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## *Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) Banquet*



On Tuesday, April 23rd, LEEF hosted its ninth annual STAR Banquet, celebrating some of the outstanding students and staff in Leander ISD. Over the years, this event has honored 375 educators district-wide. This year, 60 educators and their student honorees were recognized from across LISD. Students shared inspiring stories of how their chosen teachers impacted their educational journey. The evening highlighted the profound influence of educators on the lives of their students. While we recognized 60 educators last night, LEEF is thankful for ALL Leander ISD teachers who are inspiring their students to do great things.

**Read the full story and see the complete list of honorees  
online here: <https://leeflx.org/2024star/>**

Thank you [Bawi](#) for providing refreshing beverages for guests to enjoy and thank you to [Lifetouch](#) for supporting the event by sponsoring the plaques given to each STAR educator!

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# LEEF ANNUAL PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



April is #NationalFinancialLiteracyMonth, so it is a perfect time to highlight one of our amazing Annual Partners, A+ Federal Credit Union. A+FCU has been a long-standing partner with #1LISD and the Leander ISD Educational Excellence Foundation.

Last year A+FCU invested over \$30,000 as a LEEF annual partner, stadium scoreboard sponsor, and funding for teacher events and student resources throughout the district. A+FCU also provides resources to schools to educate students on #FinancialLiteracy. In the past year, they held two Mad City Money events at Four Points Middle School – on May 23, 2023 and December 13, 2023 – and had over 400 students engage in the interactive game simulation focused on money management, offering real-world examples of saving, spending, and budget prioritization. They have also held Green Apple Savings Club at both Akin Elementary and Grandview Hills Elementary. This program is a special club for young members ages 12 and under to help them learn how to save. Green Apple Club includes special events and promotions to encourage savings and provides educational opportunities, promotional giveaways, and Green Apple Deposit Days at participating schools.

THANK YOU A+ Federal Credit Union!!

Read more: <https://bit.ly/4cKXAyL>

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## ***A Note From LEEF's Executive Director***

What better way to kick off Teacher's Appreciation Week than celebrating our educators at LEEF's STAR Banquet. Honoring the educators who spend countless hours creating lesson plans, building authentic relationships, and welcoming students into the learning space has been such a joy.



I reflect on my time in public education and remember those who influenced me with their encouraging words, supportive nature, and collaborative classrooms. I am grateful to them and to teachers everywhere who are lighting up minds and spreading knowledge even during these tough times in public education. Our LISD stars were shining bright during STAR Banquet where 60 students honored an educator that has made an impact in their lives. Senior students shared stories thanking teachers who provided opportunities that pushed them out of their comfort zone, offered a safe space to learn and words of encouragement that each of them are important and can make a difference in the world. What teacher(s) will you honor this week?



*Coleen Brighton*

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***Kendra Gives Back Party - May 2nd***  
**LEE F RECIEVES 20% OF PURCHASES!**

THIS THURSDAY



KENDRA SCOTT

Gives Back Event Benefiting



20% OF  
PURCHASES  
SUPPORT LEEF  
TEACHING  
GRANTS!

**Kendra Scott at the Domain**

Thursday, May 2nd from 3PM - 5PM

ONLINE May 2nd - May 3rd using  
Give Back Code: GIVEBACK-LEEFTX



### THIS THURSDAY!

Spring is in the air and LEEF is excited to partner with Kendra Scott for an exciting day raising funds to support our Leander ISD teacher grants. Looking for the perfect Mother's Day gift or something fun to add to your own collection? Kendra is sure to have it!

There are two ways to Participate!

1) Shop in-store at The Domain location on Thursday, May 2nd from 3 - 5 PM (be sure to mention you are there supporting LEEF!)

**OR**

2) Shop online at [kendrascott.com](http://kendrascott.com) May 2nd - May 3rd using code: **GIVEBACK-LEEFTX**

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***LEEF Collaborative Grants***

Applications Open March 1 - May 17



**Collaborative  
grants  
OPEN**

DEADLINE: MAY 17  
[leefx.org/collaborative-grant/](https://leefx.org/collaborative-grant/)



LEEF's Collaborative Grants aim to support district or campus-wide initiatives. Applicants must work together with at least two educators from various levels or departments to enhance the educational experience for Leander ISD students and staff. Grants can fund projects **up to \$5,000!**

**The deadline to apply is May 17th!**

Read more and to apply: <https://leefx.org/collaborative-grant/>

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***National Library Week***



[#NationalLibraryWeek](#) is every year in April and is an exciting time to highlight your library and show your support! LEEF is a proud supporter of our school libraries and literacy in LISD. During the 2022-2023 school year LEEF invested over \$8,000 to library projects and literacy initiatives!

Along with our grant funds, LEEF supported getting 11 NEW Little Free Libraries across 7 elementary schools and 4 middle schools! Little Free Libraries serve as invaluable resources and educational tools, fostering a culture of reuse while expanding children's access to books. Throughout Leander ISD, many of our school campuses host Little Free Libraries.

*"The creation of the Little Free Libraries removes barriers by providing 24/7 book access, seven days a week to any readers who live near these schools and don't have a public library to visit nearby." – Leander ISD Reading Wellness Council*

Want to join us in supporting literacy across Leander ISD?  
Become a monthly donor!

**[CLICK to Join LEEF's Monthly Giving](#)**

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# SUMMER ART CAMPS

ENROLL TODAY! \$25 will be donated to the Leander Education Excellence Foundation for each enrollment!

Use **PROMO CODE LEEF24**

Cannot be combined with another promotion. Donation applies to new summer camp enrollments using the school's code between 4/1/24 through 7/31/24

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Summer Art Camps with Cordovan Art School registration is open! Enroll between April 1 - July 31 and \$25 will be donated to LEEF for each enrollment using our promo code. Go online today to get registered and use **PROMO CODE: LEEF24**

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