



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

Over **300** students, parents, volunteers, sponsors and friends attended LEAP's 15th Anniversary celebration at the Danversport Yacht Club on April 4th. LEAP honored Patricia Maguire Meservey, Salem State University's recently retired President and long-time LEAP supporter. **12** students graduated from LEAP's College Success Program, 10 of them will start their careers and 2 will finish their B.A. at a four year college. Thanks to all who purchased tickets, placed an ad in our program book and sponsored our event, over **\$85,000** was raised for our students and programs. Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor Beverly Bank, and our PhD Level Sponsors: Analogic, EBSCO, and Cell Signaling Technology.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER KELLY KING

When Idekelly "Kelly" King came to this country she was 13 years old, and did not speak a word of English. During her speech at LEAP's 15th Anniversary celebration, she reminisced:

"Over the years, the people at LEAP have impacted my life in many ways. Through LEAP, I received academic, and at times even emotional support to deal with all of the challenges and obstacles life has thrown at me. The LEAP staff are my greatest support system, and are a big part of my family."

Thanks to the generous support of so many, Kelly's future is brighter than ever. Kelly just graduated, debt free, from Northeastern University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, a minor in Math, and a 3.9 GPA. Kelly works at Energetiq Technology and is so grateful for being a part of the LEAP family.



ACADEMIC LEARNING PROGRAMS

Our academic programs continue to provide quality experiential learning thanks to the generosity of our donors and to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Expanding Horizons, an after school program for middle school students in Salem, had an amazing year with record enrollment of 75 students participating in 12 different programs. We challenged students to think critically about their future, embedding college and career connections into all of our activities. We are now full speed ahead into our summer program, Healthy Harbors, to teach 60 middle school students about the many issues that plague Salem harbor.

The Teen Center in Salem wrapped up its pilot year and proved to be a tremendous success. Every afternoon Monday through Thursday from 2:30-6:00, the Center welcomed an average of 20 students from Salem High School and Salem Academy Charter School. Teen Center Coordinator Taylor MacDonald makes the Center feel like home by greeting students daily with a lovingly cooked meal. In addition to daily homework help, each day brings different activities ranging from trips to B+F Fitness, the Peabody Essex Museum, anti-tobacco advocacy, filming, and editing and production with Salem Access TV and other exciting service learning opportunities.

O'Maley Academy is a middle school program in Gloucester, where college and career connections are made in after school classes to get students thinking about their passions, skills and goals. This spring, our Robotics class hosted an iRobot engineer accompanied by his roving Roomba vacuum cleaner. Our A5 Health and Wellness class members met with the Sports Management staff at Endicott College, our Backyard Growers students toured Open Door Food Pantry to learn about nonprofit careers, and the American Sign Language class visited the New England Home for the Deaf in Danvers.

The Gloucester High School Internship Program involves students in hands-on activities to build college and career seeking skills. Students learned about effective goal setting, wrote cover letters and resumes, learned social media tools for job hunting, and researched and applied for summer internships.

Thank you to the great group of Gloucester supporters who attended LEAP's Great Expectations event in April – we truly appreciate the volunteer hours, advice and financial support you give to our programs!



Students participating in Expanding Horizons



Students visit the Peabody Essex Museum



Students at The 84 Movement's Kick Butts Day



Backyard Growers students at Open Door Food Pantry

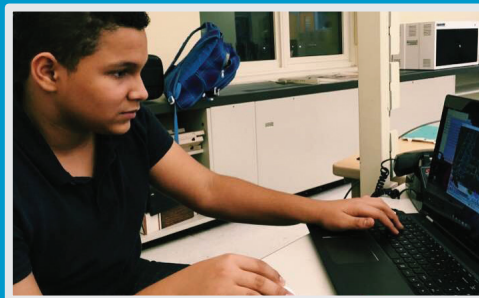


Gloucester Internship Program



O'Maley's end-of-year Schooner Adventure trip

"My name is Luis Matos De Los Santos, I come from the Dominican Republic, I'm in 8th grade and next year I will be a freshman in high school. I have been in Expanding Horizons for two years and I have participated in programs such as Future City, JV Invent Shoe Sole Engineering, College LEAP, and Healthy Harbors Environmental Club. I like this program because it is interesting, I learn new and useful things and it is fun! We get to do great activities and go on hikes and field trips. This program has helped me with my studies and learning English. I hope that with all I have learned someday I will become President and be someone who works hard every day for the good of our nation."



COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM

100% of our high school seniors are off to college in the fall

over **90%** received scholarships

97% will attend 4-year colleges

over **80%** of tuition and fees are covered by scholarships and grants

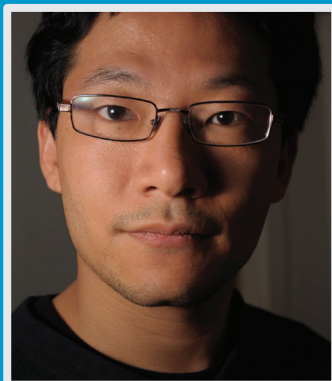
3% will attend a 2-year school

In the Fall the program will advise 165 high school and college students

It is through your support that low income students, and many who will be the first in their families to go to college are **going to college**. We are especially grateful for the support from the Norman H. Read Foundation Trust, the Amelia Peabody Charitable Fund, the Wellington Management Foundation and the Cummings Foundation. **Thank you for giving.**

VOLUNTEER PROFILES: YUGO NAKAI AND MEGAN HURST, GIRLS WHO CODE CLUB

Yugo Nakai, co-founder and Chief Information Architect at Investiture Technologies, has been mentoring and teaching in our Girls Who Code Club for a little over a year now. In April of last year, Executive Director Linda Saris posted a call for volunteers in a University of Chicago alumni forum, and luckily Yugo responded. "It sounded like a perfect way to help encourage more young women to become programmers," he shared.



"My favorite moments have been every time a student has surprised me with insights, curiosity, or fascinating new ideas. I really hope each girl comes away realizing her unique intelligence, skills, and imagination are highly valued resources, and that she can rise to new challenges. The girls give me great optimism for the future."

Megan Hurst, owner of a digital strategy, information systems, and usability consultancy called Athenaeum21, has taught in our Girls Who Code Club since January of 2016. Megan volunteered because of her shared interest in youth, education, creating opportunities for students with fewer resources, and meeting the technology workforce needs of local employers. She also has a personal connection with opening doors for young women in technology,



"One of my biggest regrets is that when I was a high school student I pigeonholed myself as an 'artist' and as not being 'good at' or even interested in science. It wasn't until I was out of college that I fell in love with science. I hope through Girls Who Code our students learn that coding and technology are inherently creative industries."

HELP US WELCOME OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER, KAREN MURPHY

LEAP is thrilled to announce the election of our newest Board member, Karen Murphy, whose term began on May 25, 2017. Karen is the Senior Director of Business Development at clypd, inc. and is a highly accomplished, results-oriented business development executive with a proven track record in driving growth within media and technology sectors across domestic and international markets. Karen brings marketing expertise to the Board and will help with our development efforts. Karen lives in Swampscott with her husband and two children.



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ESSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (ECCF) AND THE WOMEN'S FUND OF ESSEX COUNTY

Essex County Community Foundation (ECCF) promotes philanthropy by managing charitable funds for donors, strengthening and supporting nonprofits and engaging in community leadership. ECCF's goal is to improve the quality of life in the 34 towns and cities of Essex County.

LEAP is fortunate to be a recipient of ECCF's generosity. ECCF's first grant in 2002 provided funds for LEAP (then known as Salem Cyberspace) to purchase computers and software to teach youth and adults how to use PC's and look for jobs online. This was the first grant LEAP ever received.

Our Girls Who Code Club is funded by The Women's Fund of Essex County, one of 180 funds managed at ECCF. Thanks to the support of The Women's Fund, Girls Who Code students visited Microsoft, Google and iRobot, and we were able to purchase several programmable kits and books for our students.

ECCF celebrates its 20th anniversary next year and LEAP and the many other non-profit organizations in Essex County supported by ECCF have a great deal to celebrate thanks to their leadership.

We are most grateful for the ongoing support of ECCF and The Women's Fund of Essex County, whose philanthropy has strengthened our organization and programs by investing in LEAP's sustainability and technology.

ALUMNI, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

For the past few months, a core group of enthusiastic LEAP alums have been meeting at LEAP to discuss the creation of an alumni association, the purpose of which is to foster a spirit of family, and to promote the growth and success of LEAP for Education.

The Alumni Association's first event was a surprise party for Linda Saris, LEAP's Executive Director, on her birthday on June 22nd. Over 30 alums came to wish Linda a happy birthday and reconnect with friends.

If you are a LEAP alum and you are interested in joining the Alumni Association, please contact Anya Goodridge, Director of Development at agoodridge@leap4ed.org or call (978) 740-6667 ext 119.



Thank you Manny Cruz, Miguelina Mesa, Johanna Rodriguez, Vanessa Romano and Jacqueline Arzu Woods for your leadership and time in spearheading this effort!