





# WYLIE BULLDOGS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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### FOUNDATION FACT

THANKS to generous DONORS, by the end of 2017 the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation awarded a Grand Total of \$251,314.74 since our first award of \$2,000 in 2011!

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ANNUAL REPORT 2017

## WYLIE BULLDOGS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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### Dear Friends of WBEF,

Welcome to a wonderful evening of music and laughter at the beautiful Lytle Bend Ranch. Visiting with friends under the trees to the sound of an energetic jazz quartet is the perfect way to kick off the evening. Our goal is for you to enjoy this night!

Tonight we are paying tribute to a very special group of alumni – those who are serving their communities as healthcare professionals. Lives are changed because of the work you do each and every day. If you are here tonight and serve our community as a doctor, or nurse or in some other aspect of healthcare, we thank you for your contributions to our students, families and community. I know this special group of alumni will agree that the education they received at Wylie prepared them well for the rigorous studies needed to excel in their individual fields. The Foundation is proud to be able to help students who are studying the sciences and math through teacher grants that provide innovative teaching tools and materials. We are grateful to all our donors who make these grants possible.

Our guest speaker tonight is Dr. Katherine Holden Rinard, a local urologist and the salutatorian of Wylie's Class of 2001. In 2013 she became the first urologist in the Hendrick Provider Network, and she now lives in the Wylie school district with her husband and two children. We appreciate Katherine taking time out of her rigorous schedule to be with us tonight as we honor her as an outstanding Wylie alumnus.

We are pleased to have 2014 Wylie alum, Austin Martinez, with us tonight leading the Jazz Quartet from the University of North Texas. Austin performed at our dinner in 2012, while he was a student at Wylie. He also was a recipient of a 2014 WBEF Scholarship. Thank you Austin and jazz quartet members for sharing your talent.

Mission

THE WYLIE BULLDOGS EDUCATION FOUNDATION HAS A MISSION OF COLLECTING AND DISTRIBUTING GIFTS TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION. We are blessed by your presence here tonight! Thank you for your generous support and belief in the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation's purpose and work!

Becky Kentz

## HISTORY

The Wylie Bulldogs Education 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.

The Foundation hosted its first "We are Wylie" Dinner the following October, and the event was a phenomenal success thanks to generous donors and wonderful comedy from Wylie graduate and comedian Clinton Pickens. Each year since then, the Foundation has highlighted the talents of Wylie alumni to entertain at the dinner.

In 2017, the 8th dinner featured 2012 Wylie graduate Hunter Hutchinson, who was making a name for himself in the Texas country music scene. Fellow 2012 Wylie graduate Miller Davis also performed as the drummer in Hunter's band. Hunter told the audience about the impact that Wylie teachers, administrators and community members had on his life, and he sang a song he wrote in memory of his dad, Chuck Hutchinson.

The dinner moved to a new venue for the first time, Lytle Bend Ranch, where donors had a wonderful time visiting with each other under beautiful trees on a nearly perfect night. Guests also enjoyed several fun skits that showed the value of the WBEF's teacher grant program. Wylie Superintendent Joey Light was the star of the program, saving the day in a purple cape as "Super Superintendent."

The 2017 We Are Wylie Dinner was a special night for all who attended, and the Foundation Board continues to be amazed at the generosity of its donors, sponsors and the entire Wylie community.



**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. The Board approves distribution of funds through teacher grants, gift cards to new teachers, student scholarships or for a special need of the district to promote excellence in education.

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PHOTO OF CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS – Front Row: (L to R) Lisa Salmon, Candice McCray, Becky Rentz, Kim McMillan and Pauline Webb. Back Row: (L to R) Denise Blake, Melinda Seale, Frank Peck, Clay Trumble, Joel Morris, Joey Light, Teresa Williams, Jill Teague and Sevie Schonerstedt.

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### 2017 FIFTH ANNUAL LUNCHEON WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS

The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation and Abilene Regional Medical Center welcomed 46 new teachers to the Wylie ISD with the WBEF's annual New Teacher Luncheon.

Foundation committee chairperson and board member Mimi Schultz greeted each new teacher and awarded each a \$100 gift card to help prepare their classrooms for the school year. Abilene Regional CEO Mike Murphy and Marketing Director Delores Cox presented a \$500 donation to Wylie Superintendent Joey Light and WBEF President Becky Rentz to help with WBEF programs.

