

2014

ANNUAL REPORT



 **WYLIE BULLDOGS
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Promoting Excellence in Education Through Gifts

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**FOUNDATION FACT**

TODAY, the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation has awarded over \$100,000 to help our schools work EVERYDAY to prepare our students to build a better world, SOMEDAY.

Please visit our website to see the list of Teacher Grants funded in 2014.

WylieBulldogsEducationFoundation.com



Dear Wylie Education Foundation Friends,

What do a comedian, a television chef, an honored Afghanistan War Veteran, a medical doctor, gifted musicians, a talented media professional, and a professional rodeo cowboy have in common? They all came and performed at our Foundation dinner free of charge because they love Wylie. They were willing to share a little of their own "Wylie Story" to ensure this continues to be a great place to get an education. They all understood the need to invest today for tomorrow's success.

At this sixth annual "We Are Wylie" Dinner, we will be entertained by more Wylie talent and enjoy a delicious meal, courtesy of many who worked hard to make this happen. Our talented music and theater students will make us smile with their 'opening night' performance of special highlights from the popular musical, *Footloose*. Special thanks to the theater arts teacher, Mr. Chris Shoemake and choir director, Robin Davis for their extra time, preparation and effort to make this performance happen so early in the school year.

They are an example of the gifted and enthusiastic teachers who make Wylie High School a place of exciting learning opportunities for their students. These students will be performing the complete production of *Footloose*, October 15-18, Radford Auditorium, McMurry University. Tickets may be purchased tonight for those performances.

We hope you are here tonight because you believe in the possibility of what can happen when exceptional teachers, motivated students and talented administrators come together to create a special place called "Wylie". Because of your generous donations and visionary thinking, we are growing our education foundation to become a significant force for excellence in our public schools. We intend to grow WBEF into a sound financial investment, capable of doing good things far into our future.

THANK YOU for supporting the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation with your attendance, donations, time and enthusiasm. Special thanks to our WBEF Board Members for their commitment to our mission and to the many volunteers who gave of their creativity and energy to make this dinner a success. Now sit back, relax and allow yourself to "cut loose" and enjoy your evening!

With genuine thanks and very best wishes,

Becky Rentz

President, Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation
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Mission

THE WYLIE BULLDOGS
 EDUCATION FOUNDATION HAS
 A MISSION OF COLLECTING
 AND DISTRIBUTING GIFTS
 TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE
 IN EDUCATION.

HISTORY

This foundation was initiated in April 2010, when registration papers were filed with the State of Texas requesting new nonprofit status. The bylaws were created and approved by the board with unconditional approval for nonprofit status from the IRS received in December 2010.

Our first five fundraiser “We Are Wylie” dinners included student talent, showcased the use of teacher grant money, and included a video slideshow of Wylie students benefitting from items and teaching tools purchased through grant funds. Accomplished alums provided entertainment, shared motivating life stories, and provided great role models for our community. The 2014 dinner proved to be another great evening as the photos illustrate.

We have funded \$92,000 total in teacher grants, student scholarships and new teacher gift cards for Wylie ISD during our first four years, through 2014. We are extremely grateful to our generous donors for their loyal support and the work of board members and volunteers. 🐾



Ty O'Neal, formerly Ty McClary, 1996 Wylie Alum, well known for his work as the ice skating cowboy, Dwayne Robertson in D2: The Mighty Ducks and D3: The Mighty Ducks hosted the 2014 Dinner and Live Auction.

PHILOSOPHY

Many school districts across Texas and the nation have used education foundations to encourage and inspire excellence in their schools as well as provide incentives to continue high performance standards and preserve valued traditions. The foundation will provide funds for needs that are beyond traditional funding. We believe that these dollars will continue to enhance the educational excellence that Wylie ISD parents and citizens have come to expect.

Our foundation has a mission of collecting and distributing gifts to promote excellence in education. Distribution of funds may be accomplished through student scholarships, grants to innovative educators, or for a special need of the school district. The Board of Directors approves distribution of funds and manages the affairs of the nonprofit corporation. 🐾

Our Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors, representing a broad spectrum of community citizens. The Foundation Board operates under strict accounting requirements of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The Board filed Articles of Nonprofit Corporation with the State of Texas, adopted bylaws and governing policies, and received IRS approval.

