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SEF Board of Trustees



Trustees Jason Graves, Larry Denning and Jeff Lamb

The Salina Education Foundation works to support the teachers and staff of Salina Public Schools. It is fitting that the management of the SEF is in the hands of the public—community members who determine all policy that drives the work of the SEF. The trustees serve on at least one of the standing committees: Executive, Activities and Public Relations, Finance and Investment, and Allocations. Additionally, they represent the SEF at one of the district's attendance centers.

Over the years, many community members have had a hand in developing our three grant programs, organizing our annual Fall Breakfast which honors our donors, encouraging local businesses to become April Business Partners, and efficiently managing endowments to support our work. The trustees can point with pride to the LIFT (Loan Initiative for Future Teachers) Program, a community initiative that identifies and supports Saline County residents who want to become teachers. This year, five of those LIFT recipients (Kaysie Chrisman, Darcy Leech, Andrew Book, Caitlin Cox and Laney Brightbill) are teaching in our schools.

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All in the Family



This year marks the end of a wonderful relationship. Trustee Jeff Lamb (Woods and Durham) will be leaving the SEF as his term expires. Of the 25 years that the Salina Education Foundation has been in existence, a “Lamb” has served on the Board of Trustees for 16 of those years. The impact of a father and son's commitment to education and Salina's public schools has been impressive.

From 1991-1997 father Don Lamb (Sunflower Bank) served on the USD 305 Board of Education and the board of the SEF. Not content to let a great trustee go, we encouraged him to come back to the SEF, which he did from 1999-2002. Don served on the Finance and Investment, Allocations and Executive Committees and chaired the board in 2000-2001.

Jeff Lamb, newly graduated from the University of Kansas, was snatched up immediately upon his return to Salina and

began his tenure with the SEF in 2005. Jeff was the youngest person to serve on the board, but that did not intimidate him. He has served as the treasurer of the Board of Trustees, chair of the Finance and Investment Committee as well as serving on the Executive Committee. Jeff will serve on the Allocations Committee in this, his final year at the SEF.

The similarities do not end with their work for the Salina Education Foundation: they both graduated from Salina Central and the University of Kansas, they both married “Salina girls” and they both chose Salina as their permanent home.

Jeff and Don are great examples of citizens who “pay it forward” by giving back to the community that raised and educated them. *Thank you for your work with the SEF!*

From the Chair



EVOLUTION!!!
Change . . . Expansion
. . . Flowering . . .
Transformation . . .
Growth . . . Progress. The
concept is essential to the
continued vitality of an

organization. As economist and business consultant W. Edwards Deming wryly commented, “It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory.”

Last year, through the leadership of SEF Chair Amanda Michaelis and Executive Director Pam McIntyre, the Foundation Board undertook the change process—reviewing and refining the mission statement, creating a vision statement, clarifying goals, and with the guidance and expertise of Dr. Charles Grimwood, SRHC Vice-President of Regional Development, generating a forward-looking strategic plan.

Among the changes we have implemented this year are

- Increasing the size of the SEF Board of Directors to utilize the knowledge and enthusiasm of more members,
- Identifying teacher representatives in most attendance centers to assist in carrying the SEF message and including a teacher representative on the Board,
- Creating a presence on Facebook with the assistance of USD 305 Public Relations Coordinator Jennifer Bradford-Vernon,
- Providing monthly treats to the attendance center with the greatest percentage of donors to the Foundation, and
- Developing the “High Five” initiative which encourages people to donate any amount in honor of a person who has contributed in some way to the donor’s life. The donor receives a “High Five” card from SEF to send to the honoree with a personal note of thanks.

In order to fulfill the SEF mission of “providing resources to enhance

opportunities for the students and staff of Salina’s public schools,” the Board realizes that we must renew our efforts in building community awareness and support for the SEF.

As we look toward next year, the 25th anniversary of our existence, we are exploring new avenues of growth, including the development of a signature fundraiser/awareness event. Attracting new contributors to the important work of the Foundation is key to building an endowment that will secure the Foundation’s success in the next 25 years of service to USD 305.

To those who have supported the Salina Education Foundation in the past, we offer our sincerest gratitude. We will appreciate your continued support as we move into an exciting period of renewed vitality, expansion and progress.

Carol Brandert, Chair

Sudden Opportunity Grants

You know how it is--sometimes great ideas come up unexpectedly. The SEF has a grant program to make those great projects come alive--the Sudden Opportunity Grant. All teachers and staff of USD 305 are eligible to apply. The application is online: salinaeducationfoundation.com

Take a look at projects that are happening so far this year:



Coronado 3rd Graders visit Kenwood Cove

Coronado 3rd graders will read Betty G. Birney’s book, *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs*. Then through reading, listening to community speakers and gathering input from the community, the students will select “The Seven Wonders of

Salina.” The grant provides transportation to each wonder where students will tour the facility, meet the staff and then create a public service announcement explaining why each location was selected.

