

Facts Matter: Lexington's Buzziest Night of the Year!

Lexington Education Foundation's 23rd Annual Trivia Bee was Sweet! Families, educators, volunteers and students nearly packed the LHS auditorium Monday night, Nov. 5, to cheer on their favorite teams. 43 teams of 3, including educators from each Lexington school, local organizations and businesses, competed in this entertaining battle of wits. Teams were divided into six "swarms" and the swarm winners, plus one randomly chosen team (this year the team drawn was "Let It Bee" from the Chinese American Association of Lexington) advanced to the final round.

Community member and retired Lexington Public Schools' Coordinator of Performing Arts, Jeff Leonard, was Master of Ceremonies asking and in some cases playing his instrument to pose questions such as, "Harare is the capitol of which African country?" - Answer: Zimbabwe. Alissa Lauzon, Head of Youth Services at Cary Library, was the timekeeper and the guest judge was Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Julie Hackett.

Audience members waved Bee fans, played bee trivia with LEF's own STAR Man, Lance Conrad, and voted "Estabees" as the favorite team name. In the final round the team "Bee the Ball, Danny" won the 2018 Masters of Trivia title! Self-sponsored team members Joel Moore, Steve Reilly, and Dost Ongur were thrilled to win this year having competed in several past LEF Trivia Bee events. One team member noted "We've been working to win this for years!" The winners wished to have the trophy displayed at Bowman School. The trophy spent last school year at Clarke Middle School after the team "Colony Collapse Disorder," consisting of three Clarke teachers, won the Masters of Trivia title in 2017.

LEF is grateful to the Trivia Bee co-chairs Rebecca Smerling and Julie Lippert plus all of the sweet volunteers including board members, LEF student ambassadors, and community members who worked together to bring this event to the community. Special thanks to LHS custodians, John Diperna, Bruce Ryder at the LPS print shop, photographer Lin Tong, and LexMedia.

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Leader Family, Moore Öngür and Reilly Families, Murnaghan Family, Orf Family, Pearlman Colburn and Rago Families, Raymond Apgar and Osber Families, Walsh Minihane and Gazourian Families, Tracey Wright, Brian Bernstein, Mike & Crystal Kjelsberg, Bob & Jennifer Ryan, Caitlin Ahern, Chris Lyons, Maureen Kavanaugh, Alessandro Alessandrini, Kathryn Colburn, Eileen Jay, Kathleen Lenihan, Deepika Sawhney.

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