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

## Thank You and Farewell

The trustees of the SEF are vital to our mission. They form policy, determine grant awards, identify LIFT recipients, and oversee all financial decisions. While the SEF is a great partner with USD 305, all decisions are made by our independent board of trustees. This board is made up of community members who value public education. We thank these three trustees who will be leaving the board after serving 6 years:



Rex Matlack

**Rex Matlack** has served on the finance and investment and LIFT allocations committee.



Byron Norris

**Byron Norris** has served on the allocations committee, activities and public relations committee, executive committee, and has served as secretary of the board of trustees.



Mary Shaffer

**Mary Shaffer** has served on the activities and public relations committee, LIFT allocations committee, executive committee, and has served as chair of the board of trustees.

## 2017 LIFT Recipients



From Left: Makenzi Carlgren, Riley Rundell, Morgan Soldan

We are thrilled to introduce three new LIFT recipients. Makenzi Carlgren, Riley Rundell, and Morgan Soldan were introduced to the Board of Education April 11, at a reception in their honor, where they spoke about their reasons for wanting to become teachers. In every instance, an encouraging and inspiring teacher was important in the young women's decisions to become teachers. Congratulations Makenzi, Riley, and Morgan!

**Makenzi Carlgren** is a freshman at Kansas State University, majoring in Elementary Education. She is a 2016 Central High graduate (first in her class). One of her recommenders says about Makenzie: "Those who know Makenzie know she is fair and ethical. Her parents have taught her well to respect others; to have her own ideas, but to listen to others without judgment; to make her own decisions, and make the right choices...all while remaining grounded, in touch with reality, and incredibly, amazingly moral."

**Riley Rundell** is a senior at Central High School. She is a Sunday school

teacher and has volunteered for CAPS (Child Abuse Prevention Services) since she was a little girl. She currently serves as a high school mentor for the healthy lifestyles workshops sponsored by the Salina Education Foundation and Salina Regional Health Foundation. Her recommender reports that Riley is a superb listener and communicator. Her caring attitude is evidenced in every interaction, no matter how small. Riley is the reason many of the children want to come to church—she loves to help out.

**Morgan Soldan** is a junior at Ft. Hays State, majoring in Elementary Education. She currently is working as an Instructional Assistant at Sunset Elementary. Morgan graduated from South High in 2013 and was with the first group who performed at 305 LIVE! From Morgan's recommendation: "Morgan demonstrates exceptional interpersonal skills. She is successful in building and maintaining positive rapport with students. Morgan demonstrates caring and respect for students. She is positive and growth-oriented and seeks out opportunities to work with students."

### Mark Your Calendars!

## Fall Breakfast

September 12, 2017  
Salina Country Club  
7:00 AM  
Highlighting Field Trip Grants

# Announcing New Teachers

We are proud to introduce two LIFT (Loan Initiative for Future Teachers) recipients who will begin their teaching careers in the 2017-18 school year.

**Ayla Beaugh** is a graduate of Ell-Saline High School and Wichita State University. She will be teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Meadowlark Ridge Elementary.



Ayla Beaugh



Dallas Froome

**Dallas Froome** is a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and Kansas State University. She will begin her teaching career at Sunset Elementary as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

The LIFT program identifies outstanding Saline County residents and students who want to become teachers and return to USD 305 to teach. If selected, recipients will receive up to \$5,000 for every year they are a full-time student working toward their initial teaching degree. Ayla and Dallas will join LIFT teachers Kaysie Chrisman (South Middle), Corey Ritter (Cottonwood), Nora Rindt (Schilling), Samantha McCary (South Middle), Lauren Meis (Schilling), Taylor Harner (South Middle), Jessica Steele (Cottonwood), Amanda Merrick (Stewart), and Lindsay Radiel (Meadowlark Ridge).

For more information about LIFT, please visit [www.salinaeducationfoundation.com](http://www.salinaeducationfoundation.com) where you will find the application and important information. The LIFT program is possible because of generous community support. We are **Growing Our Own Teachers**—thank you!

## 2017 Grant Awards

Great projects will be happening in our classrooms next year because of SEF's grant programs. Recipients were honored at a reception on April 11 at the board of education meeting. With your support, the SEF has awarded over \$600,000 in creative and innovative projects—thank you!

