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ANNUAL REPORT



 **WYLIE BULLDOGS
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Promoting Excellence in Education Through Gifts

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Top: Foundation board members pose for a picture after a parade to honor scholarship winners during COVID. **Bottom:** Board members helped out during the Foundation's first Fun Run. Board President Becky Rentz is honored at the 10th anniversary dinner.



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The Foundation hosted its first “We are Wylie” Dinner in October 2010, and the event was a phenomenal success, thanks to generous donors and wonderful comedy from Wylie graduate and comedian Clinton Pickens. Each year since, the Foundation has highlighted the talents of Wylie alumni to entertain at the dinner. Pickens returned in 2019 to entertain at the Foundation’s 10th Anniversary Dinner. Other dinners have featured musicians such as Hunter Hutchison and Mark Powell; TV personalities such as Ben Starr, a celebrity chef, and Ty O’Neal McClary, who starred in the Mighty Ducks movies; and speakers such as Jeri Stephenson from NASA and Blake Harruff, who served in Afghanistan.

The annual dinner started out at the High School Cafeteria before moving to the new Middle School cafeteria (now Wylie West Junior High). The event outgrew the Wylie cafeterias and moved to Lytle Bend Ranch for several years. It has since outgrown that location and moved to the 201 Mesquite Event Center in 2019.

The event was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 because of the pandemic, but Wylie donors proved their commitment to education by supporting the Foundation in an amazing fashion. We are immensely grateful for that support, which allowed us to continue providing for the Wylie ISD during a difficult and challenging time. Thank you all!

The Foundation Board of Directors is excited to bring back the in-person dinner in 2022. We are eager to have Wylie supporters together, under one roof, celebrating our achievements and honoring Wylie graduates who have returned to work at Wylie. It is such an honor to work together with the amazing Wylie community and our awesome donors to continue fostering excellence in the Wylie Schools. We all share the pride of helping our students receive a Grade A education. It is great to be a Wylie Bulldog supporter!



The We are Wylie Dinner has provided lots of music and laughs over the years, but the best part is spending an evening with our amazing friends in the Wylie community.

HIGH SCHOOL

Gary Huckabee and Debra Smith: \$1,500.

Subscription to *Get More Math*, an online tool that provides cumulative practice sessions uniquely tailored to each student's needs.

Alexis Hughes: \$956.71.

High quality drawing supplies, including Prismacolor colored pencils, charcoal pencils, pencil sharpeners and blending stumps for various drawing projects.

Lisa Camp: \$1,000.

Printmaking supplies for the WHS Art Department, including dry point etching tools, etching sheets, Gelli plates, brayers, speedball cutting tools, printing blocks, ink and barons and a small shop vac to help keep the room clean.

Justin Holland and Chris Shoemaker: \$1,500.

Automatic Tracking Software for the Wylie Performing Arts Center. This software will be connected to the WPAC's PTZ (Pan, Tilt, Zoom) cameras in the light booth. Students will be able to use the software to learn valuable lessons in software installation, camera angles and performance self-reflection.

WEST JUNIOR HIGH

Angie Kenley: \$658.74.

Engaging nonfiction books that will accommodate English learners and striving readers.

Kelly Trumble, Amanda Gay and Denise Cope: \$2,977.27.

Three sets of classroom novels (210 books) and three audiobook CD's for each teacher. The books are *The Heart Mender*, *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott* and *Harriett*

Tubman: Conductor of the Underground Railroad.

Brittany Gurganus: \$2,148.16.

Classroom instruments. The benefits of playing instruments are far-reaching, affecting hand-eye coordination, stress relief and brain function to name a few.

Tanya C. Miles: \$549.50.

Classroom monthly subscription to *Scope Scholastic English Language Arts* magazine. Students will find fascinating important stories that will give them knowledge, ignite their curiosity, help them understand the complex world we are living in and maybe inspire them to take action.

Lillian Jones: \$948.40.

100 paperback copies of *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli and 60 hardback copies of *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander. These Newbery Award winning novels will be

used to improve literacy skills and provide opportunities for discussion of various social issues.

Aimee Wristen: \$1,290.

10 architectural design kits in the CTE classroom that will allow students to further explore the career cluster of Architecture and Construction by allowing them to create their own 3D architectural structures.

