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Loudoun Laurels Foundation Planning for 2021 Gala

The Loudoun Laurels Foundation is moving forward with its plans for a 2021 Gala to be held on Friday, September 24, 2021 at Lansdowne Resort. The honoree at this year's event is businessman and philanthropist Chuck Kuhn. An active business leader for almost 40 years, he and his family continue to support humanitarian, land preservation and conservation, and community-oriented causes throughout Loudoun County.

Pat Daly, President of the Loudoun Laurels Foundation said, "We are cautiously optimistic that as the rate of COVID vaccinations increases in Loudoun County, indoor entertainment venues such as the ballroom at Lansdowne Resort will be permitted to host an increasing number of guests for charitable events such as our Gala, while implementing guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control."

The Loudoun Laurels Foundation is committed to honoring exceptional community service for the benefit of Loudoun County citizens and to developing future civic leaders through scholarships and mentorships. Each year since 2007, the Foundation has honored Loudoun County citizens whose commitment to the Loudoun Community through, leadership, community service and philanthropy have helped make Loudoun County a great place in which to live and work.

Ms. Daly said the Board of Directors has decided to wait until June to decide whether to solicit nominations for a 2021 Laureate.

In addition to honoring exceptional community service for the benefit of Loudoun County residents, the Foundation is committed to developing future civic leaders through scholarships and mentorships. Each year the Loudoun Laurels award one or more scholarships to Loudoun County Public School (LCPS) students. The students are first generation college attendees who participate in LCPS' College Achievement Minority Program for Unique Students (CAMPUS) or the national Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. The scholarships are in the amount of \$40,000, dispersed in \$10,000 annual increments during the students' four-year undergraduate studies. Since 2013, the Loudoun Laurels Stewardship Trust has awarded \$840,00 in scholarships to LCPS students.

Last year, the Foundation awarded one scholarship to 2020 Loudoun Laurels Scholar, Breni-Portales-Escobar. She is a graduate of Park View High School who will complete her first year at the University of Virginia in May.

The Loudoun Laurels began to solicit applications for scholarships from LCPS students who participate in the CAMPUS or AVID programs in January. The deadline for submission of applications is April 30th and selection of the 2021 Loudoun Laurels Scholars will be announced in late May.

Among the Loudoun Laurels Scholars currently enrolled in a Virginia college or university are Ashley Cardenas-Alviar, John Aguilar, Jayla Grooms, Sulma Hernandez, Haydee Portillo, Maria-Paula Proano, Luis Enrique Gamboa Robles, and Eduardo Trujillo. Loudoun Laurels Scholar graduates include Ngozi Akingbesote, Jenae Barnes, Shahrozia Imtiaz, Sara Litke, Justin Mooney, Zyonne Martin, Juan Najera, Sumeet Saini, Quentin Watts and Ahmed Youssef.

Previous Loudoun Laurels honorees are Childs F. Burden, G. Kimball Hart, Eugene M. Scheel, Karen Hatcher Russell, Paul Ziluca, The Honorable Joe T. May, Lang and Judy Washburn, James P. Roberts, The Honorable Robert E. Sevila, Stanley Caulkins, Fred Drummond, Edgar B. Hatrick, Su Webb, Joe Boling, Dr. John H Cook III, Cate Magennis Wyatt, J. Hamilton Lambert, Margaret Morton, The Honorable Thomas D. Horne, The Honorable Betsy Davis, Bill Harrison, Fred and Karen Schaufeld, Al P. Van Huyck, Kristina Bouweiri and Di Cook.

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