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

From the Chair

What a year it has been for public schools in the State of Kansas. The Kansas Supreme Court found that many public schools were underfunded, and other funding issues were remanded for further findings by the District Court in Shawnee County. Our State Legislature has taken an adversarial approach to many public education issues including curriculum, funding, teachers' rights, and more.



But our community has stood firmly behind our schools. As we all know, the bond issue passed by an overwhelming margin, thanks to the voters in our community who understand how important our schools are. And the Salina Education Foundation's endowment for the LIFT program reached the one million dollar mark this spring. The Education Foundation continues to facilitate public/private partnerships in programs like our robotics teams with Philips Lighting, Healthy Lifestyles programs with Salina Regional Health Foundation, and 305 LIVE! with wide-spread community support.

There is no doubt that, despite prevailing in the school funding lawsuit, and despite whatever meager school funding changes occur in Topeka, the Salina Education Foundation will need to continue its good work in providing funding for innovative and effective programs benefiting our students. This month, during graduation, you need to know that every student receiving his or her diploma was touched many times by SEF grants and programs. Thank you all for your support, whether in the form of dollars or donated time. We make a real difference every day.

Gary Denning
Chair, Salina Education Foundation

Meet the 2014-15 LIFT Recipients

Lindsay Eitel graduated from South High and is currently a sophomore at Ft. Hays State University, majoring in Elementary Education. Lindsay describes herself as a creative problem-solver who works at building relationships with her students. From a student losing her tooth in the middle of her math lesson, noticing a student's sudden drop in test scores, or sudden negative behavior, Lindsay seeks to understand the student and work towards a positive outcome. She has worked with special education students at South High and with elementary students at Roosevelt Elementary School's after school program.



Lindsay Eitel

She says, "I truly believe I can make a difference in the education and lives of my students. As cliché as this may seem, I honestly believe that a person entering the teaching profession should feel this

wholeheartedly."

Amanda Merrick is a graduate of South High and is currently a sophomore at Kansas State University, majoring in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Special Education. She says, "Special Education has always had a soft spot in my heart. I grew up with a mother and a sister with intellectual disabilities. These two very important people in my life have made me who I am. They have taught me the virtue of kindness and patience."



Amanda Merrick

Amanda describes herself as tenacious. Once she starts something, she follows it to the end, without taking the easy way out. She is also inclusive and perceptive. She observes those students who may be left out of a conversation or activity and tries her best to draw them back in.

Proud of Our LIFT Recipients

Samantha McGary has been hired to teach 8th grade mathematics at South Middle School for 2014-15. Sam, a University of Kansas graduate, will join our first LIFT recipient, Kaysie Rowson Chrisman, who is also teaching math at South Middle.



Samantha McGary

Nora Rindt, ESL teacher at Schilling Elementary, was awarded the Kansas

Department of Education 2014 Horizon Award, which recognizes exemplary first-year teachers who perform in a way that distinguishes them as outstanding. This



Nora Rindt

summer, Nora will work as a camp counselor for Camp Salina (kids from K-5) through the Parks and Rec.

Congratulations Sam and Nora!

SEF Briefs

- Mark your calendars for our Fall Breakfast: August 26, 2014; 7:00 AM at the Salina Country Club. Have breakfast, talk with friends, and learn about some of the great things the SEF is doing.
- People are sometimes surprised to learn that the SEF is open in the summer—but we are! The office is located at 1511 Gypsum in the District Office Building. Telephone: 309-4729; Email: pam.mcintyre@usd305.com
- The Board of Trustees voted to increase the amount of money we award in Sudden Opportunity Grants. These grants are quick turn-around grants (\$200) that can help a teacher make a project happen quickly or address a pressing need.



Mary Shaffer, Vice-Chair, with the grants presentation check.

Some great projects (Heusner Science Geeks) started with a creative idea and a small grant.

- The Board of Trustees is made up of 14 community members and 2 board of education members. Mary Shaffer will take over as Chair of the Board next year. Thanks to Gary Denning for his strong leadership and passion for 305 LIVE! The SEF awarded several grants to the creative arts teachers who participated in 305 LIVE! Example: Kate Lindsay's rep theatre students presented "Weight of Words," a powerful play about the impact our words can have.



South High theatre students present "Weight of Words" to Lakewood students.

Salina Education Foundation 2014-2015 Grants

The SEF is proud to announce the grants for next school year. Our focus is on creative and innovative project-based grants. Why project-based? Students are active, not passive; a project engages their hearts and minds, and it provides real-world relevance for learning. Students not only understand content more deeply but also learn how to take responsibility, solve problems, work collaboratively, communicate ideas, and be creative innovators.