EAST JUNIOR HIGH

Kristian Spencer, Lauren McElroy, Amy Grimland, Baylee Barger and Jennifer Ramos: \$4,325.

Laboratory equipment and supplies for science lab. The new equipment ranges from hot plates and scales, to supplies for a variety of STEM labs, to materials for all manners of hands-on learning and investigative research.





EAST & WEST JUNIOR HIGHS

Luke Hurst: \$999.95.

Five robots to help improve the coding unit in a CGRI (Coding, Gaming, Robotics, Innovation) and a Digital Citizenship class at both Junior Highs.

WEST INTERMEDIATE

Jennifer Greenough: \$977.35.

Multicultural picture books for the school library. By purchasing books containing characters illustrated by a rainbow of colors and cultures, students will feel included and appreciated, thus improving their desire to visit the library.

EAST ELEMENTARY

Humberto James Loera: \$1,991.45.

Two bass xylophones, along with 10 frame drums of two different sizes, to expand the music room and channel growth for every student at Wylie East Elementary.

Angela McKnight: \$1,985.04.

Orff instruments and a Djembe drum for the music classroom. Playing Orff instruments builds connections of musical concepts and skills through understanding and experience.

Nancy Reed: \$344.46.

Manipulatives such as magnetic sound sorting boards, vowel letter tubs and stamp sets for kindergarten students to build early literacy skills and help students explore and isolate beginning/middle/ending sounds and rhyming sounds in words.

Tina Buckner, Jessica McIntire, Rachel Perkins, Robin Cason and Phyllis Ricker: \$4,759.80.

iPads for five different 2nd grade classrooms, covering math, science and social studies. The iPads will be used to foster learning across all subject areas.

Shyrl Martinez: \$1,972.

Holiday books for the school library. The grant will also be used to help replenish some of the more frequently used holiday books on topics the students are required to study.

Elise Rocco: \$803.26.

Hands-on learning manipulatives, printer ink and laminating pouches to create and/or print more manipulatives. The students need the hands-on activities to make the connection between the concrete objects in their hands to the abstract concept they are learning.

WEST ELEMENTARY

Rayna McCarty: \$411.12.

Four stability ball chairs and four foldable floor seats. A major objective of flexible seating is that it allows collaboration between students as they can pair up or work in small groups.

Kathy Burnitt: \$994.25.

Storage containers and baskets for a 2nd-grade classroom. The locking shoe boxes will allow students to carry more supplies when switching classes, plus it does away with common supplies thus cutting out germs. The wire baskets will be used to put the classroom library back together.

WEST EARLY CHILDHOOD

Suzanne Wright: \$1,000.

A light/sensory table bundle and manipulatives to be used with the table. These learning tools will help students with disabilities

reach their individualized goals and objectives and master important skills such as letter identification and writing, sorting, color identification, patterning, turn-taking and number recognition.

Kristina Hadaway: \$1,000.

Hands-on materials, such as pop beads, mazes, and touch boards, for students to use and explore. This will provide opportunities to engage in and better understand the objective, be more successful in the classroom, help with interaction and communication, and allow the students to better understand the objective that is being taught.

Amanda McVay: \$984.86.

Flexible seating options in the classroom, which allows children to work in all types of positions and keeps young minds alert and focused, especially children who are diagnosed with ADHD and learning disabilities.

Jillian Johnson: \$982.41.

Light Changing Table, Magnetic Center and items that encourage Math, Science and STEM learning in Pre-K age children.

Kaylee Channell: \$882.

Three iPads for a Kindergarten classroom. The iPads will be beneficial during small group time to help reinforce and extend student's knowledge.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS AWARDED:

\$37,941.73

4 High School, 6 West Junior High, 1 East Junior High, 1 Both Junior Highs, 1 West Intermediate, 2 West Elementary, 6 East Elementary, 5 WEC, 3-Music, 3-Technology, 1-Flexible Seating/Focus, 6-Manipulatives, 1-Organization, 1-Architecture, 1-Science, 6-Books, 1-Math, 2-Art, 1-Performing Arts Center

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2021 ANNUAL LUNCHEON WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS

The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation and Hendrick Health teamed up to welcome 55 new teachers to the district in August 2021.