Luke Hurst was honored with the "Spirit of the Bulldog" award for being an outstanding teacher. This award was created by the Foundation Board in honor of Becky Rentz and her dedication to the growth of WBEF. Luke received a ceramic Bulldog and a \$100 gift card. He also shared with the new teachers how he has used grants from the WBEF to teach robotics to 7th and 8th grade students and to integrate technology into teaching curriculum.



Congratulations to our recipient of the 2017 "Spirit of the Bulldog"



Principal Robin McPherson, Stephanie Willis, Lisa Reed, Julie Brown, Liz Rapstine and Megan LeFevre. LeFevre also is counselor at the Early Childhood Center.



Principal Terry Hagler, Dave Ahlschwede, Cami Zimmerman, Candice Stuart, Jami Schubert, Toni Diller, Deana Rozeboom, Connie Griffin and Julie Brown.



Principal Phil Boone, Alex Rogers, Anne Post and Nathan Rose.



(Back) Principal Rob Goodenough, Sherri Shaw, Jonathan Fisher, Jacob Balleza, Shannon Allen, Shelby Easterling and Chris Brannan, and (front) Ashlyn Ray, Allie Harris, Kim DeRoo, Amber Ivy, Mara Evans, Daysha Cheyne and Erin Kluzek.



Principal Tommy Vaughn, Tony Elliott, Mark Butz, Daisy Blair, Michelle Leonard, Grant Martin, Richard Cumby, Krystal Martin, Scottie Sanchez, Michelle Lessing, Ashlyn Ray, David McKnight, Stephanie Mouat, Ashley Stegemoeller and Cody Smith.

### 2017 TEACHER GRANTS

### WBEF

### WYLIE HIGH SCHOOL

#### Grades 9-12 | \$1,046.40

### Kerry Hibbitts

This grant will be used to purchase 8 manikins for CPR training in Wylie health classes. CPR training is now a requirement to graduate from Texas high schools. These manikins have visual indicators that provide feedback on compression rate and depth of compression. They should last 8-10 years.

### Grades 9-12 | \$995

### Andrew Hope

This grant will be used to purchase five laptop computers for use in the engineering and robotics classes at WHS. Students will use the laptops to collaborate and develop designs for projects that promote critical thinking and utilize STEM curriculum.

#### Grades 9-12 | \$959.02

#### Alexis Hughes

This grant will be used to purchase a heavy-duty steel printing press to introduce art students to the process of printmaking. Students can use a variety of media from lithograph, metal plates, Plexiglas and linoleum.

### WYLIE JUNIOR HIGH

7th Grade | \$1,017.85

### Kristian Spencer (Rains)

This grant will be an outreach-based project that will connect 7th Grade Science TEKS to real-world application. The vision is to grow basic plants and herbs through a JuicePlus Tower Garden in the classroom that can be used to give back to the Wylie community. As some students are focusing on the science behind plant growth, others will be responsible for creating a plan to use the products to serve the community.

### 7th & 8th Grades | \$3,104.40

## Shana Hrbacek, Arthur Ramos and Amy Grimland.

This grant will be used to purchase double-sided periodic table dry erase boards for 8th graders, cell diagram and human anatomy dry erase boards for 7th graders, and 21 graphing calculators for special education students. Students will be engaged in outlining, labeling, drawing, coloring and problem solving through the periodic table in a way that they have not done before. They will also have space to work on chemical formulas, balance equations, and practice formulas.

### 8th Grade | \$487.96

### Debra Smith

This grant will be used to purchase materials for students to create personal interactive notebooks. These will be a valuable resource to aid students in review and studying for tests. By using the notebooks, their notes and study materials will allow for creativity and an active way to keep hyper-active and distracted students on task and engaged in the note-taking process. With these interactive visual note-taking notebooks, students will be engaging both the artsy and logical sides of the brain. This process, known as dual coding, helps a student's retention of material.

### 7th & 8th Grade | \$450 Carla Hooper

This grant will be used to purchase textbook holders to be used by all students in computer class. Textbook holders are plastic book holders and typing tools. The holders will target students with dyslexia and dysgraphia. The holders will help students be able to see the textbook information better, improve keyboarding techniques and have good posture. They also will reduce eye and neck strain.

