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## Literacy Council of Northern Virginia Celebrates an English Language Community

**Falls Church, VA** – On June 21, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) held its Annual Recognition Ceremony at the James Lee Community Center Theater in Falls Church, VA. LCNV learners interpreted this year's theme of "Learning English Improves My Life" in personal essays, which select students shared with an audience of over 200 supporters. LCNV presented Community Partnership awards to Cox Charities, the Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships, and the Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington.

NBC Washington Reporter Aimee Cho shared keynote remarks on the challenges of the English language, and the event culminated with the inaugural presentation of the Patricia M. Donnelly Merit Scholarship. Scholarship recipient Faustine Coulibaly stated, "I want to be an example. If you have the motivation to learn, you will succeed."

Photos from the event: https://www.flickr.com/photos/lcnv/albums/72157668494304567

## About the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (Parade magazine's 2017 Outstanding Charity for Virginia) serves 1,500 adult learners annually with its mission to teach the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English so they can access employment and educational opportunities and more fully and equitably participate in the community. 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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