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Classroom grants to enhance student learning • Exceptional teachers to staff our classrooms

From the Director

I recently returned from the National School Foundation's annual conference in Indianapolis—the first national convention that I have attended. While there, I met directors from all across the country who share the same belief as I that strong support for public education defines our best communities. One seminar pushed us to answer the question, “Why support non-profit education foundations when I already pay taxes?” The seminar leader listened to our list and pummeled us with follow-up questions that made me stop and think about how the trustees and I talk to you, our donors. What I want to tell you is that the grants that your donations make possible is the difference between sitting in a classroom and reading about the integration crisis at Little Rock or actually going to the Eisenhower Center and examining the original documents and taking part in a mock news conference. It's the difference between reading how robotics serve our businesses and factories and actually building a robot to perform specific tasks and then visiting Philips Lighting to understand the real-world application of robots. Our teachers do a great job of teaching history and science in the classroom, but arming them with an SEF grant gives them the ability to do hands-on projects. These projects provide a learning experience that makes students more successful in school and in the end, more successful in the community. I was proud to represent the community of Salina, Kansas, and proud that I could say our donors “get it.” Thank you for your generosity and support. The trustees and I promise to be good stewards of your gifts.

Pam McIntyre, Executive Director

Meet the New LIFT Recipients

Lydia Newquist is a senior at South High. She plans to go to Wichita State University this fall and major in Secondary Math Education because



Lydia Newquist

“...the right math teacher can make any student enjoy numbers. I want kids to see just how vital math is to everyday life in any career path.” Lydia describes herself as outgoing, patient, creative and quick-thinking—all important attributes of a great teacher. She says she thrives off interaction with people, and surrounding herself with 25-30 other people in a classroom for 8 hours a day is just what she needs to thrive!

Taylor Harner is a sophomore at Kansas State University majoring in elementary education with an English focus.

Taylor describes herself as someone who is not afraid to “step outside-the-box” if it means getting a student interested in learning. She has already been a positive role model



Taylor Harner

to students she has coached in twirling and 5th grade percussion students at Heusner Elementary. Taylor concluded her essay by saying, “I cannot imagine a greater gift than standing in the shoes of my old teachers, motivating and exciting children of today like they inspired me.”

Both Lydia and Taylor credit their USD 305 teachers with inspiring them to become teachers. Great classroom teachers + great students = a bright future for USD 305. The SEF is proud to support students with promise through our LIFT program.

Welcome New Teachers

Exciting news! Two LIFT recipients have been hired to teach in USD 305 next year:

Corey Wheeler, graduate of South High and Kansas Wesleyan, will be teaching 8th grade English at Lakewood Middle School.

Molly Campbell, graduate of Central High and Emporia State University, will be teaching 3rd grade at Heusner Elementary School.

Corey and Molly join these LIFT recipient teachers: Kaysie Chrisman, mathematics, South Middle; Andrew Book,



Corey Wheeler



Molly Campbell

Central High Orchestra; Darcy Leech, English, Central High; Nora Rindt, ESL, Schilling Elementary; and Cindy Carter, South High Business Education.

2013 Breakfast

Ever wondered what happens with a Sudden Opportunity Grant? Outside-the-Box Grant? 21st Century Advantage Grant? Come to our Fall Breakfast on August 27, 7:00-8:00 AM at the Salina Country Club, and you will see "Grants in Action." We are planning to have three stations where you will be able to see students and teachers demonstrate their projects. Talk to them, ask questions, and learn what each grant is all about! Invitations will go out the first of August, but you can call now to reserve your place. Call Pam McIntyre, Executive Director, at 309-4729 or email at pam.mcintyre@usd305.com. The breakfast is our annual thank you gift to you, our donors.

Trustee News

We welcome Pam Evans to the Board of Trustees. Pam was an elementary education teacher for 23 years, the first two in Vermont. During her 21 years at USD 305, Pam taught grade levels 1-5. Her final year, she taught ESL for grades K-2. Pam is married to Tom who is employed by Great Plains Manufacturing Company. They have two grown sons, both married and living in Kansas City, and three grandchildren. After retirement, Pam waited for the right opportunity to become involved with an organization, and the invitation to join the SEF Board of Trustees was exactly what she was looking for!

