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The LIFT Program

Mission Statement

Believing that a strong public education system is a key element of a vibrant community, and outstanding, skilled teachers are essential to a student's receiving a high quality education, the Salina Education Foundation, in collaboration with USD 305 and the Saline County community, has developed the Loan Initiative for Future Teachers (LIFT) program. The Foundation firmly believes this program is a positive step in the critical task of attracting high caliber teachers.

LIFT Quick Facts

- Program encourages talented students to enter the teaching profession
- Any Saline County resident is eligible
- Applications are due January 31 of each year
- Applications are online:
www.salinaeducationfoundation.com
- Loans are \$5,000 per year for up to five years
- Loans are forgiven \$5,000 for every year of teaching

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2007 LIFT recipients named

The Loan Initiative for Future Teachers (LIFT) program announced two new recipients March 27 at a news conference and reception. From a field of seventeen applicants, Andrew Book and Darcy Bartz were named recipients of the \$5,000 per year award. We are proud to introduce the 2007 LIFT recipients:

Andrew Book, son of Dale and Connie Book, is currently a sophomore at Wichita State University majoring in Music Education. Andrew credits his mother, a 3rd grade teacher, and Mrs. Higbee, his orchestra teacher, for giving him the inspiration to become a teacher. Andrew says, "My life was changed the first day I was in Mrs. Higbee's orchestra class in the fourth grade. I cannot wait to inspire others the way my mom and Mrs. Higbee inspired me." Andrew is well on his way to inspiring other students because he has tutored students and given private lessons for several years in order to provide him many opportunities to develop his teaching skills.

Darcy Bartz, daughter of Randy and JoLyn Bartz, is a junior majoring in English Education and Philosophy at Bethany College. Darcy's love of literature and her commitment to sharing her passion with her students is evident when she writes, "It is my intention to teach upperclassmen English where literature can be critically analyzed, where students learn to write coherently and creatively, and perhaps most importantly of all, where literature has the ability to deepen the student's world view, leading to more informed and wise decisions." The LIFT selection committee made a very wise decision, indeed, with its selection of Darcy.

Andrew and Darcy join the first LIFT recipient, Kaysie Rowson, who was named last year. The SEF is committed to "growing our own" great teachers and nurturing our best and brightest students so that they settle in our community, raise their families, and contribute to the community that has so generously supported their education. Congratulations Andrew and Darcy!

SEF Awards \$32,909 in Grants for 2007-2008

Philips Lighting, Kansas Gas Services and the Salina Regional Health Foundation's Community Health Investment Program have partnered with the SEF to fund some exciting and important grants through our 21st Century Advantage Grant Program.

Philips Lighting provided funding for five science-related requests including funding for a weather station and "Lab Chicks" at South High School, materials at Stewart Elementary for integrating science into other subjects, and document cameras for the Lakewood Science Department.

Kansas Gas Services has made a number of opportunities possible because of its donation that targets reading. Books for Heusner's Library, a reading license which allows teachers to access web materials, literature books for special education and regular classrooms, supplemental materials that parents and children can work on together, and books for leadership training at South High are among the grants that were funded.

Salina Regional Health Foundation has generously donated to help fund early childhood and health-related grant requests. Projects that were funded include providing Spanish and Vietnamese books for Heartland families, HOTV vision screening, projects targeting special needs students that focus on life skills, preschool and kindergarten materials, and projects that target children at risk for reading failure.



Jeff Lamb, Treasurer, and Mary Andersen, Chair of the Allocations Committee, present a check for \$32,909 to USD 305 teachers and staff.

At a presentation on March 13, these teachers were awarded grants:

Central High School

Steve Rivers
School SPIRIT Initiative

Coronado

DeAnna Ryberg
Gina Turner

Cottonwood

Jenny Linenberger

Heartland

Carolyn Salinas
Maridee Armstrong, Lori Johnson, Christina Jaster

Heusner

Barbara Karlin
Damon Boyer
Janet Hanson

Lakewood

Jill Brown
Joanne Pridey and Lakewood Science Faculty

Oakdale

Cathy Hayes
Amy Diehl

Meadowlark Ridge

Dottie Wallace
Carolyn Goodwin
Sarah Morris
Tina Layton

Schilling

Steven Kimmi
Kathy Schurle
Mary Harmon
Anne Warkentine
Nancy Koch
Margie Carrier, Anita Preston, Betsy Rittel

South Middle

Jill Barber
Matt Gerry
Sharon Marsh

South High

Karen Bastin
Debra Gordon
Kaisha Edgerle
Lisa Mahler, Krista DeVoe, Tonya Keim
Ardis Pritchett
Matt Renk
Lyric Cairns
Nikki Chamberlain

Stewart

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Wednesday, April 25
5-10:00 PM
20% of sales to SEF

Present this ad or mention SEF

The mission of the Salina Education Foundation is to encourage educational excellence by providing resources to enhance opportunities for the students and staff of Salina's public schools.

New Scholarship

The family of Justin Cosco has established a scholarship in his memory beginning this year. The Justin Cosco Memorial Scholarship will honor a graduating Central High School senior who exhibits the following characteristics:

- Has been active in music during high school
- Has overcome adversity
- Wishes to further his/her education in some way.

One student will be selected beginning this spring (2007) and will continue as family determines. The scholarship will be for \$500 for the fall semester and the application will be placed on www.salinaeducationfoundation.com next year.

Great Teachers

Do you remember the special teacher who taught you that impossible math concept or the teacher who inspired you to keep striving to reach a goal? Perhaps a teacher has made a difference in your child's education and life. Say thank you by giving a donation in their honor to the Salina Education Foundation. Your donation will help to fund the 21st Century Advantage Grant Program that allows teachers to be creative and innovative in their classrooms. Your honoree will receive a card from the SEF telling him/her of your gift and letting them know you appreciate their impact on your life—a great way to say thank you!

"Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher."

Japanese proverb



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