



Committed to finding young students hope and a future.



Students, mentors and parents on a recent trip to one of our partner universities, RSU. Students visited the Claremore campus during a school break.

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Message from our Chairman

In 2004, Karen and I were delivering Christmas food baskets for the needy. At one home, we met a single parent with three young children. This mother wanted her kids to go to college and have a better life than she had.

In 2002, my father and I talked – something we rarely did. He said something I never expected. He said, “My life would have been so different if I had an education.” He left school because of the Great Depression in the ninth grade to help support his family. Two months after our conversation, he passed on. My father and a total stranger impacted my life and instilled in me the desire to ensure that others received the opportunity for a college education.

The Lowe Family Young Scholars Program is an opportunity to have a better life through a college education. Our goal is not simply to be accepted into college, but to complete college with a degree. If students and parents are willing to work with us, we will assist the students in obtaining a college degree.

We currently have sixteen students in the Program with one student a senior at OSU, another attending OSU this fall, and junior at OKWU. Through your generous donations, we are making a difference in our community.

Sincerely,



Barry W. Lowe

Our Mission

The Lowe Family Young Scholars program is intended to stimulate current students of Jane Phillips, Oak Park and Richard Kane Elementary Schools. These students will provide successful role models for other LFYS students, demonstrating that high student achievement for economically challenged students is achievable and a reality. Furthermore, this program is expected to provide long-term learning experiences for the students so they will experience the benefits of successfully completing higher education. The program must educate parents and students to the open doors that await those with a college degree. This Program strives to dangle the tantalizing carrot that will make the educational journey worthwhile.

Mentoring Program Donors

We are extremely grateful to the outpouring of support we have had in 2010. Because of our donors, we were able to take a few extra field trips and expose our students to exciting new horizons. This list reflects gifts deposited from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Donations may be sent to:

LFYS Program, 2500 Mountain Road, Bartlesville, OK 74003

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(\$5,000 and up)

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(\$1,000 - \$4,999)

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Susan Bass
Kathryn Peaster
Don & Shirley Seizinger
Zella Simmons

Special Pickens Gift Match Drive Donors

We would like to thank and recognize the following organizations and individuals who made the Pickens 2:1 match a possibility. We raised over \$50,000 to qualify for the match. Therefore, the Lowe Family Young Scholars Program we will be awarded \$100,000 post-testament by the T. Boone Pickens estate.

Platinum Level (gifts greater than \$5,000)

Mr. John Bond
Mr. Doug Divelbiss
Mr. George Halkiades
Mrs. Patsy Haws
Mr. Barry W. & Mrs. Karen Lowe

Gold Level (gifts \$1,000 to \$4,999)

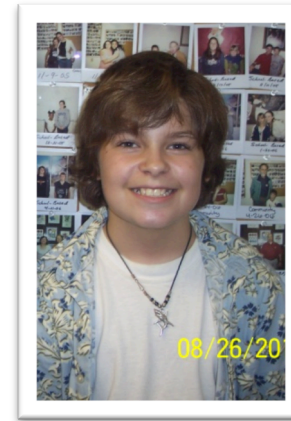
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Mr. Lee Stone



Expectations

The LFYS Program believes in supporting students with high motivational levels as well as academic excellence. Students are expected and encouraged to dream big in anticipation of attending college and selecting a career for which they have shown an aptitude.

Significant accomplishments in 2010 are:

- ❖ Both Senior Thomas Bridges and Junior Vanessa Carreno were pages for State Rep. Earl Sears. Thomas went on to also page for Senator John Ford. Thomas is the president of his student council.
- ❖ Kelsey Bridges will be a senior at OSU, graduating in December of 2011; Dallas Lewis will be a junior at OKWU.
- ❖ Two new students were welcomed into the program in 2010.
- ❖ A fashion show held at OKWU raised \$5,000 and boosted students and parents' self-esteem.
- ❖ Visited State Capital and Oklahoma Historical Museum in Oklahoma City over Spring Break 2010.
- ❖ First off-site quarterly meeting held at Camp Loughridge, Tulsa.
- ❖ Big Brothers/Big Sisters became more involved as they assisted us with monitoring students' academics, quarterly meeting planning and notifications.



OSU

Fundraising

Campus Visits

Campus visits are a vital element of the LFYS Program. To enable students to feel comfortable at one of our partner universities (RSU, OKWU and OSU), students must frequent the campus facilities, visit with advisors, and talk with current students. This program exposes students to such opportunities.

- ❖ Students visited the RSU campus in January 2010. In an effort to reach out to more students, we also invited students who had applied for the program to join us on this trip. The RSU president, Larry Price, spoke to the students. RSU provided souvenirs via a drawing for the students as well as served us lunch.
- ❖ OKWU invited our students to tour their campus in September of 2010. They enjoyed a nice lunch, played some games, witnessed student activities and science experiments and all took home T-shirts.
- ❖ In October of 2010, students toured the OSU campus, met with specific advisors, received pertinent course information, ate at Eskimo Joe's and all received an OSU T-shirt.

Our university partners made our students feel special and welcome. They are building bridges to their universities for our students.

