

Lawrence Family Development Charter School was founded in 1995 by visionary board leaders of Lawrence Family Development & Education Fund, Inc., its Executive Director, Patricia Foley Karl and a group of Latino parents—new immigrants seeking a school that would value their heritage and fulfill the promises of achievement and success in their new country, the United States of America.

Students who enroll at LFDCS face the challenges of a community with serious economic, environmental and educational poverty.

Our two-year kindergarten program instills the readiness skills and language base to learn and excel in a rigorous standards-based curriculum through grade 8.



**"MY MOTHER AND MY TEACHERS ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME TO DO MY BEST AND SAID THAT "HARD WORK ALWAYS PAYS OFF". THIS PAST YEAR MY HARD WORK PAID OFF BY ACHIEVING A 3.7 AVERAGE FOR THE FIRST TIME AND ACCEPTANCE AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL. MY GOAL IS TO BECOME A MECHANICAL AND TECHNICAL ENGINEER.."**

*Carlos, Grade 8, Class of 2015  
Will attend Central Catholic High School*

Our eighth graders are prepared for high school admission to excellent independent and parochial secondary schools with strong college preparatory programs.

Each year 100% of our eighth graders take on the challenge of applying to selective secondary schools with more than 70% earning admission to a path that will allow them to reach for their dreams and realize the full promise of their potential.



**"I ENTERED LFDCS IN SECOND GRADE AND PERSEVERED THROUGH HARD WORK TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD IN FOURTH GRADE. THE SUPPORT OF TEACHERS AND THE VALUE OF FRIENDSHIPS HAVE MADE THESE YEARS SPECIAL. MY GOAL IS TO BECOME A DOCTOR, AND I WILL WORK HARD IN THE YEARS AHEAD TO EARN THAT TITLE."**

*Angela, Class of 2015  
Will attend Tabor Academy, Marion*

With 93% of our students' families at or below the federal poverty level, our students need more than good grades and high test scores to accept admission and move forward on a path towards higher education and a positive future.



**"LFDCS HAS GIVEN ME GREAT FRIENDSHIPS, MANY INTERESTING PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES I MIGHT NEVER HAD ELSEWHERE. THE SEVENTH GRADE TRIP TO ST. MARK'S HELPED ME SEE OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE. I KNOW THAT IN THE YEARS AHEAD I WILL STRIVE FOR AND PUT IN ALL MY EFFORT TO BECOME A LAWYER."**

*Deangeliz, Grade 8, Class of 2015  
Will attend Maine Central Institute*

Without significant financial assistance to match financial aid offered by high schools, our students cannot say "yes" to the admissions they have earned.

The PFK Scholarship Fund raises scholarship dollars that make vigorous secondary education possible and keep the doors open for our graduates.

Scholarship funds are essential to bridging the gap in financial aid and the cost of tuition which is far beyond the capacity of our families to afford.

Your gift will support the education of motivated, talented students, helping them realize their full potential as they "reach for the stars."

*“Mi niño, algún día usted  
a tocar las estrellas”*

*“My child, some day you  
will touch the stars”*

TRINIDAD GUTIERREZ

*These words are the vision for our school as  
we encourage every child to reach beyond  
where they are to where they could be.*

*Since 1995, we have promised the families  
who entrusted us with their children’s  
education that we would provide an  
education and an environment built on high  
expectations for academic achievement.*

*Your gift to the PFK Scholarship Fund will  
open doors to outstanding secondary  
schools for our graduates in their quest to  
“Reach for the Stars.”*

*Thank you for supporting the promise and  
potential of our students now and for  
the future.*

*The true promise of America’s potential will only be found when every child has the opportunity for an education  
that allows them to reach their full potential and prepares them for excellence and success throughout their life.*

PATRICIA FOLEY KARL

## The PFK Scholarship Fund

*Ensuring that our students can “Reach for the Stars”*

**Raising scholarship dollars for today’s students and endowing scholarships for the future**

## PFK Scholarship Endowment Fund

*invested @ Essex County Community Foundation  
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*Raising Standards...*

*Raising Expectations...*

*Raising Scholarships...*

**CHANGING THE FUTURE!**