### 7th Grade | \$855.33 Alison South

This grant will be used to purchase 20 Sensory Seats and Clipboards to be used for movement and flexibility. Sensory seats will allow the students to wiggle and move while they are engaged in learning. Students who struggle with hyperactivity and attention problems have a difficult time sitting still and focusing. Movement will help these students focus. These seats could help close reading gaps in students who struggle because of ADD/ADHD symptoms.

## 7th & 8th Grades | \$890

This grant will pay for the registration, hotel and meal expenses incurred by attending the International Society for Technology in Education conference. Mr. Hurst works as an Instructional Technology Specialist, helping teachers integrate technology into their curriculum. He also designed and implemented a Robotics Innovation Class at the Junior High. Attending the "ISTE" will allow him to learn more ways to continue these improvements. He will share the information received with all grade levels in the district.

### 5th-8th Grades | \$1,148.70 Rusti Blount, Bethany Gonzalez and Stormy Burns.

This grant will be used to purchase an Early Literacy Skills Builder (ELSB) and Numeracy Skills Builder for older students in the Life Skills class. The ELSB provides literacy instruction using a balanced reading program that addresses all components necessary for effective reading instruction. ELSB is a research based and language-rich literacy curriculum for children with moderate to severe developmental disabilities.

### WYLIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

### 5th Grade I \$5,000 Misty Cantrell, Stephanie Barham, Erin McInroy, Kristin Scott and Martha Webb

This grant will be used to purchase 20 iPad minis and protective cases. By learning from and incorporating technology into every-day lessons, the digital resources the iPad minis provide will enhance and enrich the student's comprehension of the curriculum as well as provide opportunities for independent and small group exploration. The goal is to bring today's tech driven students a STEM centered classroom.

### 6th Grade \$1,550.79

### Brandon Little & Shalayne Raish

This grant will provide the funds for reusable rockets and replacement engines so students can learn about space with a hands-on, inquirybased activity involving building and launching a rocket. Students will get to actively see how a rocket is built and the technology that makes it work. They will understand how the rocket's engine gives it the needed thrust and force to overcome gravity to launch. 6th Grade \$2,673.23

#### Kayla Stephenson, Sherri Brown, Danlee Rich, Kim Glenn, Johanna Morrow, Lillian Jones and Jenni Riley

This grant will purchase new class novels, replacement of old class novels and storage containers. These new books will excite and motivate the students with contemporary stories with which they make better connections. The old class novels are falling apart from years of use and are out of touch with the experiences of the current students. The goal is to improve reading skills, vocabulary and word use as well as overall academic skills.

#### 6th Grade \$2,648.40

## Adrienne Ruffin, Shay Cox and Rey Alverez

This grant will be used to purchase more Physical Education equipment including scooters to help with balance, tennis rackets for eye-hand coordination and lateral movement and basketballs for catching, passing and dribbling. Bigger volleyballs, jerseys, dodge balls, jump ropes, Frisbees and mats will also be purchased.

### 6th Grade \$588.70

### Tiffany Keasler

This grant will be used to purchase 30 air stability wobble cushions for students and two ball chairs for the teacher and aide. Air inflated wobble cushions allow students to fidget, readjust and sit more comfortable. This increases movement, which stimulates one's ability to focus and retain more knowledge. The ball chairs have rollers and will allow the teacher to be eye level with the student as they work.

### WYLIE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Grades 3-12 | \$2,586.93

## Kim Cheek, Diana McMillan and Holli Cooper

This grant will purchase a 3D printer and basic tools of design and building based on the MakerSpace Movement being used across the country. Students will be invited to participate in a FABLAB workshop, where they will learn how to select the appropriate tool or technology and learn to use it safely. Then they will enter the "tinkering" or "engineering" phase and create designs to solve different STEAM based challenges. The printer will be used in the GT classroom and by Destination Imagination participants.

#### 3rd Grade | \$1,076.40

## Holli Coor, Wendy Redden and Amy Wallenborn.

This grant will be used to purchase three class sets of Bouncy Bands. These bands will be placed on every child's desk. They will enable a child to bounce their feet while remaining seated without disturbing others. Because children have a natural need to move, this will enable them to do so while staying focused and learning.

