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From the Chairman

I am honored to serve as the Chair of the Salina Education Foundation for 2006-2007. As a product

of Salina Public Schools, I know first-hand the quality education I received here, and the importance of ensuring continued excellence for my children and yours.

Since 1987, the Salina Education Foundation has been working to provide our teachers and students with innovative projects that enrich the classroom. Because we believe that the single most important classroom asset is a great teacher, the SEF has initiated the LIFT program (Loan Initiative for Future Teachers) to help identify, mentor, and support those Saline County students who have the potential to become strong classroom teachers. This past April, the SEF named Kaysie Rowson, South High graduate and currently a Junior in the Kansas Wesleyan Education Department, as the first LIFT program recipient.

Your commitment and support of the Salina Education Foundation demonstrates our shared belief that Salina cares about the education of its children and is willing to provide private funds to support good programs. This kind of community response is the difference between an excellent education and an adequate one. Thank you for your confidence in our mission and please continue your support of our work.

Frank Hampton, Chairman
Salina Education Foundation Board of Trustees



Kaysie Rowson, LIFT recipient, and Martha Rhea, Chair of the LIFT committee enjoy talking with Congressman Moran at the Back-to-School Breakfast.

SEF Hosts Back-to-School Breakfast

The Salina Education Foundation kicked off the school year on August 29 with our first annual Back-to-School Breakfast with Congressman Jerry Moran as featured speaker.

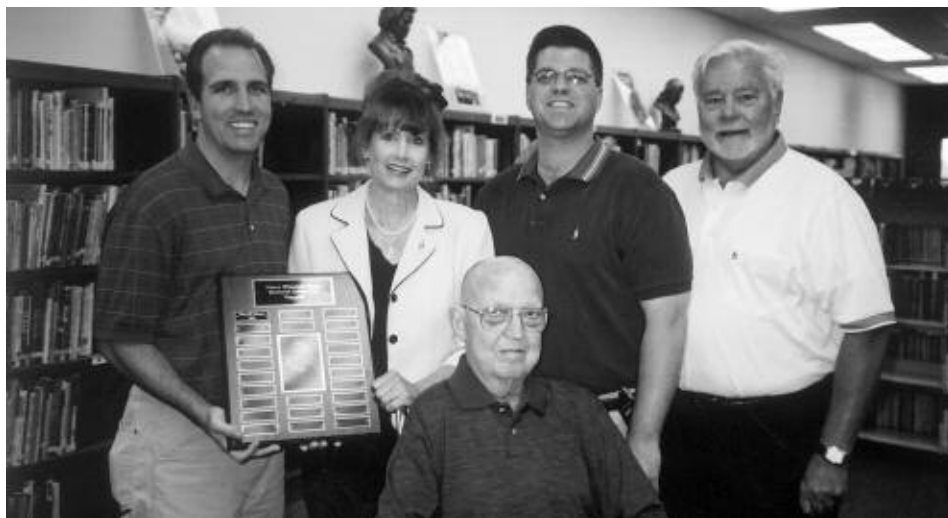
Linda Rohrer's Sunset Elementary STAR DRUM group (Students That Are Ready with Discipline, Respect and Unity to make Music) entertained guests on drums purchased through the 21st Century Advantage Grant Program, and guests heard about the work that the SEF accomplished during the past year, including awarding \$23,991 in teacher grants and administering thirteen scholarships to deserving students.

Congressman Moran's message to the assembled group highlighted the importance

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SEF 2006 Scholarship Recipients

SEF Briefs



The first Nancy Whitehair Ribble Memorial Scholarship was presented May 15, 2006 to Lakewood teacher Sheryl Brown. Nancy's family attending the presentation from left: Pat Ribble, Sheryl Brown, Mike Ribble, James Whitehair, and Jim Ribble (seated).

The following students have been awarded scholarships for the school year 2006-2007 For information on scholarships, see Salina Central or South High guidance counselors, or or access an application on SEF's website: www.salinaeducationfoundation.com. Our congratulations to these great graduates!

