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# Alumni in Action: Skill. Discipline. Grit. Heart.

In Lawrence Township, when you hear the name **Kyle Guy**, you might think of basketball. As a student-athlete, Kyle (**LC '16**) had a tremendous run at Lawrence Central, garnering all sorts of accolades including Indiana Mr. Basketball and McDonald's All-American. Kyle went on to play at the University of Virginia, where focus and determination earned his team an NCAA Championship and, for him, the tournament's Most Outstanding Player recognition.

That same year, in 2019, Kyle declared his eligibility for the NBA, was drafted, and signed with the Sacramento Kings. He married his high school sweetheart, began his NBA career, and in 2021, he and his wife, Alexa, had a baby boy (and future baller!). The Guys currently reside in Spain where Kyle plays for Club Joventut Badalona in the Liga ACB and EuroCup league.



Kyle Guy, **LC Class of 2016**, Professional Basketball Player and Founder of the Kyle Guy Foundation Photo courtesy of <u>NBA</u>.



Kyle (#24) playing for Lawrence Central. Photo courtesy of <u>USA Today High School Sports</u>.



Kyle (#5) playing for University of Virginia. Photo courtesy of <u>NBC Sports</u>.

What you might not know about Kyle, however, is the same skill, discipline, grit, and heart that has served him so well, also applies to his commitment to making the world a better place through his **Kyle Guy Foundation**, whose goal is to serve, aid, and unify communities. Kyle's foundation has worked with organizations to address human trafficking, clean water initiatives, veterans housing, and equality to name a few.

In fact, the missions of the <u>Kyle Guy Foundation</u> and the <u>Lawrence Township School</u> Foundation (LTSF) are aligned in our shared commitment to ensure that all students have what they need for learning and participating which creates accessibility and provides inclusion. Kyle is very aware and connected to the community that supported him during his formative years. He wanted to impact LT students, and with generations of his family attached to Lawrence Township Schools, LTSF was a natural fit. So, the Kyle Guy Foundation took action.



Photo courtesy of the Kyle Guy Foundation.

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Kyle shares, "LTSF's mission speaks to my heart. I grew up in this community and benefited from many of the programs that LTSF funds. I'm grateful, and I understand the ongoing needs. By giving to LTSF, I'm not only empowering students, but I'm also living my passion."

He goes on to say, "I hope my involvement inspires others, especially my peers and classmates. It doesn't have to be a big donation. Everything helps. And if you're not in a position to give financially, you can give your time or your expertise."

#### Jen Gibbs, LTSF Executive Director,

shares, "It is a pleasure to work with Kyle and his foundation. We focused on LTSF programs consistent with his intent and desired impact. We quickly realized the synergy in our missions. We are thankful for his gift to LTSF and his continued involvement."

At 25 years of age, Kyle has had a lifetime worth of experiences as well as a heart for giving back and doing good. And, he's just getting started!

Join Kyle in supporting LT students. Click the button below to learn how YOU can help!

**HOW TO HELP** 

### The 2021-2022 Impact Report is Here!



This holiday season, we want to **THANK YOU** for supporting the mission of the LTSF. Your gifts of serving, supporting, and giving benefit over 16,000 students and 2,500 employees, providing them with the resources needed to excel. **We invite you to take a look at the impact YOU created this past year**. Read our 2021-2022 Impact Report to learn more!

**VIEW THE REPORT** 

## What's New with the Lawrence Township School Student Foundation

The Lawrence Township School Student Foundation (LTSSF) is a student-led, volunteer-based organization comprised of students from Lawrence Central and Lawrence North High Schools. These students work together to ignite the power of community in those around them through activities and fundraising.

Created in 2008, LTSSF educates high school students on the importance of philanthropic work and instills a sense of community in their peers. Throughout the year, LTSSF plans, organizes, and implements various activities to create awareness, build community, and fundraise; all of which benefit LT schools and students.

This year, there are 35 students in LTSSF representing both high schools. The group has held two lunchtime fundraisers at each high school this semester, and volunteered their time at the LTSF *Thanks for Giving* Reception in November greeting guests.



LTSSF students getting to know each other by "speed dating" during one of their meetings.

Currently, LTSSF is busy planning their annual **Night with the Stars** event, which is to be held on **February 3**, **2023**, at the Lawrence Education and Community Center (LECC) gym. It's a night of games, activities, and food hosted by LTSSF for LT elementary kids (aka future Bears and Wildcats) to hang out with current Bears and Wildcats. Fun is had by all!

LTSSF's signature event, Prom Boutique, will be open before spring break in March at the LECC. LT students can shop for current style, new and gently worn prom dresses, shoes, and accessories. Dresses are \$20 each, shoes and accessories are \$5. Stay tuned for Prom Boutique dates and times to be shared in February!



