

ANNUAL REPORT 2013



WYLIE BULLDOGS
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Promoting Excellence in Education Through Gifts

SUPPORTING A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE...
NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE!



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall 2014

Dear Wylie Education Foundation Friends,

It is incredibly exciting and somewhat amazing to be reflecting back on the last four years. Because of your interest and visionary support, we have celebrated four successful dinner events leading to four scholarship and grant cycles. These investments are giving teachers recognition for a job well done, while providing teaching tools our students need and deserve.



As we prepare to celebrate the Wylie Schools at our 5th dinner, we are thankful for the volunteers who have worked hard serving on our grants and scholarships selection committee. We are sincerely grateful for so many people, including school administrators and dinner committee volunteers, who worked behind the scenes regarding the numerous details of the event. This all begins with the support of our loyal and generous board members who think creatively, work well as a team, and have high expectations. All of these people are an essential link to making our foundation strong now and in the future. We are thankful for each and every one.

Once again, we are blessed to have a talented and gracious Wylie (1996) graduate as our featured speaker for our dinner. Many of you know him as Ty McClary, or perhaps as “Ty O’Neal” for his professional acting career. Ty is most famous for his role as Dwayne Robertson, the hockey playing cowboy in the movies *D2: The Mighty Ducks* and *D3: The Mighty Ducks* along with several other movies and professional stunt performances. Ty will share his life stories and explain why Wylie holds a special place in his heart. With a few fun surprises planned for the evening, we are sure to enjoy another memorable “We Are Wylie” evening.

THANK YOU for your interest and support which helped us grow and impact thousands of students during the 2013-2014 school year. Thanks to you there are classrooms and lives being changed for the good through our foundation.

With sincere thanks and very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky Rentz". The script is fluid and cursive.

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 four fundraiser “We Are Wylie” dinners included student talent, showcased the use of teacher grant money, 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 2013 Dinner proved to be another great evening as the photos illustrate.

We have collected well over \$300,000 and have funded \$59,000 total in teacher grants, student scholarships, and additional approved designated gifts for Wylie ISD during our first three years. We are extremely grateful to our generous donors for their loyal support and the work of board members and volunteers.



Supt. Joey Light stars in a humorous and well received spoof about Wylie

Mr. Jason Holloway narrates clever intro and tells his Wylie Story

Kristin Abaquin sang opera at the 2013 dinner



Mr. Luke McMillan shares about Wylie and introduces Jazz Alumni Band



Sue Schackmuth, board member explains different types of giving to WBEF

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.

HOW IS THE FOUNDATION GOVERNED?

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) non-profit corporation. The board filed Articles of Nonprofit Corporation with the State of Texas, adopted bylaws and governing policies, and received IRS approval.

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<i>Becky Rentz</i> <i>President</i>	<i>Phil Boone</i> <i>Principal</i>	<i>Jamie Miers</i> <i>Member</i>
<i>Jennifer Murphy</i> <i>President Elect</i>	<i>Alice Church</i> <i>Member</i>	<i>Jimmy Strong</i> <i>Member</i>
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<i>Tonja Lowry</i> <i>Secretary</i>	<i>Paul Lovelace</i> <i>Member</i>	<i>Tommy Vaughn</i> <i>Principal</i>
<i>Joey Light</i> <i>Superintendent</i>	<i>Jeff Messer</i> <i>Member</i>	<i>Mark Zachry</i> <i>Member</i>

*Special thanks to our former
board members:*

Greg Allen
Mitchel Davis
Gary Galbraith
Terry Hagler
Ray Ince
Terry Merck
Kristi Price
Sue Schackmuth
Michelle Senter
Cathy Taylor



Back: Jeff Messer, Paul Lovelace, Phil Boone, Tommy Vaughn, Kirk Thaxton, and Joey Light-Supt.
*Front: Denise Blake-Treasurer, Jennifer Murphy-President Elect, Tonja Lowry-Secretary,
Becky Rentz-President, Kay Kendrick, Alice Church, and Jamie Miers.*
Not Pictured: Jimmy Strong and Mark Zachary

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*"Education is the most powerful weapon which
you can use to change the world."*

-Nelson Mandela

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

NEW TEACHER LUNCHEON



Early Childhood Center: Pictured from left are foundation board member Sue Schackmuth, new Early Childhood Center teachers Caroline Johnson and Kaylee Channel and foundation board member Jennifer Murphy.



