



## **Livonia Public Schools**

# ***Team Effort Award***

### **Nomination Form**

The purpose of the Team Effort Award is to recognize outstanding groups of individuals who, through teamwork, have made exceptional contributions to the department, building, or district. Administrators or supervisors may submit nominations by completing this form.

**Name of Nominees:** Chuck Dardas (Alpha USA)  
David Lawrence (Alpha USA)  
Gene Keyes (Schoolcraft College)  
Dan West (Livonia Chamber of Commerce).

#### **Recognition of group effort for performance/achievement in:**

This group of business and community leaders has generously given their time to help support the LPS industrial education programs. Not only have they acted as consultants, they have allowed our “shop” teachers to come into their facilities to see current manufacturing processes. They have also facilitated professional development for LPS staff.

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#### **Group’s willingness to work with staff, administration, or other support staff (explain):**

**Gene Keyes** has opened the doors for LPS staff to see the facilities and programs at Schoolcraft that are preparing students for high-paying manufacturing jobs that are in demand. This allows teachers to better prepare their students for future careers.

**Dan West** has rallied the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and the I-275 Industrial Council to look at ways to support schools and students, to best meet the growing job market opportunities. He has arranged speakers and financial assistance to augment the secondary industrial arts programs -- \$1,000 annually for three years to each middle school for consumable materials such as lumber, nails, glue, paint, etc.

**David Lawrence** is working with Automation Alley in the area of grant writing, to further improve our curriculum offerings. Additionally, he has given his time and technical expertise as we re-work and remodel our existing classroom spaces.

**Chuck Dardas** has provided a loud rally cry to arms, that industrial education programs matter and must be nurtured. He sees that business and education must sit down together to understand each other’s cultures in order to best prepare students for a successful future and strong community. He gives his time and energy tirelessly in the pursuit of educational opportunity and equality for all students.

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**Additional reasons this group is deserving of this award (attach additional sheets, as needed):**

This group represents a strong, innovative, business-education connection that represents the ideal “community” education for students. It does take a village to raise a child!

They put the needs of students and community above their own. They make time, when time is precious and in short supply.

The group participated in the Livonia Manufacturing Day 2015

**Nominated by:** Jim Rumon (Frost MS), Dave Roeser (Franklin HS), Dan Green (Churchill HS), Bob Hough (Holmes), Jeff Hatley (Churchill HS), Mike Stewart (Stevenson HS), Kim DuSablón (Emerson MS), Ann Owen (Emerson MS)

**Worksite Location:** see above

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