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J. Randall “Randy” Minchew and Stephen C. Price Are Named 2024 Loudoun Laureates

The Loudoun Laurels Foundation has chosen J. Randall Minchew and Stephen Price as its 2024 Loudoun Laureates, seeing in them the personification of qualities it seeks in all candidates for the annual honor: selflessness, integrity, creativity, wisdom, and courage. This year’s selections were drawn from a deep and diverse pool of worthy candidates. During its deliberations, the Advisory Committee expressed its admiration for the large number of individuals in Loudoun County who contribute so much of their time, energy, and resources to make the county a better place. In the end, they found Randy and Steve to be great examples of that generous spirit.

Randy Minchew, a native of Northern Virginia, has lived and worked in Loudoun County for more than 30 years. His leadership in, and service to, the Leesburg and Loudoun County communities include being a founding member and two-term chairman of the Loudoun County Economic Development Commission as well as a founding member and co-chair of the Rural Economic Development Task Force, where he had a hand in developing a detailed plan for strengthening the economic base of rural Loudoun County while preserving scenic areas and open space.

Randy served three terms in the House of Delegates representing Loudoun County and the Town of Leesburg. In that role he was committed to bipartisanship, civility, and consensus legislation while being instrumental in securing passage of laws that improved roads, fostered ethical government operations, strengthened local schools, deployed broadband to underserved areas, and expanded the use of renewable energy.

An Eagle Scout, Randy served as District Chairman of Scouting in Loudoun County and as a scoutmaster in Leesburg. He still acts as an official overseer for a five-mile stretch of the Appalachian Trail south of Snicker’s Gap that he used to hike as a Tenderfoot.

Steve Price has worked for decades in a quiet but highly effective manner serving on boards and providing *pro bono* legal advice for causes that have underpinned the preservation of Loudoun County’s historic sites and the protection of its natural beauty. In his role as general counsel to the Land Trust of Virginia, he was instrumental in securing the protection of thousands of undeveloped acres in Loudoun County. As chair of the Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area

Association, he expanded educational outreach in schools across the Heritage Area, including Loudoun County, and strengthened partnerships with like-minded organizations to help unify the county behind its preservation mission.

Steve served on the board of directors of Oatlands [of the National Trust] for more than 20 years and on the board of the George C. Marshall International Center for 15 years, where, as president, he oversaw the six-year renovation of historic Dodona Manor, George C. Marshall's childhood home.

The 2024 Loudoun Laureates will be honored at the *Celebration of Life and Leadership Gala* to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at The National Conference Center.

For more information, including tickets and sponsorship opportunities for the gala, please visit loudounlaurels.org.