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Photo of Current Board Members – Back Row: (L to R) Joey Light, Jimmy Strong, Phil Boone, Jeff Messer, Kirk Thaxton, Tommy Vaughn, Amy Boone Front Row: (L to R) Jamie Miers, Mimi Schultz, Becky Rentz, Denise Blake, Paul Lovelace Not Present: Michael Dickinson and Mark Zachry

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For your convenience, there is a donor card enclosed in this report.



WYLIE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER:

New Teachers: *Amanda Johnson & Amanda McVay*
Early Childhood Center Principal (middle): *Lisa Salmon*
WBEF Board Members: *Denise Blake & Jennifer Murphy*



WYLIE ELEMENTARY:

New Teacher: *Amber Groves* (second to right)
Elementary Counselor: *Robin McPherson*
Elementary New teacher mentor: *Eljse Hutson* (far left)
WBEF Board Members: *Denise Blake & Jennifer Murphy*



WYLIE INTERMEDIATE:

New Teachers: *Jackelyn Evatt, Staci Tennyson, Caitlin Phillips, Maria Rhodes & Kaitlyn Thaxton*
Intermediate Principals: *Mike Kerley* (middle back) & *Terry Hagler* (far right)
WBEF Board Members: *Denise Blake & Jennifer Murphy*

NEW TEACHERS WELCOMED AT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY ARMC AND WYLIE FOUNDATION

The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation and Abilene Regional Medical Center worked together again this year to host this second annual “Welcome Luncheon” for Wylie’s twenty two new teachers. These new teachers were treated to a welcome luncheon at the ARMC Women’s Center and enjoyed a delicious lunch, while hearing some information about the Education Foundation. The hospital provided the location, the lunch and a goody bag, and also donated \$500 toward gift cards for each teacher. The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation provided the rest of the funds necessary to give each teacher a \$100 gift card to be used to get their classrooms set up for the new school year.

Mike Murphy and Joey Light both spoke of the relationship between Wylie and ARMC. Mike Murphy commented, “We are Proud to be partners and support Wylie in any way we can.” Light commented, “The Foundation has been so supportive of our teachers through grants and our students through scholarships. This new tradition of welcoming new teachers is an extension of their support.”



ARMC CEO, Mike Murphy presents donation check to WBEF President Becky Rentz & Superintendent Joey Light.



WYLIE MIDDLE SCHOOL:

New Teachers: *Jennifer Heidema, Krystal Johle, Tiffany Keasler, Shalayne Raish, & Jennifer Richardson*
Middle School Principal: *Phil Boone* (back row)
WBEF: *Denise Blake & Jennifer Murphy*



WYLIE JUNIOR HIGH:

New Teachers: *Rebecca Roberts, Jana McGary, Shawn Bowers* (not pictured - *Abby Wartes*)
WJH Principals: *Rob Goodenough* (far right) & *Asst. Principal Will Brewer* (back row)
WBEF: *Denise Blake & Jennifer Murphy*



WYLIE HIGH SCHOOL:

New Teachers: *Mike Campbell & Brent Abilez*
WHS principal: *Tommy Vaughn* (second left)
WBEF: *Denise Blake & Jennifer Murphy*

Junior High School Campus

8th Grade / \$2,999.70

Dana Elliott, Jill Tate and Debbie Smith

30 graphing calculators - Newly mandated in math curriculum. Allows students to be better equipped to answer more rigorous types of questions. State required STAAR test allows use of these.

Middle School Campus

5th Grade / \$5,000

Holli Cooper as team with Sherri Browne, Allie Ensor, Melanie Reyes and Michele Davis

24 Learning Pad Bundles and screen protectors to increase number of instructional resources that includes digital components. These Learn Pads will be the needed hardware to access at home and improve academic achievement.

High School Campus

9th-12th Grade / \$1000

Luke McMillan

Mr. McMillan attended a workshop about operating software to write a "drill" or the marching band show for 160 students. This will do away with paying a drill writer and save the district thousands of dollars in the future. The drill plots out on the field where each student should go and when.

