

## Celebrate with HEF this April

Sponsorships and Tickets are available now!

HEF's [Excellence in Education Celebration](#) is April 16, 2026, 5:30pm-9:00pm in the Dewey Gottwald Center inside the Science Museum of Virginia.

To make the Sixth Annual Excellence in Education Celebration truly shine, we are seeking community sponsors who share our commitment to preparing students to be #LifeReady. Sponsorship support helps power our programs, elevate educator innovation, and extend our impact well beyond one night.

The Excellence in Education Celebration cannot happen without YOU and you don't want to miss this event!

Contact [Michael Wertz](#) for additional information about sponsoring.

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**SIXTH ANNUAL Excellence in Education Celebration**  
 Thursday, April 16, 2026  
 Science Museum of Virginia

Please join us as we celebrate public education in Henrico County and learn more about the inspiring work taking place in Henrico Schools.

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Event Tickets	20	16	12	8	4
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Recognition from Stage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
"HEF" inclusion to 2026 Leadership Event with HCPSS Superintendant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Logo on Event Student T-shirts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sponsorship Highlighted during presentation of HEF's 2026 Leadership Solutions Program, formerly Executive Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Visit [henricogives.org/celebration](http://henricogives.org/celebration) to register for sponsorships.  
 Business ads and logos for Event Program are due by April 2, 2026. Specifications will be forthcoming.



### Holiday Magic on Stage

In December, HEF's 21st Century Program gave students and their families the chance to experience *The Nutcracker* together. With more than 200 tickets provided, many families enjoyed live ballet and music for the very first time.

These shared experiences create lasting memories and show students that learning and inspiration extend far beyond the classroom.



### GRANT HIGHLIGHT

#### "Zoom in on Engagement in the Art Room"

Freeman HS teacher, Ms. Hurlburt, is one of many art teachers who received an advanced digital document scanner. The technology allows her to project demonstrations in real time on the Promethean board.

"The document camera increases student engagement by giving the students the ability to see demonstrations regardless of where they are sitting in the classroom. The document camera is highly effective with language learners and students with learning differences." -Lindsey Hurlburt, HCPS Teacher

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#### "Teeing Up for Tomorrow"

"Teeing Up for Tomorrow" is a #LifeReady Solutions Grant awarded to Hungary Creek and Fairfield Middle Schools in Cycle 2 of the 2024-25 school year. The grant team developed a schedule to share the golf simulators across STEAM clubs, curriculum fairs, and PE classes at both schools. The simulators were also featured at Elko Middle School's STEAM in Sports Day in January, where hundreds of HCPS students participated—many trying golf for the first time. During PE, students use simulator data to calculate the most effective approach to hitting a golf ball, including arm path arc, stride length and center of gravity, force, and impact angle.



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Chasity Miller, The CarMax Foundation & HEF Board Member

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