Yipee! We surpassed our goal. In 2010, Barry W. and Karen Lowe requested that OSU withhold \$100,000 of the quickly disappearing T. Boone Pickens 2:1 scholarship match. This was a commitment by the Lowes to raise \$50,000. Post-testament, \$100,000 will be deposited into the Lowe Family Young Scholars Endowment at OSU.

	<u>Donor Commitments</u>	<u>Match Expectancy</u>
Gifts Received by 2-28-11	\$ 67,745.50	\$ 100,000.00
Commitments to be received within 5 years	<u>600.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total Cash Commitments	\$ 68,345.50	\$ 100,000.00
Estate Commitment	<u>.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total Endowed Scholarship Commitment	<u>\$ 68,345.50</u>	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>

Total Match Allocated

\$ 100,000.00

Student & Financial Highlights

In addition to the below stellar performance by the LFYS students, eight students had improved their overall GPA by December 31, 2010.

Student Statistics	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Student Retention – by year joined program	57%	60%	40%	67%	100%
Student GPA – by year joined program	3.25	3.10	3.60	3.40	3.50
Cumulative Student GPA			3.16	3.16	3.51*

***Announced mandatory 3.0 GPA up from 2.5 in 2009.**

2010 was a very good financial year for the LFYS Program. With our first ever fundraiser, a fashion show, and other gifts, the LFYS Program was able to maintain a healthy bank account and plans for future events for the students are underway.

Financial Highlights	
REVENUE	2010
Fashion Show	\$ 5,956
Donations	\$23,678
Interest Income	\$ 202
TOTAL REVENUE	\$29,836
EXPENSES	
Advertising/Promotion	\$190
Camps/Field Trips	\$1,619
Dental/Medical	\$2,614

Fashion Show	\$1,911
Supplies	\$1,901
Meals/Snacks	\$1,415
Perfect Attendance	\$1,550
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,200
Net Assets, Beginning of 2010	\$29,099
Net assets, 12/31/2010	\$47,735

Programs

Real Life/Real Choices Program

The Real Life/Real Choices (RLRC) Program has become an integral sub-program within the LFYS Program. Rachel Hough continues to do an excellent job by meeting with the students approximately twice a month after school. She works with students in the 6th-8th grades. They cover material such as: self-esteem, handling emotions correctly, personal values, responsibility, setting & achieving goals, and dealing with stress.

As part of this program, Susan Rhodes meets with students in the 11th and 12th grade. She discusses financials and futures including: budgeting, banking, stocks & bonds (including following them), short and long-term savings, making decisions about futures, how to create a good resume' and the interview process. Thanks to St. John School for allowing our students to meet in their facilities. A huge thanks goes to Rachel and Susan for sharing their knowledge and time with our students.

Westside Community Center W.E. Pro\$per Program

Students in the 9th and 10th grades are required to attend the Westside Community Center W.E. Pro\$per Program. Students in this program are taught how to fill out a job application, create a resume', interview for a job, work ethics and etiquette. Upon successfully completing the program, they are provided with part-time summer employment.

Credits 4 Cash 4 College (C4C4C) Program

C4C4C Program helped local elderly by raking leaves, trimming plants and other yard work. This part of the program is entirely voluntary and only for students. They earn credits by assisting others in our community; the credits are converted to cash upon completion of the LFYS Mentoring Program.



Dental Program

Every year, a donor provides \$5,000 for students and parents in the LFYS Program to have necessary dental work. Several students now don braces and likewise, many parents have had extensive dental work. Our goal is to remove as many barriers as possible for students to become successful. Poor dental health can be a barrier. Thanks to Dr. Reed Butler for coordinating this portion of the Program.

Community Service

The LFYS Program maintains a strong connection to our community through quarterly volunteer projects headed up by volunteers Don and Shirley Seizinger.

Our program members are generous with donating their time to give back to their community. Thus far, the LFYS program has volunteered 1,593 man hours back to the community; Members racked up 407 hours in 2010.

Volunteer projects completed in 2010 were:

- ❖ Kiddie Park Cleanup in April
- ❖ Grounds Cleanup at the Bartlesville Mid-High School
- ❖ Pack the Backpacks for Washington County School Supply Drive
- ❖ Good Turn Saturday (Food Baskets) for the Salvation Army



University Partners

Our University Partners are Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Rogers State University and Oklahoma State University. Each university was challenged to match within ten years various amounts of gifts given to them by Barry W. Lowe. These gifts were to support students through endowments, which would provide scholarships indefinitely.

Our current financial status at each university is as follows:

Oklahoma Wesleyan University	\$745,000
Oklahoma State University	\$350,000
Rogers State University	\$200,000

The goal is to support a total of 20 students at any one time through these scholarships after they have been mentored from grades 6-12 in high school with training and preparation for their financial, social, and most importantly, academic college life.

The goal of the Lowe Family Young Scholars Program is not only for a student to ENTER college, but a student to successfully EXIT college with a degree for an employable occupation. Students are counseled and schooled in what college best suits their desired degree and what the job outlooks and pay scales are available for their particular career interest.