Junior High School Campus

7th-8th Grade / \$949.69

Shana Hrbacek

This grant will be used for a LEGO Mindstorms EV3 Core Set, Software and a Dell Laptop to grow the robotics program in order to expose as many students as possible to the world of robotics through STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Junior High and High School Campus

8th-12th Grade / \$1,000

Gabriela Bundy

This grant paid for attending a National TPR Storytelling Conference for formal training in the new curriculum implemented last year. Spanish is taught through Teaching

Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling (TPRS). Grammatical structures are acquired as children acquire their first language.

Elementary Campus

2nd Grade / \$735.08

Jennifer Rapstine, Rebecca Groban & Jessica McIntire

The subtraction and addition math wrap-ups which students will provide a great hands-on tools to learn their addition and subtraction, math facts. With them being shared by three classes they were worn out. This grant will pay for 70 subtraction wrap-ups and 22 addition wrap-ups.

Middle School Campus

6th Grade / \$599.60

Shana Shuler

This grant requested current, hard cover atlases to replace the current outdated and worn out set. This resource will be placed in the basket under each desk of 160 students and to be readily available. The atlases will provide a better understanding of both physical and political boundaries, continents, countries and capital cities.

Middle School Campus

6th Grade / \$969.95

Lynlee Ueckert

This grant requests three mini I pads to be used to gain internet access necessary with the new science curriculum. The access to 1 iPad cart that is shared between 12 teachers and 150 students. The new science curriculum has digital lessons and virtual labs that provide additional interactive ways of learning through this technology.

Middle School Campus

5th-6th Grade Special Education Students / \$500

Sherry Brown

This grant will provide lower grade level, high interest, AR-approved books for students reading on a lower grade level. This grant will provide additional books to allow for more choices for required reading. Their reading abilities will improve through success.

Junior High School Campus

8th Grade Field Trip / \$2250

Kelly Trumble

The 8th grade visits the Holocaust Museum and the Ross Perot Science Museum in Dallas as a follow up to studying the book, Night, which depicts a Holocaust experience. The Science Museum enhances what they learned in class to enhance STAAR test grades. This grant will pay the admission fees for all 250 students to both museums.

Middle School Campus

5th-6thth Grade / \$1000

Brittany Gurganus

This grant will assist in purchasing a new Clavinova to be used in the music classroom at Middle School. The current one is over 10 years old and has suffered some wear by being shared between the Jr. High and the Middle School. A new Clavinova would provide educational and technological growth for current and future Middle School, Junior High and High School choirs.

High School Campus

9th-12th Grade / \$1000

Leianne McMillan

This grant would help purchase 3 Dell Inspiron 15.6" Laptops to be used for UIL competitive speaking events, particularly Speech/Debate. Wylie was one of only two schools at the District UIL competition who had not yet gone "digital". Laptops would allow the ability to become cutting edge in research/retrieval techniques.

Elementary Campus

1st Grade / \$735.06

Diana Witherspoon

This grant was for a Promethean Actiview document reader and AV cart used to enlarge and show work and activities on the white Promethean board. The majority of 1st graders are visual learners so this will increase attention level and give a more accurate understanding.

Junior High School Campus

7th Grade / \$890.01

Ann Hurst

This grant will provide 90 yearly subscriptions to Scope: The Language Arts magazine. Students need authentic engagement with different genres about topics of interest. The subscription offers excellent students extension activities and technology connections.

Elementary Campus

2nd Grade / \$351.56

Julie Humecki

This grant requests a class set of Wrap Up manipulatives which are tools the students use every day to increase the automaticity of addition and subtraction facts in Grade 2. A class set will allow for more frequent use in small groups and the ability to send them home with students, if needed.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS APPROVED:**\$19,980.65**

2 = High School, 5 = Jr. High School, 5 = Middle School, 3 = Elementary



STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the 2014 Student Scholarship Recipients! Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship to the college/university of their choice.

The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation awarded scholarships to graduating seniors at the end of the school year. The scholarships are funded by money raised from the Foundation's annual "We are Wylie" dinner and from community donations. In our first four years, the Foundation awarded \$34,000 in student scholarships. In May 2014, an additional \$10,000 was awarded.

