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From the Director

This October marks my 15th year as the director of the Salina Education Foundation—hard to believe! As I look back on the accomplishments of the Foundation—over \$450,000 awarded in grants, the development of the LIFT (Loan Initiative for Future Teachers) program, scholarships for graduating seniors and teachers, special projects like the Central High Tennis Courts—I am reminded of the people who make it all happen. I work with remarkable people. The SEF’s Board of Trustees changes regularly as terms end and new board members replace them. They are fifteen community members with diverse backgrounds who share a common vision: marshalling community resources to enrich learning for Salina’s children. The trustees and I know that *you*, our donors, are responsible for the strides we have made. You respond year after year by donating to the Salina Education Foundation. We thank you.

Pam McIntyre
Executive Director



CARTER



WHEELER

New LIFT Recipients Named

Spring is growing season, and the Salina Education Foundation’s LIFT Program is growing new teachers for USD 305! The Foundation has selected Corey Wheeler and Cindy Carter as this year’s winners of the competitive scholarship program. They’ll receive forgivable loans of up to \$5,000 a year as they pursue training to become certified teachers. For each year they teach in USD 305, the SEF will forgive \$5,000 of the loan. LIFT, the Loan Initiative for Future Teachers, has previously made nine such loans, and three talented teachers are now inspiring Salina students as a result.

Corey graduated first in her Salina South High class of 240 in 2009, and is in her sophomore year at Kansas Wesleyan University. She credits her fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Marcozzi, for helping her cultivate a love of learning: “We were given the task to see how many books we could read by the end of the year. Being the competitive child I was, I found myself reading an entire book almost every night and eventually won the contest. But more importantly, I laid the groundwork for the

person I am today. Mrs. Marcozzi was ultimately able to foster all of the potential I had within me.” Corey would like to teach older elementary school children, saying, “that was the time I decided to become a good student.”

Cindy Carter has taken a non-traditional path toward becoming a teacher. She graduated summa cum laude from Kansas Wesleyan University in 1991, with a degree in business administration. She went to work in accounting and as a comptroller. Cindy recalls her decision to go in a different direction: “One lonely day, with only a calculator for company, I threw caution (and a big paycheck) to the wind and began my current job as a paraprofessional at South Middle School. Granted, there has been a lot more macaroni and cheese at my house, but there has also been a happier Mom to fix it!” Cindy now works with more than 300 7th graders, and says she is amazed by the strides they make every day.

Congratulations Corey and Cindy! We are proud that you will be joining a great group of USD 305 teachers.





Coronado 4th graders have solved 60,000 math problems using the IXP Program.



Mr. G's students visit the Stiefel!

2011-2012 SEF Grants

A garden at Lakewood, drums for two elementary music programs, and BEST robotics—these and many more new projects are all going to be happening in USD 305 schools, thanks to this year's grants from the Salina Education Foundation.



Teacher Susan Coykendall and students will grow and nurture Lakewood Gardens.

21st Century Advantage Grant Recipients

Lisa Ochs, KKCIE: Physical therapist will utilize balance beams, rhythm sticks, and tilt boards to help special ed preschool children develop gross motor skills.

Jennifer Chlumsky, Coronado: elementary music students will have more drums in their classroom to increase the number of students who can participate.

Stephanie Martin, Coronado: K-5 students will experiment in science lab using compasses, thermometers, test tubes and microscopes.

Becky Polzella, Coronado: 4th graders will use the IXP math program, a computer based program that provides 22 categories and targets 203 different math skills.

Karla Nothern, Heusner: students will use a digital camera to document PRIDE Patrol (Heusner student leaders who are nominated by teachers) events.

Amy Frost, Heusner: Every Heusner student will

plant one flower bulb at the school and monitor growth and changes in the flower.

Cari Slothower, Meadowlark: school's counselor will show short film clips that teach character education.

Cheryl Ritter, Meadowlark: First graders will increase reading fluency by timing themselves with basic one-minute timers while reading fluency phrases to partners.

Marcie Wentzel, Meadowlark: Kindergartners will complete 16 different activities during small group center time to increase phonemic awareness.

Margy Hogarty, Meadowlark: Third graders will "listen to read" with audio literature for individual listening centers.

Mary Harmon, Schilling: Schilling library will receive "Playaways," preloaded all-in one audio books for 3-5 grade students.

Ben Schmidt, Schilling: 5th graders will participate in Reader's Theatre which will increase fluency, pacing, intonation and expression.