### 3rd Grade | \$539

#### Jennifer Lemke

This grant will be used to purchase class materials called Digi-Blocks, including the 3rd-grade starter kit. The blocks will be used to help students of all learning levels discover and learn both in a formal setting and in independent or small group settings. The blocks allow for differentiation among all academic levels. The Digi-Blocks break down into specific place values in a very handson yet visual way.

## 4th Grade | \$735

### Juleigh Stickney

This grant will purchase 4 sets of standing desks and stools. Mrs. Stickney will also be bringing in additional flexible seating options to her classroom such as stools, cushions, rugs, a couch, medicine balls and a variety of chairs. Research shows that alternative seating can reduce disruptive behavior and increase production in children.

### 3rd & 4th Grades | \$1,000 Consuelo Anna Griffin

The money from this grant will be used to purchase a kitchen set for students in the LifeSkills class. Students will be able to wash and dry dishes and put dishes away in the proper place. Students will also learn what items are placed in the refrigerator and what items are placed in the pantry.

### WYLIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1st & 2nd Grades | \$650

### Tracev Garcia

Tracey Garcia

This grant will purchase wobble stools, balance balls and small kettle bell weights in the Content Mastery classroom to assist children who need movement to focus and be successful in school. Wobble stools allow students to move in a way that encourages blood flow and oxygen to the brain to increase focus without being a distraction to others. Balance balls and small weights are calming activities that encourage large muscle movement to calm chaotic thoughts and restless behavior.

### 2nd Grade | \$327.56

### Jennifer Rapstine

This grant will allow the purchase 4 kits of magnets. Experimenting with magnets helps to foster cooperative learning as students explore the characteristics of magnets. The Texas science TEKS require second grade students to use magnets and identify how magnets are used in everyday life. The best part of the magnet kits is that they are fun, and children are playing while learning, which promotes life-long learners, increases retention of objectives and improves student's confidence as well as their critical thinking skills.

### 2nd Grade | \$943.89 Megan Oliver

This grant will provide the materials and tools needed to help build grip strength, hand-eye coordination, tying shoe laces, cutting with scissors and much more while working on mastering phonics, spelling, math, science and the rest of the curriculum. Some of these tools include Jumbo Tweezers, Legos, Yarn and Tennis Balls. The desire is to take the curriculum and bring it to life with hands-on activities that will reinforce academic skills while also building on fine motor skills, social skills and problem-solving skills.

### 2nd Grade | \$276.21 Phyllis Ricker

This grant will be used to purchase Bouncy Bands, which will be used to keep students' minds and bodies more fit during necessary chair and desk time. Their hearts, minds and bodies will feel better with more blood circulation.

### 2nd Grade | \$379.20

#### Karen Wyatt

This grant will enable the purchase of music stands, which will provide an alternate and engaging atmosphere for struggling readers to continue their progress in reading acquisition. By providing a quickly adjustable and easy to maneuver stand, the students are able to move and read which gives the student an outlet for their energy and provides engagement in reading. Not only can these stands be used for daily reading instruction but also in the production of plays, which students are always excited to read and perform.

### 1st Grade | \$300 Kimberly Vaughn

This grant will purchase an OSMO kit, which allows students to interact with an iPad and engage in a variety of activities across the curriculum. This will enable the students to more easily learn the skill whether it be coding or even spelling. The kit includes coding pieces, math and spelling to help students in all areas.

### WYLIE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER Transitional Kindergarten | \$990

### Mandi McVay

This grant will purchase 15 iPod shuffles and 15 headphones for transitional kindergartners who have not yet mastered beginning reading skills. Children can independently listen to books, turn pages when prompted, and complete a post reading activity to show comprehension. After completing the activity, they will retell their stories in small groups to increase their knowledge of vocabulary, story sequencing, using complete sentences and building confidence in speaking in front of a group.

### Kindergarten | \$949.78 April Brannan

This grant will be used to purchase a variety of different seating options to transform the classroom into a flexible seating classroom. The goal is for all students to work in the position they find themselves most comfortable and focused. There will be sit balls, standing desks, bouncy bands, seat cushions, traditional desks, wobble seats, scoop rockers, saucer chairs and bungee chairs. Teacher space is minimized so student space can by optimized. Flexible seating is the ultimate level of differentiation for student success.

### WYLIE ISD

Destination Imagination \$2,000

### Kim Cheek

This grant assisted with travel expenses so that four teams from Wylie ISD could compete against the WORLD at the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, TN. These 4 teams earned this right by placing in the Texas state competition. These students competed against teams from other states as well as from around the world – including China, Romania, Qatar, the UK, Mexico and many others. Students learn about diversity, other cultures and creative problem solving.