Sherilyn Adams Scholarship

Leo V. Burke, South High School
Sarah Kresge, Central High School
Shannen Larsen, Central High School
Shearston Shafer, South High School

Judy L. Wright Memorial Scholarship

Tasia Zouzas, South High School

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Class of 1940 Scholarship

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Class of 1959 Scholarship

Krista Langley, Central High School

Salina Concrete Scholarship

Jess Wilson, Central High School
Joel Wallace, Central High School

South High Student Council Scholarship

Justin Bastin
Jennie Kutschka

Nancy Whitehair Ribble Memorial Scholarship

Sheryl Brown, Lakewood

Farewell and Welcome

The great strength of the Salina Education Foundation lies with the community members who serve as members of the board of trustees. The SEF's annual meeting on August 22 marked the end of four trustees' terms. A fond farewell and thank you to Martha Rhea, Dustin Denning, Clay Edmands and Linda Salem. Welcome new trustees Mary Andersen, Marcy Roth, Bill Alsop, Melanie Terrill, and Monte Shadwick.

April Partners

During the month of April, McDonald's, Earthcare Landscape, Martinelli's, Yarns, Millwood Realty, Pizza Hut and the Salina Journal offered patrons a creative way to donate to the SEF. If you ordered a salad, appetizer or pizza, planted a tree, knitted or crocheted a scarf, bought a home, or read the newspaper, you were helping the SEF! If you or your business would like to join these terrific friends of education, call Pam McIntyre at 309-4729

Peas and Carrots

The SEF was involved in a "secret operation" this past spring when Meadowlark Ridge students brought in their nickels, dimes, and pennies to establish an endowment in honor of retiring principal, Marcy Roth. In order to surprise Marcy, the children used the code words "peas and carrots" to talk about their donations. The children, their parents and other friends donated \$4,578.20 in peas and carrots!

Plant a tree, leave a legacy

The Salina Education Foundation uses a tree as its symbol, so it seems fitting that one of our April partners is Earthcare Landscape Services. Not only do they partner with us during the month of April, but they donated 6 large trees that were planted at Lakewood Middle and Cottonwood Elementary schools. Thanks to Mike Terry and his team at Earthcare Landscape Services.



21st Century Advantage Grant Program

2006-07 Recipients

2007-08 grant application deadline
is February 2, 2007

With the support of the Salina Regional Health Foundation, Salina Charities League, Alpha Delta Kappa, and Philips Lighting, the SEF funded 60 teacher grant requests. If you or your company would like to fund a special grant request, please contact Pam McIntyre at 309-4729 or pam.mcintyre@usd305.com. All materials purchased through SEF grants become the property of USD 305 and are used for years to come.

Central High School

Nancy Lysell, Glass Fusion\$925
Kimberly Workman, DNA Lab.....\$594
Funded by Philips Lighting Company

Cindy Ramsey, Latin Materials.....\$107
Deanna Cullins, Geometry Scavenger Hunt.....\$525
Larry Cullins, Art Display Case\$1,500
Funded by Salina Charities League and SRHF

Coronado Elementary

Audrey Vaughn, Kagan Materials.....\$129

Cottonwood Elementary

Jennifer Mettlen, Kagan Materials\$500
Funded in part by Alpha Delta Kappa

Jarnee' Saiz-Fischer, Leapfrog\$200
Reading Pillows\$155
Darla Raile, Learning Lab Materials\$306
Funded by SRHF

Cheryl Wirth, Kagan Materials\$200

Heusner Elementary

Leigh Hendrix, Kagan Manipulatives\$200
Damon Boyer, Kagan Library\$328
Keela Meiers, Sound Tub Manipulatives.....\$285
Funded by SRHF

Marian Page, Jumbo Number Cubes\$230

Heartland Programs

LeAnn Forshee, Infant/Toddler Playground Project....\$500
Funded by SRHF

Carolyn Salinas, Leap Frog Reading Kits.....\$229
Funded by SRHF

Mary McCall, Karolen Thacker, Magnetic playsets....\$206
Funded by SRHF

Lakewood Middle School

David Stueve, Art Appreciation\$200
Brenda Schoel, Dictionaries, CD players\$253
Funded by SRHF

Heidi Paquin, Listening Centers.....\$1,288

Meadowlark Ridge Elementary

Margy Hogarty, Creative Block Play.....\$309
Funded by SRHF

Shelby Noggle, Math Manipulatives\$250
Funded in part by Alpha Delta Kappa

Cathy Whitesell, Differentiated Math Materials.....\$150
Tara Vanderbilt, Math Problem Solving\$150
Vicki Marcozzi, Math Problem Solving\$150

