide range of programs that support public schools in Alameda, including Adopt-a-Classroom (which provides \$500 donation to nominated classroom teachers), enrichment classes and camps, College Prep Academies, the Equipped 4 Success backpack drive, robotics programs, Art Across the Island, and middle school sports. The event last Friday night was its 35<sup>th</sup> Salute to Education.

"It was a wonderful event because it honored the amazing staff and volunteers we have in this community," said Superintendent Sean McPhetridge. "Every year at this event I am reminded and inspired yet again by not only the innovative work showcased but also the incredible support shown by our local education foundation. Thank you, staff. Thank you, volunteers. And thank you, Alameda Education Foundation."

This year's honorees are listed below.

### **Alameda Unified School District**

Program: Jewish Education Round Table

Volunteer: Alicia Cernitz-Schwartz

### **AUSD Elementary Schools**

#### **Amelia Earhart Elementary School**

Program/Leader: Music to Support Science (Susan Lee)

Volunteers: Rachil Tam and Stella Bourgoin

#### **Bay Farm School**

Program/Leader: Bring Your Own Device (Roxanne Clement)

Volunteer: Spencer Tse

**Edison Elementary School**

Program/Leader: Change Makers (Ryan La Londe)

Volunteer: Angela Tamblin

**Franklin Elementary School**

Program/Leader: Blended Learning (Barry Arbretton, Darlene Norman, Marianne Dilworth, Debamitra Guha)

Volunteer: Nancy Walker

**Henry Haight Elementary School**

Program/Leader: Positive Recess Supports (Rochelle Kealohi, Kara McClymont, Brian Deshay, Willie Stewart, Terasita Sangab, Eddi Garrett, Mary Sullivan, Heather Demarest, Melissa Saunders)

Volunteer: Jen Bullock

**Maya Lin School**

Program/Leader: Title 1 Literacy Intervention (Betsy Weiss)

Volunteer: Joyce Cheng

**Otis Elementary School**

Program: Otis Elementary PTA

Volunteer: Beth Aney

**Paden Elementary School**

Program/Leader: Maker's Space (Erin Head, Ali Bower)

Volunteer: Pam Arneson

**Ruby Bridges Elementary School**

Program/Leader: Star Time (Kristin Furuichi-Fong)

Volunteer: Karen Bane

**AUSD Secondary Schools**

**Alameda High School**

Program/Leader: Teal Tech Volunteer Program (Nancy Read)

Volunteers: Ann Krainer and Tom Lynch

**ASTI**

Program/Leader: The ASTI Initiative (Ken Der)

Volunteer: Georzann Chaco

**Encinal Junior & Senior High School**

Program/Leader: Political and Proud (Lily Conable, Anisya Lustig-Ellison, Sarah Skiff)  
Volunteer: The Band Boosters

**Island High School**

Program/Leader: College and Career Exploration (Lupe Santoyo, Ty Cobb, Jamie Crane)  
Volunteer: Layne Vann

**Lincoln Middle School**

Program/Leader: Cafeteria Conservation (Maria Darnell)  
Volunteer: Zoe Banchieri

**Wood Middle School**

Program/Leader: Music and Art Programs (Anselmo Reis and Lindsey Shepard)  
Volunteer: Nuala Creedon and Peri Drake

**Charter Schools**

**Academy of Alameda Elementary School**

Program/Leader: Run Like a Girl (Kathryn Rizzo, Shanel Hudson, Deanna Haurie)  
Volunteer: Louie McFarland

**Academy of Alameda Middle School**

Program/Leader: Physical Education (Ashley Black, James Sampson, Giliat Ghebray)  
Volunteer: Claudia Page

**Alameda Community Learning Center**

Program/Leader: Leadership (Molly Fenn)  
Volunteer: Anthony Steuer

**Nea Community Learning Center**

Program/Leader: Rock Band (Cliff Rawls)  
Volunteer: Amy Fong