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Literacy Council of Northern Virginia to Honor Local Students, Volunteers and Community Partners at Annual Recognition Ceremony

Falls Church, VA – The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) will host its 59th Annual Recognition Ceremony on September 1, 2021, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA 22042. Three LCNV students will present their essays, based on the theme “Learning Lights My Path Forward”. Keynote remarks will be delivered by Dalia Palchik, Fairfax County Providence District Supervisor and Chair of Fairfax County’s Health and Services Committee, whose priority has been advocating for those disproportionately affected by COVID-19, both economically and physically. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the Housing Committee, Audit Committee, and is a co-lead of the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team.

“This year, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia reached a milestone we never expected: a full school year of virtual instruction. This was not a goal we set out to achieve, but even so, I could not be prouder of our learners, staff, teachers and volunteers who made this accomplishment possible”, says Roopal Mehta Saran, LCNV’s Executive Director.

Community Partnership Awards will be presented to four of LCNV’s partners for their outstanding support of adult literacy:

- BlackRock, Inc.
- City of Alexandria’s COVID-19 Community Response Advisory Committee
- Fairfax County’s COVID-19 Community Partners Strategy Team
- The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation

Volunteers of the Year will be recognized for their exceptional commitment to LCNV’s mission:

- Sajida Arif
- Laurie Hayden
- Karen Schroth

The Ceremony will culminate with the presentation of the Patricia M. Donnelly Scholarship awarded to Berta Jaramillo, an outstanding beginning-level learner whose dedication to literacy inspires the LCNV community. Contact info@lcnv.org for more information.

About the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia: LCNV 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.