### 21st Century Advantage Grants:

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**Billy Jo Bonar, Central High** – Earth and space science students will construct 3-D models of a spectroscope that astronomers use to determine the chemical composition of stars, and they will construct topographic maps of the Earth's surface drawn to scale. 3-D models help students visualize features represented by contour lines on topographical maps.

**Steve Ewing, Central High** – Science students will use the large hallway aquarium and classroom aquariums to study the life cycle of the fancy guppy. Students will monitor temperature, pH and nitrate levels daily. This knowledge will be expanded on a field trip to Cheyenne Bottoms.

**Kim Curtis, Gifted Facilitator, Coronado, Stewart, Sunset, Heusner, Schilling and Oakdale** – Students will learn the foundations of design by defining a

simple design problem reflecting a real-world want or need, generate and compare possible solutions, define the criteria and constraints of the design problem, evaluate the competing solutions, apply existing knowledge to new ideas, and finally, create original works.

**Nicholas Pahls, Coronado** – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in a free after-school program dedicated to providing additional opportunities for social interaction and reinforcing grade-level standards through board games. Focus will be on communication, teamwork, problem-solving, math fact fluency, and reading comprehension skills.

**Dalene Johnson, Cottonwood** – Music students will learn how to tune ukuleles, which must be tuned every time the instrument is played. Each grade level will learn different skills, which increase with grade level. The students, with instruments perfectly tuned, will perform in class and in other venues.

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## 2017 Scholarship Recipients

The Salina Education Foundation announces its 2017 Scholarship Recipients. Students were recognized at Central's and South High's award ceremonies on April 26 and May 1. Congratulations to all!

*James and Helen Maupin Memorial Scholarship*  
Cameron Munk

*Judy Wright Memorial Scholarship*  
Tyler Ross

*Loan T. Nguyen Memorial Scholarship*  
Caitlynn Waller

*Owen E. Hodgson Memorial Scholarship*  
Kasey Renshaw  
Tiffany Bair

*Justin Cosco Memorial Scholarship*  
David French Jr.

*Stephen Cosco Memorial Scholarship*  
Laurel Thompson

*Class of 1940 Scholarship*  
David French Jr.

*Class of 1933 Scholarship*  
Kennedy Lancaster

*David H. Jett Memorial Scholarship*  
Tiffany Bair

*JoLyn Bartz Memorial Scholarship*  
Angela Kim

*David Antrim "Every Play Matters" Scholarship*  
Isaiah Veal

### Teacher Scholarships

*Nancy Whitehair Ribble Memorial Scholarship*  
Brandon Cheeks

*NEA Salina Educator Scholarship*  
Lauren Meis  
Kate Lindsay

**Lisa Hall, Meadowlark Ridge** – English as Second Language Students (seven different nationalities), will work with hands-on materials that will teach prepositional directions. *Before, after, next to, below, above,* etc. are words that teachers use daily and can cause confusion. Having tactile objects that students can touch and manipulate make the directions meaningful.

**Kay Barriger, Oakdale** – Students going to the school library will have the opportunity to engage in a “Makerspace.” This is a designated location that encourages students to explore and learn about various topics. Many of the activities are based on STEM activities that encourage hands-on activities to enhance the books that the students are reading. Creative art projects will be included, such as origami and repurposing old materials in a new and creative way.

**Shelly Parks, Oakdale** – Kindergarten students will use items in a sensory table to encourage exploration and understanding of math concepts, to improve fine motor skills, and enhance academic/literacy skills. Sensory tables allow young students to discover the scientific properties of matter, like the difference between water and sand, or making a mixture of cornstarch and water to make a solid.

**Elise Potocnik, Salina West Alternative** – Students will learn basic life skills necessary for independent living. Personal hygiene, stain removal, and laundry skills will be taught using their new washer and dryer. Instilling confidence and a sense of pride in personal appearance is the goal.

**Mary Harmon, Schilling** – Students will read short, high-interest books that deal with social skills and common misbehaviors. One such book, “My Mouth is a Volcano,” deals with a child blurting out inappropriate comments. Short lessons would be used to discuss behaviors specific to the library. The books will be available to staff for checkout.