Elementary School: Pictured from left are foundation board member Sue Schackmuth, new Elementary teachers Carrie Bower and Tristan Lawson and foundation board member Jennifer Murphy



Intermediate School: Pictured from left are foundation board member Sue Schackmuth, new Intermediate teachers Tom Levieux, Lindsi Goettsch, Laura Paterson, Melinda Lambert and Lisa Sokolnicki and foundation board member Jennifer Murphy.

Foundation and ARMC Welcome New Teachers

The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation and Abilene Regional Medical Center jointly held their first annual “Welcome Luncheon” to the district’s twenty six new teachers. The perfect attendance of new teachers indicated their excitement about teaching at Wylie and appreciation for this lovely luncheon.

The ARMC Women’s Center hosted the delicious luncheon and provided a goody bag for each new teacher. The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation awarded each new teacher a \$70 gift card for items to be used in their classroom preparation.

ARMC CEO Mike Murphy presented a very generous donation check for \$500 to Becky Rentz, WBEF President and Joey Light, Superintendent. They thanked ARMC for their loyal support of our Foundation and for making this first new teacher luncheon event possible.

Mike Murphy and Joey Light both spoke about the special relationship between the school district and the hospital. “Our connection is really strong with Wylie,” Murphy said. “We support Wylie in every way we can. We are proud to be partners”. Light commented “I think it is a natural fit for us to participate as much as possible with Abilene Regional,” he said. “The Foundation has really been supportive not only of our students with scholarships, but with our teachers and this luncheon is an extension of their support.”

Courtesy of The Wylie Weekly- August 23, 2013



Middle School: Pictured from left are foundation board member Sue Schackmuth, new Middle School teachers Allie Ensor, Brittany Gurganus, and Johanna Morrow and foundation board member Jennifer Murphy.



Junior High: Pictured from left are foundation board member Sue Schackmuth, new Junior High teachers Shana Hrbacek, Clay Vaughn, Haley Tabor, Casey Todd, Rod Merket and Bob Nethery and foundation board member Jennifer Murphy



High School: New teachers at Wylie High School include: (back row left to right) Tony Elliott, Jacqueline Johnson, Katrina Brooks, Katy Goetz, Ryan Griffin and Jay Tindol and (front row left to right) Anjani Cole and Leianne McMillan.

TEACHER GRANT RECIPIENTS 2013

Early Childhood-\$4,179.24-Jessica McCaughey, Elise Rocco, Lori Stafford, Tracy Holmes, Lisa Salmon
Teach K! Conference- Goal is to increase student mastery for struggling or learning disabled students.
Students Impacted: 309



Jessica McCaughey, Elise Rocco, Lori Stafford, Tracy Holmes, and Lisa Salmon



Jessica McCaughey, Elise Rocco, Lori Stafford, Tracy Holmes, and Lisa Salmon

Elementary-\$1,000-Michelle March
Vision Screening Made Easy-Detect vision and hearing issues
Grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7
Students Impacted: 1500



Sandy Low



Susan Langford

Elementary-\$510.00-Sandy Low
Let's Project Our Work-Document camera- enhance Promethean Board
"Hands on" tool and project student's work, Grade 1.
Students Impacted: 21

Elementary-\$942.10-Susan Langford
225 Beginning Reader Books-targets below-grade readers, ESL learners, and bilingual students.
Students Impacted: 10 to 18 per day

Intermediate-\$849.98-Dakota Sandifer
Differentiated Math Instruction-2 iPads for 4th Grade Students
Students Impacted: 75



Dakota Sandifer



Michelle March

Junior High-\$993.30-Allison South
"Read Naturally"- fluency & comprehension reading program, Grade 6.
Students Impacted: 90

Junior High-\$940.00-Ann Hurst
Integrating Technology in Jr High English Classroom-2 IPAD Minis, 2 Otterboxes, 2 sets of headphones and digital photo frame for Grade 7.
Students Impacted: 90



Kristi Price



Allison South

Junior High-\$870.60-Carla Hooper
Document Camera and Electronic Tab-teach finger placement & interactive learning for Grades 6-7 computer skills & digital photo frame for Grade 7.
Students Impacted: 160