The WBEF's annual New Teacher Luncheon is designed to make new teachers feel welcome, motivated and appreciated. The Foundation presented the teachers with \$100 gift cards to Mardell Christian & Education Bookstore to help set up their classrooms for the 2021-22 school year. Hendrick sponsored the luncheon, providing the meal and a gift bag to the teachers.

Also at the luncheon, Wylie teacher Alexis Hughes was presented the "Spirit of the Bulldog" award. The award is given in honor of Becky Rentz, who is a retired teacher and the driving force behind the Education Foundation. It is presented to a teacher who has utilized WBEF teacher grant money to challenge and motivate students in a creative way. Hughes has received numerous grants, which have helped high school students in both the biology and art departments.



Alexis Hughes won the 2021 Spirit of the Bulldog Award.

2021 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



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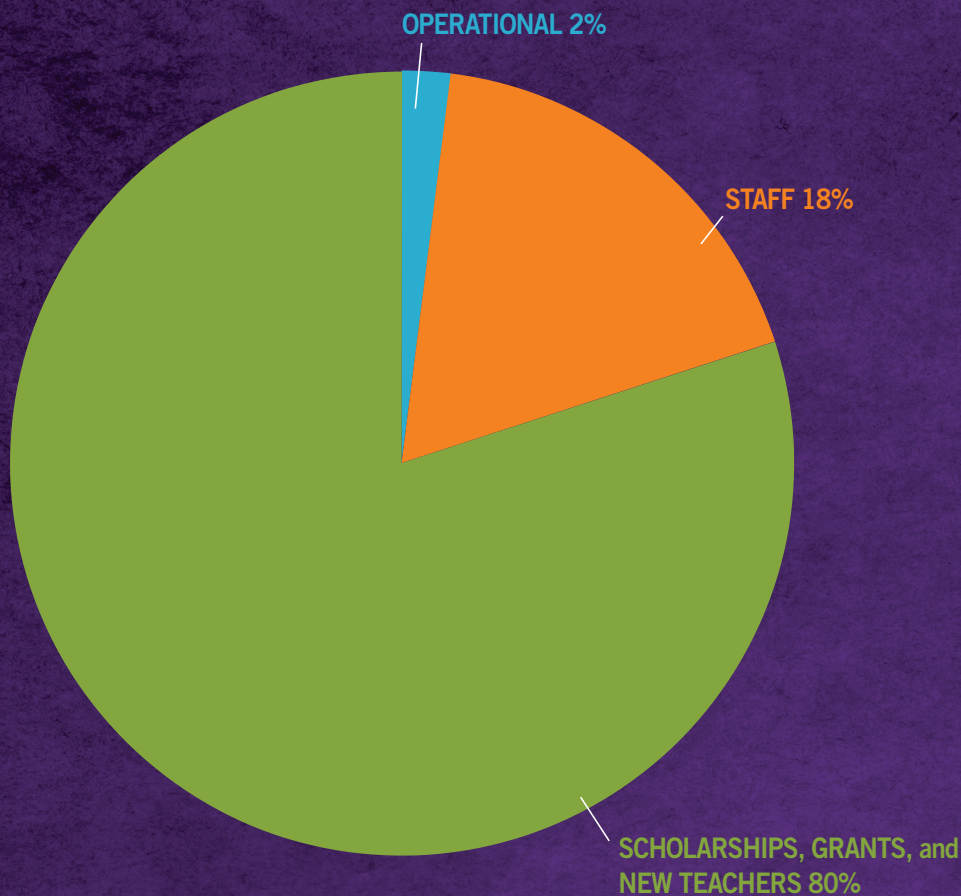
Sloane Ross Kent Trumble Kole Trumble Shaelyn Ward Rachel Warren Ceci Widder

HUGH & BRENDA SANDIFER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

For the first time, the Foundation awarded two scholarships in honor of Wylie's longtime coach Hugh Sandifer, and his wife, Brenda, a longtime Wylie counselor. The recipients were:



Emma Melton Riley Hood



FINANCIALS

A QUICK LOOK

Teacher Grants	\$37,941.73
Student Scholarships	\$30,000
New Teacher Gift Cards	\$5,500
Special Grants	\$22,313
<i>For new East Intermediate and Reading Initiative.)</i>	
Total Gifted:	\$95,754.73

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