OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESENTS

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2019 Scholars Yearbook!!

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Congratulations on being a Community Foundation Scholar! We know you’ve worked hard to earn this scholarship, and you’re well on your way to a great and successful future. But as Uncle Ben once said, “With great power, comes great responsibility.”

So what is your responsibility now? CLAIM your scholarship! Inside your award packet, you will find instructions on how you can make sure your scholarship money is sent to your school.

The Packet Includes:

**Donor Biography:** This is a brief overview of the person or family funding your scholarship. Learn about the history of your scholarship and the donor(s) who made it happen. Tip: It’s always a great idea to send us a thank-you note for us to give to your donor(s)!

**Award Letter:** This contains information about the specific requirements of your scholarship, how and when your scholarship award check will be issued and if your scholarship is eligible for renewal each year.

**Note:** Your scholarship award check will NOT be issued to your school until you email the following information to w.minter@occf.org:

- Name of college or university you are attending
- A valid email address we can use to contact you in the future (most students use their college email address)
- Your student ID number

**Verification of Enrollment Form:** These are also available to download at OCCF.org/ScholarshipRecipients. Please have your school’s registrar complete this form and mail to us. You must submit a verification of enrollment for each semester you are receiving an Oklahoma City Community Foundation scholarship.

Mail to:
Oklahoma City Community Foundation
P.O. Box 1146
Oklahoma City, OK 73101-1146

By now, our scholarship sense is tingling that you’re well on your way to being a superhero of your own making! Please keep in touch, because we look forward to hearing about all the great things you have yet to accomplish.

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Visit OCCF.org/Claim for a step-by-step video on claiming your award!
TO OUR SUPER SCHOLARS...

Can you believe in a few short weeks you’ll be a high school graduate? Your years of hard work and hours spent studying are almost finished... just kidding! They are only just beginning. BUT, they have paid off! Thanks to your hard work, you’ve been chosen to receive a scholarship to help fund your education!

As you await your graduation day, we’re thrilled you could spend this day with us celebrating your Super Scholar accomplishments!

The Oklahoma City Community Foundation scholarship you are being recognized for today is part of our Trustee Scholarship Initiative that was established in 1998 to encourage more students in central Oklahoma to go to college. You’ll see on page 2 of this book that the initiative doesn’t stop with this award, and we encourage you to apply to receive additional scholarships throughout your college years.

The generous gifts of many donors who were once students just like you made these awards possible. These donors recognize the educational and financial challenges students may encounter and they want to help you achieve your goals. As you set out to do great things, we hope you will remember that these donors and everyone at the Community Foundation are your biggest fans. We’re cheering you on every step of the way!

We hope you’ll keep this scholarship yearbook as a reminder of the long hours of hard work you put in to get this far. We wish you the best of luck with your future endeavors and hope you will stay in touch! As Batman once said, “You only have your thoughts and dreams ahead of you. You are someone. You mean something.”

And most importantly, don’t forget to go to class!

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OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Established in 1998 by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation Trustees, the Trustee Scholarship Initiative is a series of award programs, including the Community Foundation Scholars program, designed to encourage more students in central Oklahoma to attend college.

**Community Foundation Scholars Program**

The Community Foundation Scholar award is given to good students who are active in their community and might not otherwise qualify for awards based solely on academic standards. For the 2019-20 academic year, 95 Community Foundation Scholars will each receive a $2,000 award.

The New Opportunities Scholar award is given to students who will be the first in their family to attend college. Students apply as high school juniors and follow a program to prepare them for college. For the 2019-20 academic year, 89 New Opportunities Scholars will each receive a $2,000 award.

**Frierson Scholarship**

Your scholarship opportunities don’t end here! Each spring, former Community Foundation Scholars who are attending a college, university or vocational school in Oklahoma, in good academic standing and have financial need are invited to apply for the Irene P. and Samuel E. Frierson Educational Trust Scholarship during their second, third and fourth year following high school graduation.

**Application Deadline:** June 1

**Award Amount:** Varies

**Steps to Apply:**

1. Receive email invitation to apply for the Frierson Educational Trust Scholarship.
2. Log on to occf.academicworks.com, update your online application and complete the reflection statement.
3. Complete the Community Foundation survey form.
4. Submit an official transcript including your collegiate spring semester grades.
5. Upload a copy of your Student Aid Report from FAFSA.

