

FOCUS e-Newsletter



LLF Sandra Davison Memorial Classic 2024

Thank You to our generous sponsors, fantastic golfers, wonderful silent auction donors and amazing volunteers for making this year's LLF Sandra Davison Memorial Classic another spectacular event! The tournament on June 13 raised \$50,000 to help inspire excellence in education by supporting school and classroom initiatives, not funded by the Provincial government. We could not have done this without your continued support!

With much appreciation, the LLF



STEM Kits – Fall 2024 Project

Investing together in our students' future is the motto of the Limestone Learning Foundation, and we believe STEM kits support all 5 areas of impact that are a focus for the LLF. STEM kits can be used to support innovation, creativity, engagement, and empowerment for students, and will open the door to possibilities that many students may not have considered for themselves. Check out our website this fall to learn more.

The LLF continues to count on your support. It is so appreciated. To make your donation, go to <https://llf.limestone.on.ca> or www.Canadahelps.org. Thank you!

LLF SPEAKERS' SERIES CONTINUED...



On May 7 and 15, LLF welcomed Curtis Carmichael to our virtual Speakers' Series with, "One Pedal at a time: Inspire Hope, Find Purpose, and Make a Difference." As an influential figure in Responsible AI and STEM education, Curtis brought a message of hope and transformative action to the students of the Limestone District School Board. These events inspired students to look beyond the classroom and make meaningful changes in their communities and personal lives.



The LLF welcomed the return of the renowned Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe to our virtual Speakers' Series on April 18. In an event that reinforces the LDSB's commitment to mental health and well-being, this exclusive event brought Limestone students together in an interactive session that empowered and enlightened LDSB students.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

**Adam Young**

Chair, LLF Board of Directors

"This year marks LLF's 25th Anniversary and as Chair of the Board, I am very proud of what this organization has accomplished to date. I am also excited as we continue to plan and invest in our students' future.

We completed the third installment of the *Books are Back* initiative in the fall of 2023, capping off with what I think has been an impactful project series. There were great benefits that came with this initiative and we reached out to a broad audience of readers.

Similarly, the LLF really extended its reach to students through the *Speakers' Series* with the additional speaker events. Please check out our website for details on our presentations. Positive feedback was received from both teachers and administrators, including, "Presentations were excellent! Very suitable for what is happening in the students' lives. I was very impressed with how engaging the speakers were."

In the fall of 2024, LLF will provide STEM kits to secondary schools in the LDSB, supporting many extracurricular opportunities, including Robotics (First and Vex), Skills Competition and Programming/Coding Competitions. STEM kits will provide an equitable opportunity in all schools for students to have exposure to technology tools that build critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving skills, which prepare students for all pathways after high school. Careers have changed, and these kits will provide students with exposure to STEM, and the learning necessary to be prepared for a future that many of us cannot even imagine."