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Spring 2015

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

## From the Director

Spring is an exciting time for the Salina Education Foundation.

We name our new LIFT (Loan Initiative for Future Teachers) recipients and learn about LIFT recipients that are hired as teachers

in USD 305. With your support, we have reached our goal of a one million dollar endowment to secure the LIFT program for years to come. *Thank you for understanding the importance of "growing our own" teachers.*

We select grant recipients for 2015-16. Every creative and innovative project that we fund is because you donate to the Salina Education Foundation. We are also able to fund early childhood and healthy lifestyle requests because of the generosity of the Salina Regional Health Foundation. *Thank you for supporting collaborative, project-based learning in our schools.*

We learn the names of high school scholarship winners, who are honored at awards ceremonies at Central and South High Schools. This year, TREA (The Retired Enlisted Association), established a scholarship to honor a graduating senior from both high schools. *Thank you for recognizing the achievements of our students.*

We ask you, our donors, to support the SEF in the spring. Individual donors, foundations, and 114 businesses respond to our call for support. *Thank you for understanding that education is important to our community.*

It is my honor to serve as executive director of the SEF. Your belief in our work is important to me. The trustees and I promise to work hard to live up to your confidence in the Salina Education Foundation.

Pam McIntyre, Executive Director



## 2015 LIFT Recipients



From left: Tanji Lewis, Michelle Franco, Ayla Beough

In 2006, the SEF selected its first LIFT (Loan Initiative for Future Teachers) recipient: Kaysie Rowson, who is currently teaching math at South Middle School. Today, we are proud to introduce three new LIFT recipients: Ayla Beough, Tanji Lewis, and Michelle Franco.

**Ayla Beough** is a graduate of Ell-Saline High School and is a junior at Wichita State, studying elementary education. She currently works at the WSU Child Development Center as a teacher assistant and also at Gordon Parks Academy as a literacy interventionist. Those jobs require her to work with children as young as infants and as old as eighth graders.

**Tanji Lewis** is a senior at Central High School. She plans to attend K-State Uni-

versity where she will major in chemistry. Tanji has worked with special needs students as well as elementary students. She discovered that her true love is chemistry. She has interned at South High, even teaching chemistry when the class had a substitute teacher. She also tutors three days a week at Central High in a chemistry class.

**Michelle Franco** is a senior at South High School. She plans to attend Manhattan Christian College and K-State and major in Elementary Education. Michelle has been a "Big Sis" through Big Brothers and Big Sisters, a Little Tykes coach at the YMCA and a fifth grade soccer team coach. She has also interned at Heartland and Stewart Elementary.

## New Teachers

We are thrilled to announce that two LIFT recipients will be teaching in USD 305 next year:

**Lauren Meis**, graduating from K-State, will be a first grade teacher at Schilling Elementary. Lauren has been nominated by the College of Education for two awards: Outstanding Future Teacher Award and Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award.



Lauren Meis

**Taylor Harner**, graduating from K-State, will teach 8<sup>th</sup> grade English at South Middle School. Taylor student taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade math at Marlatt Elementary in Manhattan, KS. Taylor is excited to teach at South Middle, and says, "It is my dream job."



Taylor Harner

Welcome back to Salina, Teachers Lauren and Taylor!

## Memorials

Giving a gift to the SEF in honor of a loved one or colleague is so appreciated. We will be happy to send a card to the family, telling them of your memorial gift. Most recently, these people have been honored:

Harry Anderson	Jim Hughes	Donna Sherwood
Doris Ann Brinegar	David Jett	Renee Toews
Harold Cooley	Robert Morrison	Sonja Willey
Joan Corwin	Jacqueline Nelson	Doris Wyatt
Dennis Denning	Mabel Ostrom	Brian Yockers
Ann Fowler	Jocelyn Palmer	Class of 1948
Charles Frydendall	Dylan Perney	Parents of Connie Reedy,
Carola Gaither	Jeanne Pohlman	Dianna Ogborn, Susy
Joyce Goates	Nancy Ribble	Reitz, Patti Robben, and
Lucille Hawkinson	Helen Scott	Jennifer Perry