**Questions?**

Contact Rick Fernandez at r.fernandez@occf.org or 405/606-2919.
Applying and reapplying for the Frierson Scholarship has been the best decision I have made in my higher education career. The financial help allowed me to focus more on my studies and not worry about how I was going to pay for the semester. This helped me maintain a good GPA and make the Vice President’s Honor Roll!“

– CAMRON BAKER

Frierson Scholarship Recipient
Guidance counselors from 54 central Oklahoma high schools participate in our Central Oklahoma Guidance Counselor Network to learn more about helping students prepare for college. Through the network, we provide free training and resources including continuing education workshops and campus visits for counselors to learn about college admissions and financial aid opportunities. In addition, we provide at least one Community Foundation Scholars award to each participating high school.

ASTEC Charter School – Kymberly Rodgers
Bethany High School – Jackie Melton
Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School – Rebecca Damron
Capitol Hill High School – Kristen Compton
Carl Albert High School – Lora Souza
Casady School – Amanda Kisselle
Choctaw High School – Cormie’re Bishop
Christian Heritage Academy – Troop Bullard
Classen School of Advanced Studies – Rhonda McGuire
Community Christian School – Diana Stephens
Crooked Oak High School – Angelia Wilson
Crossings Christian School – Keri Shields
Deer Creek High School – Cindy McCachern
Del City High School – Jennifer Tucker
Douglass High School – Tina Williams
Dove Science Academy – OKC – Cansu Inan
Edmond Memorial High School – Kelley Rampey
Edmond North High School – Keely Gilpin
Edmond Santa Fe High School – Deanna Fleck
El Reno High School – Sheila Seewald
Emerson North Alternative High School – Jana Taylor
Guthrie High School – Annie Chadd
Harding Charter Preparatory School – Katherine Ferguson
Harding Fine Arts Academy – Celestia Stacy
Harrah High School – Amber Parsons
Heritage Hall – Julie Bramble
John Marshall High School – Doug Roark
Jones High School – Curtis Moses
Luther High School – Angie Cox
Midwest City High School – Jamie Butler
Millwood High School – Carlissa Baker
Moore High School – Nakia McCarrell
Mount St. Mary Catholic High School – Mallory Tecmire
Mustang High School – Ericka VanCleave
Norman High School – Melanie Hayes
Norman North High School – Phyllis Michaud
Northeast Academy for Health Sciences & Engineering – Evon Finklea
Northwest Classen High School – Donna Hill
Oklahoma Christian Academy – Brooke Scott
Oklahoma Centennial High School – Ashley Westerman
Oklahoma Christian School – Sherry Sage
Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics – Cynthia Parish
Piedmont High School – Cathy Earnest
Putnam City High School – Brenda Stinnett
Putnam City North High School – Jennifer Bryant
Putnam City West High School – Angie Miller
Santa Fe South High School – Danny Boyd
Southeast High School – Nayibe Hoffman
Southmoore High School – Risa Demeter
Star Spencer High School – Adrienne Gab
U. S. Grant High School – Prisma Espinoza
Western Heights High School – Laura Castrop
Westmoore High School – Carole Carter
Yukon High School – Jamie Kale

"Receiving this scholarship has allowed me to attend the school I’ve been dreaming of since age 12. My counselor helped me look for the right scholarships, and kept me motivated to complete the applications. I hope with a performing arts degree in dance, I can accomplish my goal of starting my own nonprofit organization for the performing arts."

– Meghan Zerbest
Putnam City High School graduate and Community Foundation Scholar
Your scholarship award would not be possible without the support of many donors who are eager to help students like you achieve your higher education goals. We are pleased to acknowledge the following donors whose gifts provide substantial support for the Trustee Scholarship Initiative.

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Ana Garcia was determined to break through the barriers that stood between her and a college education. The youngest of six children born to Mexican immigrants, her family moved to the United States seeking new opportunities. Working hard just to provide for their family, higher education was a luxury they could not afford.

While attending Bethany High School, Ana excelled in school and began to dream of her future.

“I remember asking my high school counselor how I could go to college,” Ana said. “From that point on, I was determined to make straight A’s. I knew I didn’t have room to fail.”

Little did Ana know, her great opportunity would arise from another woman who, decades earlier, had overcome challenges of her own.

Born in 1924, Ruth Mershon wasn’t expected to live past the age of two. Her physical impairments made it difficult to walk or even wear shoes. Through her own tenacity and the support of her family, she not only graduated college in 1945, but also went on to break through a glass ceiling in the medical profession by practicing anesthesiology for 45 years.