One of the SEF's very own will be the new executive director of Salina Area United Way. Amanda Michaelis has served on the SEF's Board of Trustees since 2008 in a number of leadership roles, including Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Activities and Public Relations Committee. She has been a driving force behind our Spring Business Partners, the LIFT committee, and 305 LIVE! We know that Amanda will bring the energy, creativity, and enthusiasm to the United Way that we have been blessed with at the SEF.



SEF Awards Grants

The Salina Education Foundation will award \$26,327 in grants for the 2013-14 school year. In addition to allocating \$3,000 toward Sudden Opportunity Grants that teachers can apply for throughout the year, we will award \$3,030 in Outside-the-Box Grants, and \$20,297 for 21st Century Advantage Grants. Take a look at the great projects made possible by YOUR support!

Outside-the-Box Grant Recipients:

Jane Maresch, Central High – Jane has started a Central High Book Club with "seed money" from an SEF Sudden Opportunity Grant. The club was very successful and will expand to meet once a month. Students will read the same books and then have lively discussions in a safe, nonjudgmental environment.

Ardis Bryan Newhouse, CKCIE –

Project SEARCH interns will participate in Smoky Hill Education Service Center's low ropes course, designed to build communication, problem solving, team-building, and individual initiative. The course is accessible for individuals with disabilities, allowing all students the ability to participate. *Funds provided by Salina Regional Health Foundation*

Amy Frost, Heusner – Amy has organized a successful after school "Science

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Teacher Scholarships

The SEF is honored to administer scholarships for current teachers. The NEA-Salina Educator Scholarship provides two \$500 scholarships annually for an elementary teacher and a secondary teacher, for the advancement of an education-related degree. The secondary teacher recipient is Jessica Grant, Lake-wood Language Arts. The elementary teacher recipient is Tiffany Wooten, ALC Special Education, Stewart Elementary.

The **Nancy Whitehair Ribble Scholarship** honors the career of Nancy Ribble, an educator who devoted her life to teaching and learning. The \$250 award honors a current teacher at Lake-wood Middle School who wishes to further his/her education. Jessica Grant, English/Language Arts teacher, is this year's recipient.



Salina Education Foundation Scholarship Recipients 2013-2014

Congratulations to the students receiving Salina Education Foundation Scholarships. We wish them well!

James L. Maupin Memorial Scholarship
McKenzie Haynes

Judy Wright Memorial Scholarship
Michael Linton

Owen E. Hodgson Memorial Scholarship
Kalene Paul (South High)
Joshua Gage (Central)

Justin Cosco Memorial Scholarship
Anthony Hanchett

Stephen Cosco Memorial Scholarship
Anna McHenry

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Geeks” club for 4th graders at Heusner Elementary by initially using funds from an SEF Sudden Opportunity Grant. Next year, an Outside-the-Box grant will help the club meet the first Thursday of every month and do “wild, messy, exciting experiments” that would be hard to do in the regular classroom.

Matthew Gerry, South Middle – Partnering again with The Stiefel Theatre, students will have the opportunity to attend “Concert Night with Mr. G.” The goal of the project is to expose students to different musical styles, have them research these styles and performers, and attend a live music performance. We thank Jane Gates and The Stiefel Theatre for providing reduced-rate tickets for Matt’s project.

Lyric Cairns, South High – Philips Lighting continues to support this grant for the SHS Robotics Club to participate in the BEST Robotics program and competition. All schools receive the same robotics kit that students use to create a robot designed to perform specific tasks in the competition held in November. Students have a brief window (about 6 weeks) in order to construct the robot. They also must put together a marketing plan and multimedia presentation.

21st Century Advantage Grant Recipients:

Chad Nulik, Central High – Central High theatre will receive funding for LED lighting that will allow students to do more with coloring and effects on back drops. Not only will students learn more about newer technology in stage lighting, LED lighting is more energy efficient.

Stephanie Martin, Coronado – Coronado science students will have hands-on kits to make Magnetism and Electricity interesting and relevant. Hands-on learning (especially in science) encourages students to think, problem solve, and develop their own experiments to test.