Students were chosen based on a variety of criteria, including financial need, school and community involvement, grades, ACT/SAT scores, leadership skills, an essay and references. To apply, a minimum "B" average, letters of recommendation and an essay is required. 🐾

Colby Awalt

Abigayle Young

Brittane Schaake

Alex Richardson

Austin Martinez



2014 RECIPIENTS



Bailey Turner

Brittany Smyser

Tye Calhoun

Cassidy Hanna

Laura Preston

2010 RECIPIENTS

Kacey Williams–Valedictorian
Kirsten Awalt–Salutatorian

2011 RECIPIENTS

Brennan Branch
Karen Duke
Cassidi Esman
Miranda Gillum
Colin Harris
Rebecca McQueen
Courtney Merket
Joe Nasser
Allison Phillips
Allie Preston
Erin Wilhite
Kelsey Wolfe

2012 RECIPIENTS

Kimberly Clements
Austin Lunney
Connor Mauldin
Kimberly McDonough
Molly Minor
Caroline Preston
Amanda Potts
Trent Regan
Emily Renfro
Nicole Tucek

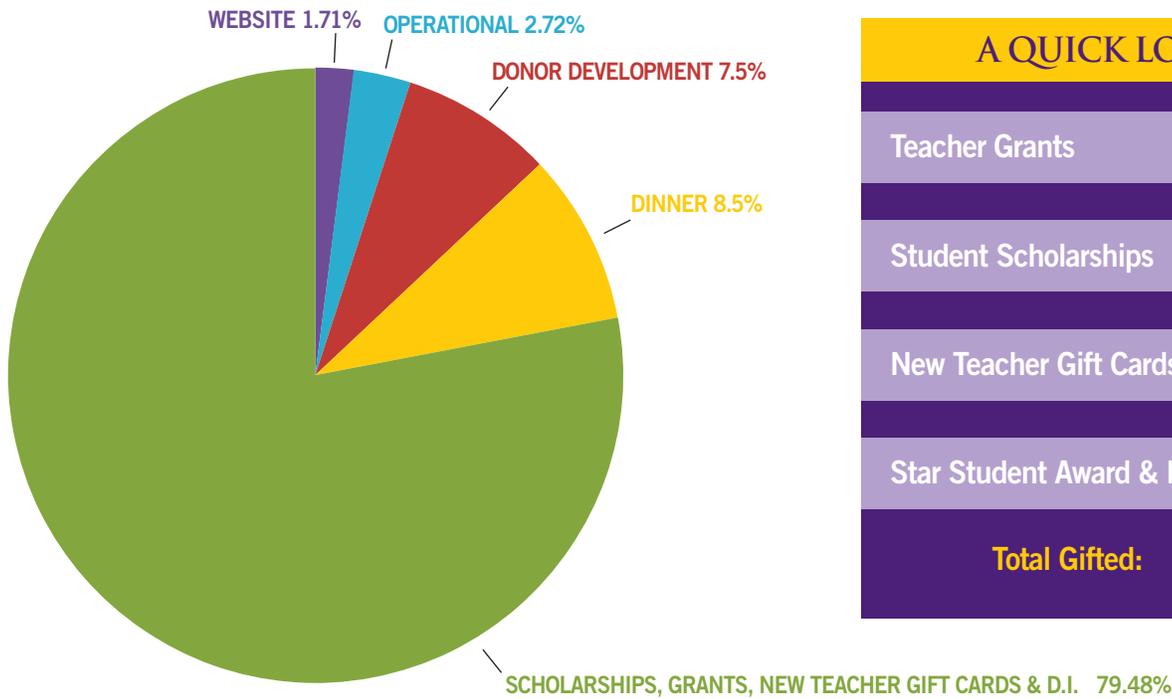
2013 RECIPIENTS

Mary Tenney Ake
Sterling Bristow
Kirsten Burnett
Ashley Conder
Lisa English
Tyler Hicks
Duane Hopper
Emily Rapstine
Emilly Turner
Madison Walker

**Student Scholarships
Awarded Since 2010:**

\$34,000

FINANCIALS



A QUICK LOOK	
Teacher Grants	\$20,000
Student Scholarships	\$10,000
New Teacher Gift Cards	\$2,200
Star Student Award & D.I.	\$1,500
Total Gifted:	\$33,700

**Note – The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation is managed by a volunteer board. We pay no rent, no salaries, and no utilities. The Foundation Board operates under strict accounting requirements of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The 2014 tax return is available for review upon your request.*

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS OF AUCTION ITEMS

Because of your generosity and support we have been able to enrich the educational experiences of our students and encourage teaching excellence.

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Pizza Soiree at Silverado Ranch

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