“Ruth’s determination helped her overcome many obstacles in life,” said niece Ginny Lawrence. “She believed strongly that hard work reaps rewards, and she wanted to help capable, hard-working students achieve their goals.”

Dr. Mershon died in 2000, and while she and Ana Garcia never met, she gave Ana and many other students an incredible opportunity. Dr. Mershon established the Ruth Mershon Scholarship at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Since 2000, the scholarship has helped nearly 100 students follow their dreams of going to college.

“This scholarship was life changing. It really validated all of my years of hard work,” said Ana, who is now a nurse practitioner serving families in southwest Oklahoma City. “As a child, I dreamed of working in medicine, and I’m honored to provide quality care for residents in the city I’ve always called home.”
2019 SUPER SCHOLARS

Valeria Aguilar
Classen School of Advanced Studies
University of Oklahoma

Noelia Arenas
Oklahoma Centennial High School
Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City

Manuel Arredondo
ASTEC Charter School
University of Central Oklahoma

Preslee Azbell
Southmoore High School
Oklahoma City Community College

Christiana Bakare
John Marshall High School
University of Central Oklahoma

Nissi Benni
Putnam City High School
University of Oklahoma

Jillian Bonewitz
Oklahoma Christian Academy
University of Wyoming

Yadira Briones
Northwest Classen High School
Oklahoma City Community College

Clancy Bruce
Christian Heritage Academy
Oklahoma State University

Briann Buck
Southmoore High School
Northeastern State University

Jayden Burchette
Bethany High School
University of Oklahoma

Jaquelin Cabrera
Southeast High School
University of Central Oklahoma
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Arat Calderon
Crooked Oak High School
University of Oklahoma

Carizzma Carrion
Southmoore High School
University of Central Oklahoma

Kason Cathey
Jones High School
Oklahoma State University

Alexis Cisneros
Classen School of Advanced Studies
University of Oklahoma

Leslie Cisneros
Santa Fe South High School
University of Central Oklahoma

Georgina Concha-Paredes
Santa Fe South High School
University of Oklahoma

Edith Contreras
ASTEC Charter School
University of Oklahoma

Mackenzie Cooper
Piedmont High School
University of Central Oklahoma

Samantha Cooper
Norman High School
University of Oklahoma

Bailey Cornwell
Guthrie High School
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Sage Crosby
Luther High School
Oklahoma State University

Cody Cummins
Harding Charter Preparatory High School
Oklahoma State University

Amaari Daniels
Guthrie High School
Langston University

Kaitlynn Davison
Westmoore High School
Oklahoma State University

Diana De Lara
Capitol Hill High School
Oklahoma State University

Karrah Dean
Guthrie High School
Oklahoma Christian University
Antony Deleon  
Northwest Classen High School  
Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City

Bianca Deleon  
Northwest Classen High School  
Oklahoma City Community College

Kayla Denson  
Millwood High School  
Texas Southern University

Osmara Diaz  
Harding Charter Preparatory High School  
University of Central Oklahoma

Dunia Dominguez  
Santa Fe South High School  
Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City

Dakota Doupe  
Jones High School  
Missouri University of Science & Technology

Hajar ElAatifi  
Putnam City High School  
University of Oklahoma

Donovan England  
Carl Albert High School  
University of Oklahoma

Sarah Equigua  
Moore High School  
Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City

Jovani Escalera  
Putnam City High School  
Oklahoma Baptist University

Josselyn Espinoza  
Capitol Hill High School  
Oklahoma State University

Adali Esquivel  
Western Heights High School  
University of Central Oklahoma

Cara Feuerborn  
Edmond Memorial High School  
Oklahoma State University

Paea Fifita  
Capitol Hill High School  
University of Oklahoma

Erika Franco  
Santa Fe South High School  
Oklahoma State University

Anthony Gallegos  
U.S. Grant High School  
University of Oklahoma
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Longtime president of the Oklahoma Publishing Company, E.K. Gaylord, established the first permanent scholarship fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Today, the E.K. Gaylord Scholarship fund continues to support awards made through our Trustee Scholarship Initiative and the Oklahoma Youth with Promise Scholarship Program.

SUPER SCHOLARS: 2019 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARS!!