Jennifer Packett, Coronado – Students will receive classroom copies of *National Geographic* magazine to supplement their science program. The magazine provides high-interest non-fiction reading and helps to build vocabulary. Students will explore and discover real-world science through the wonderful pictures and documentary series that *National Geographic* is known for.

Jamie Hoff, Cottonwood – Second grade readers will receive materials to form small group literacy centers. Children will rotate through centers that focus on specific tasks that develop phonics, comprehension, and writing skills. The centers will allow the teachers to create individualized plans for each student.

Patti Flenthrope, Cottonwood – Special education preschool children and their parents will participate in monthly activities that improve speech and language development and fine/gross motor skills. The importance of spending quality family time will be encouraged by playing board games and learning about healthy nutrition and lifestyles. *Funds provided by Salina Regional Health Foundation*

Kim Curtis, Gifted: Coronado, Sunset and Schilling – Gifted students will use the Rubic’s Cube to solve problems in Number and Operations, Algebra, Geometry, Measurement, and Problem Solving. As part of a team challenge, they may even figure out how to combine the mosaics to create pictures like SpongeBob or an octopus!

Jennifer Ebel, Heusner – The SEF will help replace OSCAR, the beloved Heusner mascot. OSCAR stands for Our School Cares About Reading. For over 12 years, Oscar has presented awards, celebrated with students who meet reading goals, and has been a symbol of positive behavior. Oscar cheers on students to read, show good character, and develop positive habits.

Heidi Paquin, Oakdale – Heidi is a literacy coach who travels from classroom to classroom and models lessons for teachers on a weekly basis. She will receive a document camera and a cart that will allow her to easily project literature quickly onto a surface that everyone can see. This technology will allow groups of students and teachers to interact with data and resources quickly.

Kyle Stroda, Schilling – Kyle, a physical education teacher, will receive Bal-A-Vis-X, a program that will be used in small groups, classroom settings, and with individual students. Bal-A-Vis-X is a series of Balance/Auditory/Vision eXercises of varied complexity, most of which are deeply rooted in rhythm. These exercises require full-body coordination and focused attention.

Nancy Bauer, Schilling – Students will be able to check out recorders for at home practice. Nancy uses a program called

“Recorder Karate.” Each student progresses at his/her own level and can achieve the ultimate “black belt” level. Allowing students the ability to practice at home should increase the proficiency of students and increase the number of black belts!

Amber Fiske, South High – Special Education students will be able to achieve more independence with a “visually structured kitchen.” Kitchens will be stocked with uniform supplies that will teach basic cooking skills to help students live independently or with support after high school.

Cathy Yarochovicz, South High – Physical education students will become certified in CPR and first aid by using “Basic Buddy” dummies. The dummies provide actual hands-on practice performing CPR that is critical should they encounter an emergency. Heart monitors for students to use during aerobic activity will complete this “Healthy Heart” project. *Funds provided by Salina Regional Health Foundation*

Trey Crow, South High – Anatomy and AP Biology students will be able to collect and record real-world data in the field using LabQuest 2. The information that students collect in the field can be transferred to a computer for analysis and for incorporating into students’ Field Notebooks.

Nikki Chamberlain, South High – AP Chemistry students at South High will use technology to perform 16 new chemistry lab experiments that are required new curriculum. Students collect data and then analyze it in the classroom, using software that more closely mimics how data is collected in the real world. We thank Philips Lighting for partnering with us in supporting this important science grant.

Lisa Hall, ESL, Stewart and Meadowlark – Second language learners will practice language skills by playing beneficial games. These games will increase thinking skills in authentic situations by encouraging students to formulate questions, answer real world questions, and communicate effectively in a comfortable setting.

Jenny Maring, Stewart – Second graders will read high-interest books at their individual reading level. Students will select books weekly and place them in their personal reading tubs for daily reading time. The six leveled reader sets will address the vast difference in reading abilities in a classroom and make each student a successful reader.

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

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Amber Fiske, Jennifer Packett and Jamie Hoff, 2013-14 grant recipients



Central High teacher Jane Maresch and Trustee Pam Evans discuss their teaching days at Sunset Elementary

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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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