

On behalf of the LCPS Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) and the award selection committee, I am delighted to announce the following Award Recipients for the *2016 Recognition for Excellence in Supporting Special Education*.

The Recognition for Excellence in Supporting Special Education is an important way for the LCPS community to thank those who through dedication, creativity, patience and determination excel at helping LCPS students receiving special education to experience success. Award recipients and nominees serve as role models as they promote acceptance and inclusion and an environment where every student is valued, welcomed and encouraged to succeed.

The 2016 Award Recipients, representing the categories shown, are:

Category	Recipient	School
Administrator	Daniel Lani	Evergreen Mill Elementary School
Support	Carol Davis, Diane Allen and Viviane Castaneda	Discovery Elementary School
General Education	Natalie Hall-Jackson and Cathy Tsao	Countryside Elementary School
General Education	Kelsey Struder	Stone Hill Middle School
Paraprofessional	Diane Grolimund	Moorefield Station Elementary School
Paraprofessional	Tyler Unikewicz	Trailside Middle School
Paraprofessional	Karen Grubbs	Park View High School
Special Education	Sue Waffle	Countryside Elementary School
Special Education	Shelley Wiederhold	John Champe High School
Parent	Richard Wilde	Blue Ridge Middle School
Program	J. Michael Lunsford Bridges Program	J. Michael Lunsford Middle School
Program	Intensive Behavior Support Programs	Heritage High School
Program	Sprout Therapeutic Riding and Education Center	Non School Based
Student	Jacob Green	Cedar Lane Elementary School
Student	Zachary Burton	Cedar Lane Elementary School
Student	Amin Saleh	Countryside Elementary School
Student	Melchizedek (Mel) King	Countryside Elementary School
Student	Thomas Simmons	Discovery Elementary School
Student	Madilyn Platko	Horizon Elementary School
Student	Callie Stapleton	Pinebrook Elementary School
Student	Angelina Daly	Rosa Lee Carter Elementary School
Student	Brianna Eckenrode	Rosa Lee Carter Elementary School
Student	Haley Clay	J. Michael Lunsford Middle School
Student	Teresa Smaltz	Broad Run High School
Student	Kayla Malaney	Loudoun County High School
Student	Jordan Croson	Loudoun Valley High School
Student	Trinity Kimberly	Potomac Falls High School
Student	Alexa Rohrer and Gabriella Gallegos	Stone Bridge High School
Student	Hanah Smith	Woodgrove High School

Please join SEAC in honoring these recipients who demonstrate excellence in making a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals in the special education community.

The awards will be presented to the recipients at the sixth annual awards ceremony and reception on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 6:30 PM, at the School Board Room in the LCPS Administration Building.

SEAC extends congratulations and heartfelt gratitude to all of the nominees and to those who submitted nominations for consideration.