Junior High-\$1,000-Caren Christian
Dallas trip to Holocaust Museum and Ross Perot Science Museum all Grade 8 students field trip
Students Impacted: 250



Ann Hurst



Carla Hooper

Junior High-\$897.00-Luke Hurst
2 Ipads and Apple TV for history classes, Grade 8.
Students Impacted: 130



Luke Hurst



Shana Shuler

Junior High-\$998.75-Shana Shuler
25 Desktop Globes for teaching World Geography to Jr.High Students.
Students Impacted: 100

High School-\$250.00-Alexis Hughes and Stacy Horton
"Show-Off Section" Hallway Bookcase to display art work for high school.
Students Impacted: 250



Stacy Sanchez and Alexis Hughes



Brenda Sandifer

High School-\$1,000-Brenda Sandifer
PSAT Boot camp to defray cost of PSAT prep course, improve scores and increase the number of National Merit Scholars
Students Impacted: 50

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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 the last two years, the Foundation has awarded \$20,000 in student scholarships.

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.

Mary Tesney Ake

Sterling Bristow

Kirsten Burnett

Ashley Conder

Lisa English



2013 RECIPIENTS



Tyler Hicks

Duane Hopper

Emily Rapstine

Emily Turner

Madison Walker

2010 RECIPIENTS

Kacey Williams-Valedictorian
Kirsten Awalt-Salutatorian

**\$32,000 IN STUDENT
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
SINCE 2010**

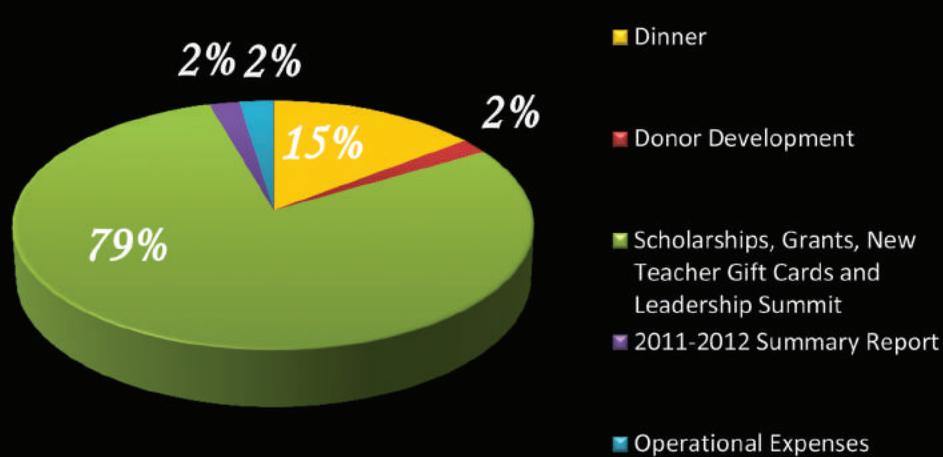
2011 RECIPIENTS

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

2012 RECIPIENTS

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

FOUNDATION EXPENSES 2013



TEACHER GRANTS
\$14,143.77

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS
\$10,000.00

NEW TEACHERS/
STUDENT LEADERSHIP
\$2,177.00

TOTAL GIFTED:
\$26,320.77

*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) non-profit corporation. The 2013 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, impacting a total of approximately 1,424 students.

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FABULOUS "2013" FOUNDATION FACTS

- Our Visionary Donors Enabled an Awarding Total of **\$69,000** since our first dinner in October 2010 through December 2013
- Education Grants Impact Students on ALL school campuses.
 - *May 2011-Grants impacted **900** students
 - *May 2012-Grants impacted **500** additional students
 - *May 2013-Over **2,000** additional students impacted
 - ***140** Teacher Grants have been approved for funding through 2013
 - *August 2013-**25** New Teachers received a **\$70** gift card for their classrooms
 - *\$1,000 Grant for "Leadership Summit", 8th Grade, **275** Students
- Total of over **4,000** students were impacted during the 2013-2014 school year by our 2013 grants and previous grants
- College scholarships have been awarded to **34** Wylie seniors May 2010-May 2013 with **100** percent still enrolled in college

THANK YOU DONORS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!
TOGETHER WE ARE HELPING OUR
STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ACHIEVE SUCCESS!

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