

Laconia High School earns the 2019 GRAMMY Museum Foundation award

LACONIA — The GRAMMY Museum and The Ford Motor Company Fund will present Laconia High School with the 2019 GRAMMY Signature Schools Enterprise Award in the amount of \$5,500 to benefit the school's music programs on Monday, May 20 at their spring music concert.

Laconia High School is the sixth school in New Hampshire to win the GRAMMY Museum's GRAMMY Signature Schools Enterprise Award. The museum creates opportunities for high school students to work with music professionals to get real-world experience and advice about how to have a career in music. That includes any music career, from audio engineer, concert promoter, electronic music producer or manager, to musician, music

journalist, singer, or songwriter.

Krin Montrose, Laconia High School band director, will use the funds to support updates to the music program including the purchase of guitars for a new course offering, The History of Rock and Roll, as well as the purchase of a portable sound system. Montrose worked with Angel Burke, academic coordinator for teaching and learning at Laconia High School, to apply for the GRAMMY Museum Foundation grant in hopes of continuing to diversify and expand the music department offerings to interested students. "Support of the arts is a fundamental aspect of education often overlooked

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Plymouth State University and the Raymond Burton Legacy Fund recently honored former Senator Kelly Ayotte and former Governor John Lynch at an event benefitting student scholarships. Senator Ayotte was recognized with the 2019 Robert Frost Contemporary American Award from the PSU Alumni Association, and both Senator Ayotte and Governor Lynch received the 2019 Raymond Burton Legacy Public Service Award, honoring the legacy of long-serving New Hampshire Executive Council member, Raymond S. Burton. (Courtesy photo)

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PSU honors Ayotte, Lynch with public service awards

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University and the Raymond Burton Legacy Fund recently recognized former Senator Kelly Ayotte and former Governor John Lynch at an event honoring the legacies of Raymond S. "Ray" Burton, PSU alumnus class of 1962 and long-serving member of the New Hampshire Executive Council, and Robert Frost, one of the nation's poet laureates, who taught at PSU in the early 1900s.

Sen. Ayotte received the 2019 Robert Frost Contemporary American Award, and both Sen. Ayotte and Gov. Lynch received the 2019 Raymond Burton Public Service Award at the annual event benefitting student scholarships.

The Robert Frost Contemporary American Award recognizes individuals whose service to the people of northern New England best exemplifies Frost's values of individuality, hard work, humanitarianism and devotion. Frost taught in PSU's historic Rounds Hall and lived on campus from 1911-1912.

Donors created the Raymond Burton Public Service Award in memory of Burton, a former school teacher and principal, and long-serving member of New Hampshire's Executive Council who represented the North Country.

"We are honored to recognize Sen. Kelly Ayotte with both the Robert Frost Contemporary American Award and the Raymond Burton Public Service Award, and to also recognize Gov. John Lynch with the Raymond Burton Public Service Award," said Paula Lee Hobson, vice president of university advancement at PSU. "Both have dedicated much of their lives to serving the people of New Hampshire, and have made significant contributions to help our state become a wonderful place. We truly appreciate their efforts and their passion for New Hampshire."

Gov. Lynch was the 2013 recipient of PSU's Robert Frost Contemporary American Award.

For more information about Plymouth State University, visit www.plymouth.edu.

ACE Academies students to experience historical search

LACONIA — Students enrolled in WinnAero's ACE Academies this summer will participate in a unique aviation history opportunity. It involves the search, some 81 years later, for the underwater wreckage of the Pan Am "Flying Clipper." A live satellite feed of the search will be viewed by ACE classes, and students will have a 30 minute question and answer session with the search team. History buffs will be familiar with the story of the disappearance of aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart. Earhart was a prominent female pilot in America during the 1920s and 1930s, and had planned an around-the-world flight to prove her skills. She would be joined on the flight only by Navigator Fred Noonan. They launched from Honolulu in July 1937, with a destination 2,200 miles away in the Pacific, Howland Island. They never made it, but vanished over the Pacific. Several months later, another plane vanished flying over the Pacific; the Samoan Clipper.

Owned by Pan American Airways and piloted by their most experienced pilot, Captain Edwin Musick, the Clipper was one of ten flying boats built by Sikorsky Aircraft for Pan Am's Pacific flights between tropical islands. Capable of landing on water, the Clipper departed Pago Pago for New Zealand on January 11, 1938. An hour into the flight, the crew reported an oil leak in one of four engines and shut it down. Musick radioed he was dumping fuel and return to Pago Pago. Shortly thereafter, native fishermen reported seeing smoke in the water off the Northwest Coast of Pago Pago. The Samoan Clipper apparently exploded at low altitude and crashed in water where a depth of 6,000 feet precluded recovery with 1938 technology.

Now, the Air and Sea Heritage Foundation, using modern technology, hopes to find and map the final resting place of the Samoan Clipper. A research

ship, The Nautilus, owned by underwater explorer Dr. Robert Ballard, has contracted with the foundation to search for the Samoan Clipper in July. The search will be documented with real-time video and audio of the operation broadcast via satellite. Over 7,000 nautical miles away from the crash site, WinnAero has signed on to receive the satellite imaging and narration from the scene. This will permit students attending the July WinnAero ACE Academies at the Laconia Airport to see an underwater search for an aircraft missing for more than 81 years. "Dan Caron, our ACE Education Director, has done a great job making this very unique opportunity available to our ACE students," said WinnAero President Karen Mitchell. "Our goal in ACE is to inform, educate and



The Samoan Clipper at anchor in Auckland, New Zealand prior to its fatal flight. (Courtesy photo)

enlighten our students about STEM and aviation and aerospace careers," Mitchell continued. "This link to a historical search will bring all the factors together for our ACE students; technology, engineering, math, planning and flying safety," she added.

Space is still available for youth to register for the ACE Academies. For more information, contact Dan Caron at dwcaron@hotmail.com.

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or undervalued when considering school funding; however, we know that the arts are not an extra in our curriculum. Students who participate in art and music programs develop creativity and critical thinking skills which are of paramount importance in an increasingly complex society and job market. Music programs allow students to become divergent thinkers while also showing a correlation between the study of music and increased academic achievement," said Burke.

On Tuesday, May 21, students in the music program will be invited to participate in a GRAMMY Career Day event where they will hear a guest professional panel including Executive Education Director of the GRAMMY Museum David R. Sears and bassist, composer, producer, and educator Chris Robinson, who will discuss their music careers. Sears leads the team that creates and directs its educational philosophy and programs locally, regionally and nationally. His professional background includes being a music educator for many years and one of the founders of a music magnet high school in Los Angeles.

For more information about the grammy museum, visit www.grammymuseum.org, follow the GRAMMY Museum on Facebook, and follow @GRAMMYMuseum on Twitter and Instagram.

Flag football game at LHS to benefit Children's Hospital

LACONIA — The inaugural Flag Grid Iron Football Game to benefit the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock will be held at Laconia High School, 345 Union Ave., on May 25 at 2 p.m.

For the first time, police and fire rescue personnel will face off against one another to benefit CHaD. General admission to the game is \$5.

For more information about participating, volunteering or giving, email nhpolicefootball@gmail.com.

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