Susan Campion, Novel Studies\$225
Sarah Morris, Journals\$200
Marcie Wentzel, Creative Writing Journals.....\$196
Funded by SRHF

Dottie Wallace, Language Expansion.....\$210
Funded by SRHF

Sue Banker, Operation Brush.....\$150
Dana Wood, Project Wisdom\$700
Funded by SRHF

Pam Rasmussen, Upper Level Reading Books.....\$278
Carol Sias, Portable PE Stackers\$371
Funded by SRHF

Marilyn Benyshek, Percussion Instruments\$334

Oakdale Elementary

DeAnna Ryberg, Technology Integration\$424
Funded by SRHF

Sondra Rohr, Anger Management.....\$283
Funded by SRHF

Schilling Elementary

Carol Bossemeyer, Reading Mastery\$297
Mary Cerny, Real World Math.....\$556
Debra Gordon, LD Reading Skills.....\$286
Funded by SRHF

South Middle School

Jennifer Sturgis, Safari Flex Cam.....\$710
Funded by Philips Lighting

Erin Bender, Microscopes\$1,428
Marcia Troutfetter, Rhythm Instruments\$225
Funded by SRHF

South High School

Janice Steljes, Dusty Cooler\$849
Funded by SRHF

Stewart Elementary

Mary Frain, LEAP\$200
Mary Bartow, Reading Materials.....\$200
Eric Corby, Drums.....\$2,000
Funded by SRHF

Evans, Eitel, Hall and Trafton, Math Manipulatives....\$360
Jackie Matherly, Guided Reading.....\$200
Jacy Murphy, Guided Reading\$200
Jessica Painter, Operation Read\$200
Funded by SRHF

Tim Olsen, Dictionaries\$475
Kathleen Robbins, Leap Pad Enrichment\$200
Angela Dorzweiler, Cooperative Learning\$250

Lori Radiel, Reading Materials.....\$200
Kristi Saskowski and Andria Lilley, Guided Reading\$200

Sunset Elementary

Mindy Sanders, Bal-A-Vis-X\$400
Funded by SRHF

Melva Hutton, Kinder-Readers.....\$110
Funded by SRHF

Linda Rohrer, Computer Software\$520
Funded by SRHF

Kendra McNeal, Reading Pillows.....\$290

School Nurses

Sue Holmes, Geo Germ Hand Washing\$295
Funded by SRHF

Total Grants Awarded: \$23,991

Lifetime Total: \$286,919



FLOWER POWER — A collaborative grant from SEF and SRHF allowed for the installation of a playground area that is designed to encourage toddlers to explore their space and develop sensory skills.

"Thank you, Salina Education Foundation! We truly appreciate the money that we have received. The kids love our math enrichment activities!" — Lisa Hall, Melinda Eitel and Pam Evants, Stewart Elementary

The mission of the Salina Education Foundation is to encourage educational excellence by providing resources to enhance opportunities for the students and staff of Salina's public schools.

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of the classroom teacher and community support for our local schools. In commenting about his appearance at the breakfast, Congressman Moran wrote in his weekly newsletter of September 5:

"The most important governmental function at the local and state level is education. It affects the future of our state and our nation. I shared that we have every right to be optimistic when looking at what community support for a school district can accomplish. I applaud the Salina Education Foundation for their efforts to continually improve the learning environment for students, teachers and staff in Salina."

Thank you to our great corporate sponsors for helping to make the breakfast possible: Bank VI, Clark, Mize and Linville, Coldwell Banker-Antrim Piper Wenger Realtors, Koshgarian Contracting, Woods and Durham, and Arrow Printing. The date for next year's breakfast is August 28, 2007.



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Memorial Gifts

A great example of honoring the work and life of a teacher is the memorial established for Barb Seyfert by her husband and her daughter. Barb retired from Stewart Elementary and daughter, Lori Radial, is a current teacher at Stewart Elementary.

Let us help you honor a loved one with your memorial gift.

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

— Nelson Henderson

Help make a difference. JOIN SEF TODAY!



YES! I want the BEST for all students in the Salina School District! (All donations will be used in the Salina School District. Gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.)

- \$3000 or more **21st Century Club**
- \$1000-2999 **SEF Benefactor**
- \$500-999 **SEF Patron**
- \$100-499 **SEF Supporter**
- \$10-99 **SEF Friend**
- Please send more information

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