

# Record amount pledged to 2016 Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund drive

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## More than 1,100 scholarships awarded since 1997

LOS ALAMOS, N.M., July 19, 2016—Los Alamos National Laboratory employees pledged a record \$393,419 during the recently completed 2016 Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund (LAESF) drive. The drive encourages Laboratory employees, retirees and subcontract personnel to donate to a fund that awards college scholarships to Northern New Mexico students. Additionally, more employees participated in this year's campaign than in past years.

"Our employees know first-hand that education can unlock opportunity for these talented students who hold the promise to be future leaders in government, industry or the non-profit sector," said Steve Girrens, Los Alamos' associate director for

Engineering Sciences, this year's LAESF scholarship drive champion. "This scholarship program provides an opportunity for employees, contractors and retirees to play a valuable role in helping our region's high school and college academic stars attain their higher education goals."

While rewarding Northern New Mexico area students with financial assistance for college, the LAESF drive also aligns with the Laboratory's goal of attracting, inspiring and developing world-class talent to ensure a vital future workforce.

Coupled with \$250,000 in matching funds from Los Alamos National Security, LLC, which manages and operates the Laboratory, the total amount contributed in this year's campaign is more than \$643,000. An additional \$6,561 was raised for the campaign from the community.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of grade-point average, test scores, diversity, financial need, academic rigor, leadership and community involvement.

The Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation manages the scholarship program for the Laboratory.

About the [Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation](#)

Since 1997, the Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has worked to inspire excellence in education and learning in Northern New Mexico through innovative programming, collaboration and advocacy. By investing in human potential, the Foundation's vision is that all New Mexicans have the skills and confidence they need to be self-sufficient, lifelong learners who are engaged in their communities.

Programs in early childhood home visiting, STEM inquiry learning, scholarships and small grants serve Northern New Mexico communities primarily in Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe and Taos counties.

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