Fernando Garcia-Avila
Capital Hill High School
University of Oklahoma

Makensie Goggin
Moore High School
University of Central Oklahoma

Carina Gonzales
Crooked Oak High School
University of Tulsa

Elijah Green
Community Christian School
Oklahoma City Community College

Emily Gresh
Edmond Santa Fe High School
University of Central Oklahoma

Vivian Guan
Edmond Santa Fe High School
University of Central Oklahoma

Marcos Gutierrez
Oklahoma Centennial High School
Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City

Angela Ha
Del City High School
University of Central Oklahoma

Jennifer Ha
Westmoore High School
University of Oklahoma

Kenneth Halstied
Dove Science Academy - Oklahoma City
University of North Carolina

Amaya Hamilton
Westmoore High School
University of Oklahoma

Kameron Harding
Southmoore High School
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Omar Hassan
Edmond Santa Fe High School
University of Oklahoma

Aliana Head
Classen School of Advanced Studies
University of Oklahoma

Donovan Heard
Mount St. Mary Catholic High School
Emporia State University

Taylor Hendrix
Edmond Santa Fe High School
Oklahoma State University

Inez Henson
Deer Creek High School
Murray State College

Yasmeen Hernandez
Edmond Santa Fe High School
University of Oklahoma

Yosilin Hernandez
Northwest Classen High School
University of Oklahoma

Ericka Herrera
Classen School of Advanced Studies
Oklahoma City University

Jeffrey Herzog
Choctaw High School
University of Central Oklahoma

Henry Ho
Putnam City West High School
Oklahoma City University

Jadie Hokett
El Reno High School
Oklahoma State University

Nathaniel Holladay
Norman High School
University of North Carolina-Asheville

Briza Interiano
Choctaw High School
Oklahoma State University

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Classen School of Advanced Studies
University of Oklahoma

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Carl Albert High School
Cameron University

Rhylee Jaye
Western Heights High School
University of Oklahoma
SUPER SCHOLARS: 2019 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARS!!

Dominic Knight
Douglass High School
Oklahoma State University

Kyle Knoch
Harrah High School
Rose State College

Glory Kong
Northwest Classen High School
University of North Carolina

Christian Lanham
Carl Albert High School
Oklahoma State University

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Southeast High School
University of Oklahoma

Andy Le
Westmoore High School
University of Oklahoma

Uyen Le
Northwest Classen High School
Oklahoma City Community College

Yen Le
Westmoore High School
University of North Texas

Heath Limke
Choctaw High School
Oklahoma State University

Brandon Lopez
ASTEC Charter School
University of Oklahoma

Makenzie Lowe
Piedmont High School
University of Central Oklahoma

Angelo Marquez-Nieto
Southeast High School
Stanford University

Jonathan Marquez-Nieto
Southeast High School
University of Central Oklahoma

Amara Martin
Del City High School
University of Oklahoma

Andrea Martinez
Edmond Memorial High School
Southern Nazarene University

Yasmin Martinez
Capitol Hill High School
Oklahoma City Community College
In the weeks following the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building Bombing, the outpouring of support and contributions led to the creation of The Survivor’s Education Fund designated to assist with the long-term educational needs of children impacted by the bombing. Volunteer Martha King played an integral role serving on the Disaster Relief Fund and Trustee Scholarship Initiative committees for two decades. In honor of her dedication and service, we established the Martha King Scholarship Endowment Fund in 2015 to support our Community Foundation Scholars Awards.
SUPER SCHOLARS: 2019 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARS!!

Mariana Moreno
El Reno High School
Redlands Community College

Gideon Morris
Harding Fine Arts Academy
Oklahoma State University

Abigail Hafezi Motlagh
Midwest City High School
University of Oklahoma

Madison Mullins
Mustang High School
Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City

Nayeli Murillo
Santa Fe South High School
Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City

Shamiah Naff
Westmoore High School
Northeastern University

Corie Naifeh
Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School
University of Oklahoma

Lindsey Neff
Mustang High School
Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City

Chau Nguyen
Putnam City High School
University of Oklahoma

Don Nguyen
Classen School of Advanced Studies
University of Oklahoma

Duyen Nguyen
Norman High School
University of Oklahoma

Katie Nguyen
Westmoore High School
University of Oklahoma

Rose Nguyen
Western Heights High School
University of Oklahoma

Thu Nguyen
Edmond South High School
University of Oklahoma

Ethan Noble
Classen School of Advanced Studies
Colorado School of Mines

Ronnie Nuqui
Norman North High School
University of Oklahoma
The families of Richard Coyle and Carolyn Berry transferred a scholarship fund they had created to the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Renamed the Oklahoma Youth With Promise scholarship, the program offers students in Oklahoma’s foster care system the opportunity to further their education.
SUPER SCHOLARS: 2019 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARS!!