Oakdale K-5th graders will help create a backdrop for their production of *Annie Jr.* on October 20, 2011. The students will work with Bill Weaver in painting the backdrop for the production.

South High students will travel to Stewart and Coronado Elementary Schools to help the first graders write a personalized storybook, complete with digital photos.



Family Game Night at Cottonwood

Cottonwood Elementary students and parents will participate in “Game Night”

where parents learn the importance of playing games with their children to develop cognitive skills and increase family time while decreasing screen time (television, computer, electronic games).

Gifted Facilitators will work with Kansas Wesleyan University to develop an on-campus enrichment day for elementary gifted students on October 26, 2011. The grant provides transportation for all students to and from the event.

Central High’s *Pylon* received two flip cameras to increase video coverage of different events, providing students with a forum for school news and increasing the newspaper’s capability of uploading videos.

Meadowlark 4th grade teachers received two scales to use in real weight measurement and estimation work.

Your donations make the Sudden Opportunity Grants possible—**THANK YOU!**

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Thank you to Jason Graves, Melanie Terrill, Larry Denning and Bryan Thompson who ended their terms on the board. Welcome to Byron Norris, Rex Matlack, Mary Shaffer, Brenda Smith, and for the first time, a teacher will serve on the board--Jenny Maring. To see pictures and learn more about the trustees, visit: salinaeducationfoundation.com and click on "About Us."

Scholarship Briefs

South High's Math Department has established an award honoring beloved teacher, Jo Musselwhite. The award will honor a South High senior who exemplifies the attributes that Jo valued. The student must be in good academic standing, involved in athletics and must demonstrate an upstanding moral character.

Congratulations to Cindy Munk, Stewart Elementary and Megan Consbruck, South Middle, recipients of the first NEA-Salina Educator Scholarship. The scholarships are awarded annually to one elementary teacher and one secondary teacher for the advancement of an education-related degree.

Megan Tucker, Lakewood Middle School Secretary, was awarded the Nancy Whitehair Ribble Memorial Scholarship. Megan is seeking her undergraduate degree in teaching.

The Mustang Scholarship will be awarded for the first time this year to a Central High Senior who plans to attend a public college, university, trade, or technical school in Kansas. This award can be renewed annually.

You will find information about SEF scholarships and awards, as well as all applications on our website: salinaeducationfoundation.com.



Give a "High Five" to a special person! Call 309-4729

Fall Breakfast



Coronado 5th Grade Music Students Performed

Forty-eight drummers drumming in August? Must be the SEF's annual Fall Breakfast! Coronado music students were issued a challenge by their music teacher, Jennifer Chlumsky. Mrs. Chlumsky believed that all her students should be given the opportunity to perform, but would they wake up early to practice? Parents had to be on board too—rearranging schedules to deliver children to practice sessions. The answer was "Yes!" and at 6:15 AM on August 30, the students and their teachers boarded a bus that took them to the Country Club where they performed for the assembled guests. Mrs. Chlumsky delivered a personal message to the guests, telling them how, at a time when many schools were cutting music education, the SEF was supporting her work that not only teaches music skills but also impacts success in reading and math.

Superintendent Bill Hall, featured speaker, commended the Salina Education Foundation for providing scholarships to students and teachers and for awarding over \$455,000 in grants to teachers and staff. Mr. Hall stressed the importance of building relationships with young people and caring about their education. The new

superintendent has met with individuals, community groups, students, teachers and staff. He is well on his way to building great relationships in Salina!

Plan to attend next year's Fall Breakfast on August 28, 2012. We will be celebrating our 25th birthday!

Thank you Arrow Printing, Artful Parties and Events, Bennington State Bank, Clark, Mize and Linville, Heartland Dermatology, Kennedy, Berkley,

Yarnevich & Williamson, and Woods and Durham for sponsoring our sixth annual breakfast.

SEF Grants and Programs

21st Century Advantage Grant: awarded annually for creative and innovative classroom projects

Sudden Opportunity Grant: quick turn-around grant for projects that come up unexpectedly

LIFT Program: awards up to \$5,000 per year for Saline County residents who wish to become teachers

Outside-the-Box Grant: awarded annually for projects that take students outside the typical classroom setting

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Our Mission

To promote and support educational excellence by providing resources to enhance opportunities for the students and staff of Salina's public schools.

As part of this mission, the trustees of the Foundation

Manage and grow endowment funds, grants, and gifts for specific schools, programs, and scholarships

Award grants to teachers seeking to enhance instruction

Identify and support, through forgivable loans, outstanding Saline County residents seeking to become teachers in USD 305

Build community awareness and support of the Salina Education Foundation

Our Vision

Uniting the community to support excellent public schools



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