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Sandy Lerner Is Named 2022 Loudoun Laureate

The Loudoun Laurels Foundation has chosen Sandy Lerner as its 2022 Loudoun Laureate, seeing in her the personification of qualities it seeks in all candidates for this honor: selflessness, integrity, creativity, wisdom, and courage. This year's selection was drawn from an exceptional pool of worthy candidates, notable for its quality and quantity. In its deliberations, the Advisory Committee noted Loudoun County citizenry's "embarrassment of riches," acknowledging the many people who contribute so much of their time, energy, and resources to make the county a better place. Sandy is a great example of this giving spirit.

An entrepreneur-turned-farmer, Sandy Lerner has directed her efforts and resources towards philanthropy, sustainable and humane farming, land conservation, and historic preservation. Living in Loudoun County for over 25 years, she has worked tirelessly to contribute her time, energy, funds, and use of her properties to local, national, and international non-profit organizations. Through her conservation and preservation endeavors, as well as her pioneering organic, predator-friendly, and humane farming initiative and her work to save endangered breeds of domestic livestock, Sandy has helped Loudoun County imagine a future in which tradition and technology reconcile to serve the interests of all its residents, both human and animal.

Northern Virginia Coalition for Animals president Gina Marie Lynch, in her letter of support for Sandy's nomination, writes, "With the care she shows to animals and the inspiration she gives to us and others to do more for those around us, even our non-human friends, you can't pick a better individual than Sandy to represent the goals, commitment, and characteristics of Loudoun County." Ultimately, the selection committee agreed.

The Loudoun Laurels Foundation is committed to honoring exceptional community service for the benefit of Loudoun County citizens and developing future civic leaders through scholarships and mentorships. Each year, the Foundation honors 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. Additionally, it invests in

future civic leadership by awarding one or more \$40,000 scholarships to Loudoun County Public School students who are first generation college attendees seeking to matriculate at a Virginia state institution of higher learning.

Sandy Lerner and the 2022 Loudoun Laurels Scholars will be honored at the 2022 Gala to be held on Friday, September 30, 2022, at Lansdowne Resort.

The Foundation's Laureates include 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, Dr. 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, Di Cook, Chuck Kuhn, and Punkin Lee.

For more information, visit loudounlaurels.org, and to receive an invitation to the Gala, send your mailing address, email address, and telephone number to info@loudounlaurels.org.