Hillary Quach  
Northwest Classen High School  
University of Oklahoma

Mayra Quiroz  
Mount St. Mary Catholic High School  
Oklahoma State University

Mohammad Raja  
Putnam City West High School  
University of Oklahoma

Hector Ramirez  
ASTEC Charter School  
University of Oklahoma

Gerardo Ramirez-Perez  
Classen School of Advanced Studies  
University of Oklahoma

Jose Ramos  
Bethany High School  
Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City

Alizah Raymond  
Norman High School  
University of Oklahoma

Ellyn Rex  
Norman North High School  
Oklahoma City Community College

Alicia Reyes  
Crooked Oak High School  
Rose State College

Raven Richard  
Northeast Academy for Health Science & Engineering  
Southern Nazarene University

Carmen Rivera  
Capitol Hill High School  
Oklahoma City Community College

Brooke Robbins  
Piedmont High School  
University of Oklahoma

Mary Robertson  
Mustang High School  
Oklahoma State University

Aniyah Robinson  
Putnam City West High School  
Oklahoma State University

Brenda Rodarte  
Harding Charter Preparatory High School  
University of Oklahoma

Jessica Rodriguez  
ASTEC Charter School  
Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City
Quin Rogan  
Emerson North Alternative School  
Oklahoma City Community College

Stephanie Rojas  
Mount St. Mary Catholic High School  
Oklahoma City University

Yaritza Romero  
Western Heights High School  
University of Central Oklahoma

Lauren Ross  
Edmond North High School  
Whittier College

Angie Santizo  
ASTEC Charter School  
University of Central Oklahoma

Ashley Sapien  
Northwest Classen High School  
Oklahoma State University -  
Oklahoma City

Lexie Sapp  
Harding Fine Arts Academy  
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma

Sydney Schmedt  
Oklahoma Christian School  
Oklahoma State University

Aarushi Shankar  
Norman North High School  
University of Oklahoma

Emily Sheehan  
Edmond Memorial High School  
University of Central Oklahoma

Emily Smith  
Yukon High School  
Oklahoma State University -  
Oklahoma City

Jordan Snell  
Del City High School  
United States Naval Academy

Enrique Meza Soto  
U.S. Grant High School  
University of Oklahoma

Taylor Spencer  
Deer Creek High School  
Oklahoma State University

Gage Stinson  
Putnam City North High School  
Oklahoma State University

Kailey Stockton  
Crossings Christian School  
Oklahoma State University
The Trustee Scholarship Initiative was launched to help more students in central Oklahoma attend college. Several scholarships are named in honor of individuals who served as Trustees at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, like the Jeanette L. Gamba Community Foundation Scholars Award, named after the longtime Oklahoma City advertising executive, community volunteer and our board’s first female president.
To address a shortage of qualified nurses, our Trustees established the Nurse Education Program. The program offers scholarships to third and fourth-year college students enrolled in a nursing program, as well as practicing registered nurses who are pursuing a nursing-related bachelor’s degree.
Established in 1969 by John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick, the Oklahoma City Community Foundation has connected donors with charitable organizations and causes for the past 50 years. As a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization and one of more than 750 community foundations in the United States, we help donors establish permanent endowment funds to provide long-term support to nonprofits in this community. The Oklahoma City Community Foundation is currently among the 20 largest community foundations in the country, serving both urban and rural communities in central Oklahoma.

What is a community foundation?
Community foundations are public charities dedicated to bettering the lives of people in a defined geographic area through grant-giving. They bring together the financial resources of local individuals, families and businesses to support nonprofits and activities in their area.

What is an endowment?
An endowment is a permanent fund established through a charitable gift or donation. While only a portion of the fund is available each year to support charitable efforts, like your scholarship award, the power behind endowment is its permanence. Each year the fund grows as a portion is invested, ensuring it will forever be able to fund charitable causes.

What other programs do we support in the community?
Thanks to donors who care to see students succeed in their academic journeys, we are able to provide the largest selection of scholarships in the state. We also work with donors to support hundreds of charitable organizations and projects in central Oklahoma, including public art and beautification projects, health care for those in need and community wellness programs for everyone.

Learn more about us at occf.org.

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