## SEF Names Grant Recipients for 2015

**The Salina Education Foundation's three grant programs will fund \$24,100 in creative projects for the 2015-16 school year. Congratulations, grant recipients!**

### 21st Century Advantage Grant

*Awarded for creative and innovative projects*

**Jeff Hayes, Central Kansas Cooperative in Education** – Families of Early Childhood Special Education children will be encouraged to spend quality time together by engaging in activities that are developmentally appropriate for preschool children with disabilities. Three scheduled events are planned. *Funds in support of this grant are provided by the Salina Regional Health Foundation (SRHF).*

**April Counts, Cottonwood Elementary** – K-5 students will tour the human body via

"Body Venture." Students will learn how the human digestive system works and be shown how nutrition and physical activity are important to their health. The goal of this interactive unit is to encourage healthy behavior. *Funds provided by SRHF.*

**Patti Flethrope, Cottonwood Elementary** – Continue support for an extraordinary program that provides special education pre-school parents with parent involvement meetings that teach independence in self-care, fine motor and pre-writing skills, the importance of incorporating language in everyday activities, the positive effects of limiting screen time and playing

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## 2015 SEF Scholarship Recipients

### Student Scholarships

*James and Helen Maupin Memorial Scholarship*

Melissa Mahoney (South High)

*Judy Wright Memorial Scholarship*

Collin Salmans (South High)

*Owen E. Hodgson Memorial Scholarship*

Marisol Garcia (South High)

Eli Berner (Central)

*Justin Cosco Memorial Scholarship*

Grant Demars (Central High)

*Stephen Cosco Memorial Scholarship*

Heather Alden (Central High)

*Class of 1940 Scholarship*

Connor Martens (Central High)

*Class of 1933 Scholarship*

Morgan Hauserman (Central High)

*David H. Jett Memorial Scholarship*

Alycia Buchanan (Central High)

*Destry Allen Memorial Scholarship*

Brenden Carr (Central High)

*Mustang Scholarship*

Destiny Allen (Central High)

*JoLyn Bartz Memorial Scholarship*

Zachary Hilbig (Central High)

*TREA Scholarship—New in 2015*

Rashun Allen (Central High)

Carly Sackrider (South High)

### Teacher Scholarships

*Nancy Whitehair Ribble Memorial Scholarship*

Brandon Cheeks (Lakewood Middle School)

*NEA-Salina Educator's Scholarship*

Jennifer Martinez (Stewart Elementary)

Congratulations to all scholarship recipients! For more information on establishing a scholarship, go to [www.salinaeducationfoundation.com](http://www.salinaeducationfoundation.com) and then call Pam McIntyre, Executive Director at 785-309-4729.

games together, helmet safety, ball skills, and motor movement. Home visits are an important part of the program. *Funds provided by SRHF.*

**Carolyn Goodwin, Meadowlark Ridge** – K-3 special education students will receive learning station cards that will allow teachers to develop supplemental lessons that meet the students' differentiated instructional needs. The learning stations can be used in small groups with teacher-led activities.

**Trina Dibbini and Deena Hilbig, Meadowlark Ridge** – Interactive sensory panels will allow students to experience tactile, visual, and sound sensations. Students with visual impairment will appreciate the Fiber Optic panel, students who respond to sound will respond to the Sound and Music panel, and students who respond to touch will experience different textures. Sensory rooms are particularly useful for children with sight and hearing problems and for children with attention deficit disorders. *Funds provided by SRHF.*

**Deb Robertson, Opportunity Now** – Successful photography project initiated last year with an SEF grant will now include the ability to mat and frame student work. The project, titled "Self-Expression," will allow students to discover ways to release tension, anger, loneliness, and rejection in a positive, artistic way. After visiting a photography studio, students will create their own art gallery. The gallery will be set up for parent-teacher conferences, and the public will be encouraged to attend.

**Kevin Poland, South High School** – Fifty (50) history students will visit the WWI and Nelson Atkins Museums in Kansas City. Both museums offer memorable views into the historical periods that students have studied. Students will collect images as world travelers by using Instagram. When they return to Salina, the images will be added to a cumulative project that will be developed through ScribbleMaps, an online tool that allows student to create a walking tour of all continents that they have discovered.