## **TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS APPROVED FOR 2017:** \$36,169.75

3 @ High School, 7 @ Junior High, 5 @ Middle School, 5 @ Intermediate, 6 @ Elementary, 2 @ ECC, 1 @ Multi-Campus 6 Science, 2- Math, 1-Art, 1-Health, 4-Reading, 3-Life Skills, 7-Focus, 2-Technology, 1-P.E, 1-Computer, 1-DI

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Kacey Williams-Valedictorian Kirsten Awalt–Salutatorian

**2010 RECIPIENTS** 

### 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

### 2014 RECIPIENTS

Colby Awalt Abigayle Young Brittane Schaake Alex Richardson Austin Martinez **Bailey Turner** Brittany Smyser Tye Calhoun Cassidy Hanna Laura Preston

### 2015 RECIPIENTS

Jacy Andrews Elizabeth Brown Kinsey Christian Russell Dickerson Cooper Hedge Mattie Hill Recie Ingraham Brandi Little

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Anna Fanning



**Avery Steakley** 

2016 RECIPIENTS



Katheryn Webb

Macy Goodenough

Riley Hedge

Reagan Levrets

Kavla Oakelev

Megan Scevers

Morgan Schackmuth



Madelyn Young

Shaili Shah

**Claire Shuler** 

Max Tadvick

Brindi Wilson

Hunter Stephenson



**Gabriella Zullo** 

Campbell Robinson won the Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation's first-ever Courage of the Bulldog Award. Campbell's sister Landry died in April after a lengthy battle with cancer. Campbell attended Texas Tech this fall. He is pictured here with foundation board members.

Student Scholarships Awarded Since 2010: \$93,500

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the 2017 Student Scholarship Recipients! Each of these students received a \$1,000 scholarship to the college/university of his or her choice. The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation presented the scholarships during the Senior Award Ceremony at the end of the 2017 school year. 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. A minimum "B" average, letters of recommendation and an essay are required to apply.

Also, for the first time in 2017, the Foundation awarded a "Courage of the Bulldog" Award to Campbell Robinson. The award included a \$1.000 scholarship. Campbell's sister, Landry Robinson, battled cancer for eight years and passed away in 2017.

The Foundation granted \$17,000 in scholarship money in 2017, bringing the total grants since 2010 to \$93,500. 🍟

# **2017 RECIPIENTS**



Kade Ancell









**Casey Jeter** 



**Ashley Smyser** 

**Hailey Moore McKenzie McPherson** 

**Brooks Pepper** 

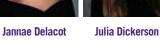






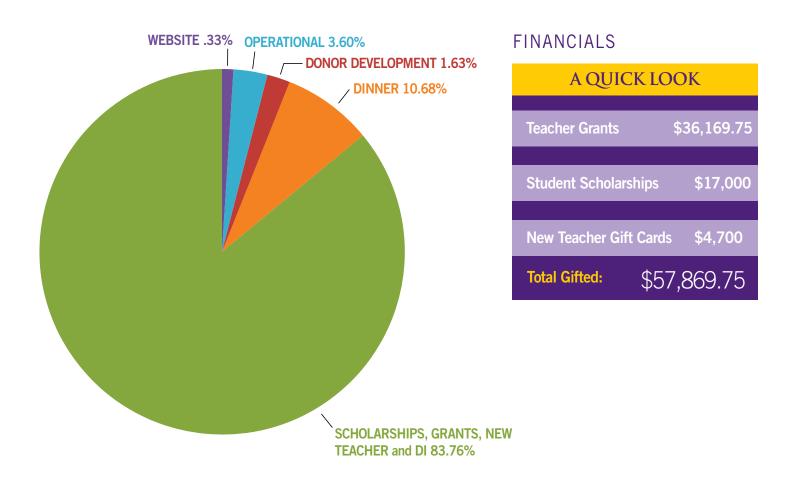
**JonMichael Hernandez** 







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\*Note – The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation is managed by a volunteer board. We paid no rent, salaries, or utilities in 2017. The Foundation Board operates under strict accounting requirements of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The 2017 tax return is available for review upon your request.

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS OF RAFFLE AND 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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