South High Teachers Agnes Zadina, Brittany Kisner, and Elizabeth Burke

**Kanean Wendell, South High** – Biology students will use microscopes and slides of plant anatomy to learn about basic plant structure. The slides contain different parts including roots, stems, leaves, and flowers. This activity is a valuable tool to help students improve observation and problem-solving skills.

**Elizabeth Burke, South High** – Junior and senior social studies students will work collaboratively to solve a complex set of problems. Breakout Edu kits are similar to the popular breakout rooms but will incorporate pre-made puzzles on decoding World War 2 code, deciphering the stock market, and exploring political races with a ballot box activity.

**Janet Sauber, South Middle** – Students will visit the library to imagine, brainstorm, plan, collaborate, and create in a Makerspace. The library space is dedicated to tinkering and creation while challenging students and staff to view hands-on activities as a valuable and essential part of learning. The “Makey Makey” starter kits were purchased with proceeds from the school’s Scholastic Book Fair; the SEF will supply the remaining items.

**Pam Burgoon, Stewart** – Kindergarten students will love “Imagination Stations,” which encourage exploration through creative play. Some of the themes include: All About Me, Earth and Environment, Community and Careers, Food and Nutrition, Seasons and Weather, and Families. Students will also love working with some new puzzles.

### Outside-the-Box Grants:

*awarded annually for projects that take students outside the classroom setting*

**Chad Nulik, Central High** – Students will use four (4) new sewing machines and a new serger machine to construct costumes for Central High’s fall show, Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. Thirty costumes are needed for the production, and students will research, design, and build each one.

**Gina Turner, Meadowlark Ridge** – The SEF continues to support this remarkable project that allows students to participate in the William Allen White book award celebration in Emporia, Kansas. Students who read at least 6 or more William Allen White books are eligible to be in the Book Club and attend the ceremony. Students

meet the winning authors, visit Peter Pan Park where White’s statue stands and the house where White and his family lived.

**Amber Bohm, Meadowlark Ridge** – Students in the TLC program will participate in a service-learning project, “Spreading Kindness through Character Education.” The purpose of the program is to help students understand the power of kindness, to show them they are capable of making a difference, and to inspire kindness in others. Examples of kind acts include: taking chocolates and a kind message to people in the school, placing inspiring notes in library books for people to find, and celebrating the custodian’s birthday.

**Jeff Hayes, Opportunity Now** – The Opportunity Now Garden will be expanded to utilize the area for food production. The garden project has evolved over the years into a special education vocational training program that is essential to ON’s school to career transition program. Students are involved in everything from the planning of garden beds to the purchasing of materials to the back-breaking work of moving rocks and dirt and digging holes. Gardening is a healthy leisure-time activity that produces healthy food and is a life-long hobby.

**Brittany Kisner, South High** – As part of Salina Leadership Academy, Ms. Kisner was challenged to provide a special project that would have a lasting impact on her school and community. The Summer Reading Club for Intensive Reading was born. This summer, a Summer Reading Club will be formed. Activities include: skyping with a young adult author, sign-up for Salina Public Library cards, “Book It” program with a local food establishment, and an end of summer celebration.

**Agnes Zadina, South High** – Partners for Success South High ELO students will participate in a team-building exercise at the Webster Conference Center’s ropes course. Building competence, self-esteem, and self-efficacy is the goal of the program. The ultimate goal is to encourage students to make healthier, future-oriented choices as young adults. The ropes course challenges students to push themselves to achieve success.

**Michele Palmgren, South High** – At-risk students will again visit the Navajo Nation where they will work on the reservation, helping families with chores like cooking and cleaning. The students and mentors will examine behavior and beliefs and tap into the spirit and traditions of the Navajo.

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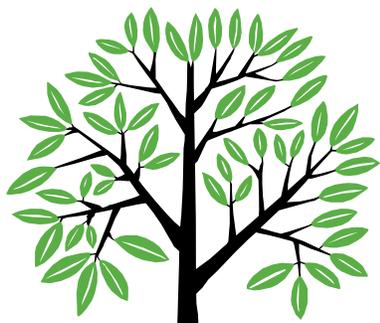
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**21st Century Advantage Grant:** awarded annually for creative and innovative classroom projects

**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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