**Jennifer Martinez, Stewart Elementary** – All Stewart Elementary students will learn rhythm, echoing, and call and response by using drums. As students move from kin-

dergarten to fifth grade, their musical abilities will increase. In fifth grade, students will learn about the culture and history of West Africa. They then move through history to the African slave trade and the rich music that was created by slaves. Jazz, blues, and gospel music as well as the music of America's Civil Rights Movement will be examined. Rock and roll, rap, hip hop, and other modern genres that have been influenced by African music end the project, which culminates in a performance for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Night.

**Lisa Hall, Stewart/ Meadowlark ESL** – Second language learners will learn how to read a recipe, follow technical directions, and develop kitchen vocabulary. Students will participate in three cooking projects, write recipes for their own cookbook, become familiar with the food pyramid, and choose healthy recipes. They will grocery shop, tour local restaurants, and collaborate with South High FACS in preparing a recipe.

**Annette Hays, Salina West Alternative School** – Architectural and engineering principles will be taught as students build their own models of gothic buildings. Some concepts that students will learn include: What do flying buttresses do on a Gothic cathedral? How do we measure the curvature needed in individual bricks when constructing a turret? What is the purpose of a keystone in an arch? Students will learn the importance of teamwork, attention to detail, patience, and perseverance—especially when bricks fall out of place or buckle inward!

**Shannon Jones, Sunset Elementary** – Pre-Kindergarten students will learn social, literacy, and math skills by experiencing a program called "Kindermusik." Kindermusik incorporates a mix of singing, instrumental play, dancing, movement, and story time. These activities are designed to develop and strengthen students' physical and neural functions. The program is particularly effective with nonverbal and autistic children who and communicate and learn best through music. *Funds provided by SRHF.*

**Cindy Chavez, Sunset Elementary** – Second grade students will select an animal to research. They will create an original book, writing and illustrating it. Students will learn about the animal's physical char-

acteristics, habitat, food chain, diet, life cycle, and other interesting facts. Graphic organizers will help them compose a rough draft, and final drafts will be used to create digital texts as well as the hard copy in collaboration with Salina Arts and Humanities' Arts Infusion Program. The published book will be presented to parents, and a trip to Rolling Hills Zoo is planned.

## Outside-the-Box Grant

*Awarded for projects that take students outside the typical classroom setting*

**Jane Maresch, Central High School** – The Central High Book Club will continue to meet once a month to discuss books that students read. Members are responsible for reading the selected book each month, coming to the meeting with a question about the book, and being ready to share their favorite or least favorite thing about the book. Mrs. Maresch previews and selects all books, models appropriate group behavior, and helps members connect ideas to their personal experiences.

**Temmy Moon, Coronado Elementary** – Third grade students will read the William Allen White award-winning book *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs*, then learn about our community and some important Salina people, places, and events. After a short bus tour, listening to community speakers, and gathering information about Salina, students will select the Seven Wonders of Salina. South High multimedia students will travel with the third graders as they visit each "Wonder" where they will tour the facility and meet staff. Working with the high school students, the third graders will then create a public service announcement.

**Gina Turner, Meadowlark Elementary** – Students will travel to Emporia to meet the authors who win the William Allen White book award, Kansas's annual state book award. Students tour the William Allen White house, and they drive by the *Emporia Gazette*, which White owned. The students also visit Peter Pan Park, the land he donated to the city of Emporia, and see the memorial statues there. By meeting winning authors, listening to them speak and visiting sites in Emporia, children make a connection to the books they are reading, and they are excited to talk to teachers about what they have seen and learned.



## 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 Salina Education 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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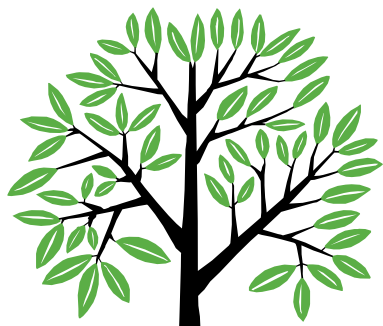
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### SEF Grants and Programs

**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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