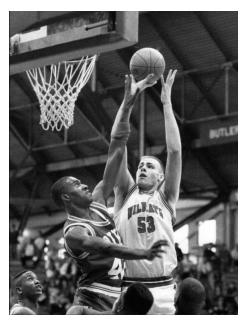
LTSSF students greeting donors and community members at the LTSF Thanks for Giving Reception at Westminster Village North on November 15, 2022.

**LEARN MORE: LTSSF** 

## **Keeping Up with LT Alumni**



Michelle (Chih Staresnick) Greene is a member of the Lawrence Central Class of 1994. While serving as the ENL teacher at Fall Creek Valley Middle School (2003-2012), Michelle was recognized as an IU Armstrong Educator for outstanding teaching and a



Eric Montross, Lawrence North Class of 1990, was named to the 61st Class of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame!

In his junior year at Lawrence North, Eric averaged 21.3 points per game and was

Fulbright-Hays scholar, through which she spent a summer learning about language education in China. Subsequently, Michelle earned a doctorate degree from IU Bloomington in Literacy, Culture, and Language Education.

Now, as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Urban Teacher Education at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, Michelle's teaching and scholarship emphasize teachers' professional development and understanding in supporting diverse learners in PreK-12 schools. As part of her role, Michelle serves as an instructor for the District-Based Alternative Certification (DBAC) program in MSD Lawrence Township, a partnership with IUPUI through which classified LT staff can earn teacher certification.

Michelle and her husband, **Russ Greene** (Lawrence North Class of 1994) met during high school, have been married for 15 years, and are proud parents to two daughters who attend Forest Glen Elementary School.

named State Champion Team MVP. His senior year, Eric was an All-American on the Parade and McDonald's All-American teams. In addition, he was an Indiana All-Star, National Player of the Year, National Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and USA Today's 1st Team All-American.

Eric went on to play at North Carolina, where he played for a national championship team in 1993, averaging 15.8 points per game. He was a Naismith All-American as a senior. Eric played in the NBA from 1994-2003 and has been a commentator on the Tar Heel Sports Network since 2005.

Eric will be officially inducted at a ceremony on March 22.





### **Start planning TODAY!**

If your graduation year ends in 3 or 8, it's time to start planning your class reunion!

Register your reunion with LTSF by <a href="mailing">emailing</a> or calling 317-423-8303. We'll help you get the word out to classmates and provide valuable planning resources!

**LEARN MORE** 



#### We want to hear from YOU!

Have news you'd like to share? We want to include you in our Alumni spotlight!

Email Natalie Thomison, LTSF Marketing and Event Specialist, with your update for a chance to be featured in our Alumni eNewsletter or on our social media!

STAY IN TOUCH

#### Thanks for Giving on #GivingTuesday

On behalf of the LTSF and MSD of Lawrence Township, **THANK YOU** to all who donated in support of LT kids on #GivingTuesday. Thanks to your gifts, we raised over \$3,500, exceeding our \$3,000 goal!

Throughout the week of November 29, the Lawrence Township School Student Foundation also raised funds by partnering with the Chick-fil-A at Clearwater Crossing to sell chicken sandwiches at lunch.

#GivingTuesday funds will help supply students with educational programming and helpful resources this year. Thank you for your generosity!



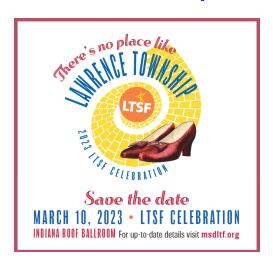
Did you miss #GivingTuesday this year? It's not too late to give! Help LTSF continue the impact by clicking the button below. All gifts are tax deductible!

**DONATE NOW** 

## LTSF Celebration 2023: There's No Place Like Lawrence Township

You won't want to miss this year's Celebration as we kick off LTSF's 40th year of impacting LT students and staff. Follow the yellow brick road to Indiana Roof Ballroom on March 10, 2023, and join LTSF for one magical evening.

It is sure to be a Celebration worthy of reaching the 40-year milestone while looking to the next 40 years. **Registration will open in January.** Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the big event!



### **Year 13 Scholarship Applications Now Open!**





Is the high schooler in your life ready for Year 13? LTSF scholarship applications for MSDLT Class of 2023 students are now open. Encourage them to apply! Scholarship applications will close on February 6, 2023, and awards will be granted during the high schools' honor nights.

Click the button below to learn more and apply!

**LEARN MORE: YEAR 13 SCHOLARSHIPS** 

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