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LPIE honors two dynamic individuals with new award

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Myrna Kimmelman and Tom Mulvaney Photo provided

The Lafayette Partners in Education board of directors, at a special fundraising gala held April 23 in San Francisco, announced the creation of the Tom Mulvaney Legacy Award as a way in which to honor those individuals, families, or businesses who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the LPIE mission. The award's first recipient is Myrna Kimmelman.

Mulvaney, the award's namesake, "made significant contributions to our school community through his time, actions, talents, and dedication," according to LPIE. "He is the longest serving member on our LPIE board going on 16 years, and has served on every committee that LPIE has or has had in the past. Since retiring from a successful career in business, Tom has also served as a board member of the Acalanes Union High School District for eight years, chaired or co-chaired six successful parcel tax and bond campaigns, and has generously given his time, treasure and talent to our schools. Tom is a doer who believes that our schools

are the fundamental cornerstone of our great community, and works tirelessly to ensure an exceptional education for generations to come."

Kimmelman was named Executive Director in 1999, first as part time, and eventually as the foundation's only full-time employee. According to LPIE, in her 21 years of service, Kimmelman managed the foundation while it went from raising \$400,000 dollars per year to raising \$4.2 million dollars per year. "She oversaw the foundation's name change to Lafayette Partners in Education in 2010 as well as its increased responsibility to raise funds for our schools. She retired in 2020 but only after leaving a remarkable legacy. During her 21 years, she worked with thousands of volunteers and instructors, and 19 board presidents, while serving as the heart and soul of the organization."

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