Preston McCorkle, Schilling: 5th graders will use new CD-ROMs that target reading and math

skills with their classroom interactive Promethean Boards.

Nancy Bauer, Schilling: Schilling students will become drummers in their music classroom.

Marlin Crosson, Schilling: Schilling students will learn the importance of recycling discarded school paper products.

Marcia Troutfetter, South Middle School: Special needs students will use balance boards in physical education to increase coordination, eye tracking and concentration.

Tina Schaub, South High School: student readers and teacher books will support the South High Intensive Reading program which provides 80 minutes of individualized instruction per week for targeted students.

Andria Lilley, Stewart: Kindergarten students will benefit from the Bal-a-Vis-X program that increases hand-eye coordination, eye-tracking and concentration.

Darcee Redden, Stewart: Occupational Therapist will help kindergarten students master handwriting using hand readiness skills and manipulatives.

SEF Scholarships

Two new scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors and one new scholarship will be awarded to a teacher for continuing education.

The **Mustang Scholarship** recognizes a deserving student who needs financial assistance to further his or her education. The amount of the Mustang Scholarship is \$400 awarded annually. The scholarship, funded by an anonymous donor, is renewable each year for up to four years.

The **Stephen Cosco Memorial Scholarship** honors a Central High graduating senior who is active in music during high school, has overcome adversity, and wishes to further his/her education in some way.

The **NEA-Salina Teacher Scholarship** offers two \$500 scholarships for the pursuit of an advanced education-related degree. One scholarship is for an elementary teacher, the other for a secondary teacher. Applicants must be a current member of NEA and be working toward a master's degree or doctorate in the field of education.

Congratulations to the SEF Scholarship Recipients for 2011-2012

Destry Allen Memorial Scholarship	Mary Ralston, Central High
Class of 1933 Scholarship	Kellen Smutz, Central High
Class of 1940 Scholarship	Kaleigh Parker, Central High
Justin Cosco Memorial Scholarship	Logan Schmitt, Central High
Stephen Cosco Memorial Scholarship	Phillip Urban, Central High
Ronald F. Feitel Memorial Scholarship	Sierra Rowilson, Central High
Owen E Hodgson Memorial Scholarship	Richard Baker, Central High
	Ashley Hrabe, South High
David H. Jett Memorial Scholarship	Mary Ralston, Central High
James Maupin Memorial Scholarship	Jessica Stonebraker, South High
Mustang Scholarship	Courtney Train, Central High
Judy Wright Memorial Scholarship.....	Emily Newquist, South High

To see these students receive their awards, plan to attend the annual awards ceremonies: Central High, April 28 at 7 PM and South High, May 9 at 6:30 PM.

At the time of printing, the **NEA Scholarship** and the **Nancy Whitehair Ribble Scholarship** had not been awarded. For more information about SEF scholarships as well as all application forms, visit: www.salinaeducationfoundation.com



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Deb Christie, Sunset: All elementary PE kids will learn how to bowl using the Bowler's Ed curriculum (Salina Regional Health Foundation grant).

Kim Curtis, Gifted Facilitator: Coronado, Schilling and Sunset students will experiment with solar kit robots, air & water turbine engine kits and wind power kits to learn more about renewable energy sources.

Lisa Hall, English as Second Language: K-5 students will design, model, problem-solve, and practice language skills using Bricklab Lego manipulatives (Earl Bane Foundation grant).

Outside-the-Box Grant Recipients

Lyric Cairns, South High: students will design and build a remote-controlled robot that will complete assigned tasks and compete at Wichita State in the BEST Robotics competition (Philips grant).

Nikki Chamberlain, South High: Philips Lighting will support "Lab Chicks," a program that uses

high school mentors to encourage younger girls to engage in science and math (Philips grant).

Ardis Bryan-Pritchett, CKCIE: Project Search of Salina, an internship program in collaboration with the Salina Regional Health Center, will receive cameras and printers to document task completion, proficiency, productivity, and attendance.

Susan Coykendall, Lakewood: Lakewood students will learn how to build raised beds, cultivate and grow annual vegetables as well as perennial fruit trees in the Lakewood Garden Project.

Jeff Platt, South Middle: 8th graders will immerse themselves in history through the Eisenhower Center's Five Star Leader Program, which examines President Eisenhower's response to segregation in the public schools in Little Rock, AR. (partially funded by Capitol Federal Savings).

Matt Gerry, South Middle: music students will see music training in action by attending concerts at the Stiefel Theater with "Mr. G."



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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

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