Outside-the-Box Grants

reward creativity aimed at expanding students' understanding of their community and the world.

Recipients:

Terri Rassette, Cottonwood

Terri has utilized the Sudden Opportunity Grant this past year to bring Lakewood

Discovery Center to her science classrooms. During the 2014-15 school year, Terri will again be able to provide students hands-on activities to learn about the variety of wildlife that we find in Kansas.

Brandon Cheeks, Lakewood

All 270 Lakewood 7th graders will take a field trip to Topeka where they will visit the Brown vs. Board of Education National

SEF 2014 Scholarship Recipients

Student Scholarships

James and Helen Maupin Memorial Scholarship

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Middle

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Historic Site, the Kansas Capitol Building, and the Ritchie House Underground Railroad site. Being able to visit the sites that students study in the classroom will truly bring history to life!

Michele Palmgren, South High

At-risk students will travel to the Navajo Nation in New Mexico October 17-20 where they will spend the weekend doing community service (cutting firewood, painting, cleaning up the facilities, and cooking for a community gathering), learning about Navajo culture and traditions, completing many lessons in self-discovery, and hiking Angel Pike. In the six years that 100 students have gone on this trip, 96 students have graduated with a high school degree.

21st Century Advantage Grants support creative and innovative classroom projects.

Recipients:

Jane Maresch, Central High

Jane continues her very successful Book Club. The club is open to all Central High students and meets once a month to read a book that Jane has previewed and selected. Students have lively discussions in a safe, nonjudgmental environment.

Gary Goodwin, Central High

Gary will utilize a high-speed digital camera that is capable of capturing motion at 120 frames per second. Physics students will be able to analyze motion and plot points during motion which can then be used to calculate velocity, acceleration, and forces acting on the object in motion.



Heusner Science Geeks.

Tammy Moon, Coronado

Coronado 3rd graders will read William Allen White's book *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs*, learn about Salina and some of our important people, places, and events, and then choose "The Seven Wonders of Salina." Students will visit each wonder, tour the facility, meet staff, and create a public service announcement explaining why each location was selected.

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. *Partnership with Salina Regional Health Foundation.*

Teri Aldrich, Heartland Programs

Teri will receive hands-on math materials that will help preschool children learn math concepts to increase school readiness. Concepts include: counting and number sequence, separating and subtracting, combining and adding, measuring, and understanding patterns and spatial relationships.

Amy Frost, Heusner

Amy has organized a successful after school "Science Geeks" club for 4th graders at Heusner. With support from the Salina Education Foundation, this is the third year that the club has met the first Thursday of every month to do wild, messy, and exciting experiments that would be hard to do in the regular classroom. Many times, students take something with them to teach the concepts to their families.

Trina Dibbini, Lakewood

7th grade Advanced Reading students will plan two community healthy lifestyles fairs (Fall and Spring). Students will prepare and promote the healthy behaviors that they have



Teacher Jane Maresch leads Book Club discussion.

researched through non-fiction reading and then bring families and community members together to present their topics. *Partnership with Salina Regional Health Foundation.*

Deb Robertson, Opportunity Now

Students with emotional difficulties who may have difficulty expressing themselves will be able to participate in a photography project that encourages them to learn concepts such as composition, light, shadow, color, background, and focus. An important goal of the project is to encourage students to find beauty in the world and their lives.

Matt Moshier, South High

SHS Robotics Club will again participate in the BEST Robotics program and competition. BEST is sponsored by Wichita State University and is underwritten by large corporate sponsors such as Boeing, Spirit Aerosystems, and Cessna. The SEF grant will enable students to attend the competition in November, to build a game floor similar to the one they use in competitions, and to market their robot prototype to an audience made up of Wichita State engineering professors and their fellow competitors. *Partnership with Philips Lighting.*

Barbara Livengood, South Middle

Gifted 7th and 8th graders will participate in a High-Altitude Balloon Launch in conjunction with a grant from NASA and Ft. Hays State University. Students will design experiments to be conducted at high altitude and then make hypotheses about what they think will happen. They then will launch the weather balloon from Ft. Hays along with the student payloads and track the balloons and retrieve and analyze the data.

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

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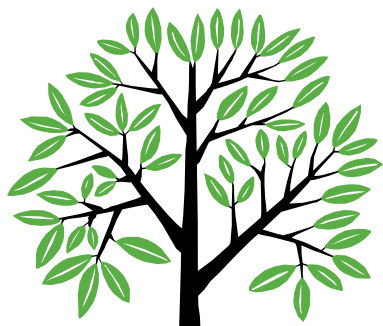
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21st Century Advantage Grant: awarded annually for creative and innovative classroom projects

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

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