



Literacy Council of Northern Virginia

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Literacy Council of Northern Virginia Holds Annual Recognition Event; Bids Farewell to Executive Director of 15 Years

Falls Church, VA – On June 22, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) held its Annual Recognition Event at the James Lee Community Center Theater in Falls Church, VA. Students, teachers, volunteers and community partners were recognized for their steadfast commitment to adult literacy in Northern Virginia. Students read essays based on the theme of “Learning Gives Me Power”, and community partnership awards were presented to Accenture, Crestwood Elementary School and the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation. LCNV’s volunteers of the year awards were presented to Liz Castillo, Alexandra Roncal and Valerie Sutter.

Over 200 attended the event, which included an inspiring keynote speech by Dr. Jorge Ribas, President and CEO of the Mid-Atlantic Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. At the conclusion of the event, the LCNV Board recognized Patricia Donnelly, who after 15 years of service is retiring as Executive Director, with the introduction of the Patricia M. Donnelly Merit Scholarship. This yearly scholarship will be awarded to a deserving beginning-level student to support and promote their continued education with LCNV.

Photos from the event can be found at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/lcnv/albums/72157682557271553>

About the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia

The [Literacy Council of Northern Virginia](#) serves 1,500 learners annually with its mission to teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking and understanding English in order to empower them to participate more fully and confidently in their communities. LCNV is one of only a few non-profit organizations in all of Northern Virginia that complies with Federal Education standards as it serves the most beginning level adult learner.

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