

# Community Partners

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# Low Family Young Scholars Program 2018 Annual Report



*"The mission of the LFYS Program is to assist academically promising yet economically disadvantaged students in the Bartlesville Public School System to earn a college degree."*

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# Message from the Chairman

Recently retiring from a 49 year professional career as an educator in public education, career/technology education and higher education I have personally seen the opportunities and benefits that young individuals have seen from their participation in these programs. Lowe Family Young Scholars has provided many middle school and high school students in Bartlesville access to educational programs that otherwise may not have been available to them before they began to participate in the LFYS Program.

The Lowe Family Young Scholars Program could not have had the success that it has had over the last 13 years without the support of volunteer student mentors, other community volunteers, board members, and the many individuals who give some of their financial resources as donations to the organization. To all of you a BIG THANK YOU!!!!!!

Because of everyone's efforts to go above and beyond in your commitments to support the Lowe Family Young Scholars Program we as a board have continued to see young citizens succeed in meeting their goal of obtaining a college degree and become employed, productive members of society. As president of the board of the LFYS Program for the year 2019, I look forward to your continued support of the board's efforts to help the students meet their personal goals of obtaining a college degree.

Sincerely,

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## Meet our New Executive Director Michael Secora!

Michael has been a Bartlesville resident for many years including graduating from Bartlesville High School in 2004. Michael graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a BSc in Health and Exercise Science and received a Masters in Kinesiology from the University of Saskatchewan. Michael has coached soccer at Bartlesville High School for 6 years. He has also worked as a personal trainer for four years.

"There are many avenues for success and I am happy to serve the Bartlesville community in a manner that helps not only open up more avenues for students academically but also I am excited to work alongside other programs such as Big Brothers Big Sisters to help ensure Bartlesville students are successful."



# Program Donors

## Doctorate (\$5,000+)

Barry W. Lowe & Karen Sue Lowe  
Education Foundation for Education  
ConocoPhillips  
DSR  
Evelyn Strong Bequest  
Oklahoma Wesleyan University  
Bartlesville Community Foundation-  
Wilbur Fund Grant

## Master's (\$1,000-\$4,999)

Bartlesville Community Foundation-  
Legacy Hall of Fame  
Phillips 66  
Mr. Charles Danley  
Oklahoma State University  
Sarkey's Foundation  
K.S. Adams Foundation  
Walmart Distribution Center

## Bachelor's (\$500-\$999)

Bartlesville Rotary  
Mr. David & Mrs. Summer Austin  
Mr. Scott & Mrs. Pam Bilger  
Mr. Kelly & Mrs. Cindy Diven  
Jane Phillips Society  
Keleher Outdoor Advertising  
Mr. Joel & Mrs. Shirley Martin  
Mrs. Joan Matthews  
Mr. Terry & Mrs. Cherri Spears

## Associates (\$100-\$499)

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In addition to the above, several donors wish to remain anonymous.

# Program Funds

# College Graduates

## Funds Raised

University Partnerships-  
\$15,000

Unrestricted Donations-  
\$67,171

Fundraisers- \$23,754

Private Funds- \$45,000



## Operating Cost

Office-\$11,218  
—Rent  
—Insurance  
—Supplies/Tools

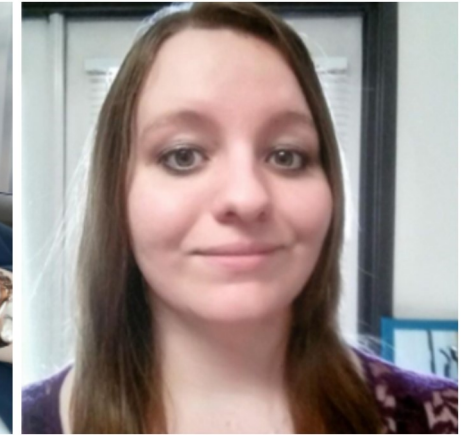
Academic-\$5,719  
—Camps  
—ACT/AP  
—Concurrent Classes  
—Laptops

Student Incentives-\$4,505  
—Perfect Attendance  
—Dental Work  
—Reimbursements

Wages-\$52,655



Gabriella—B. S. Accounting  
Oklahoma Wesleyan University



Bailey—B. S. Psychology  
Oklahoma Wesleyan University



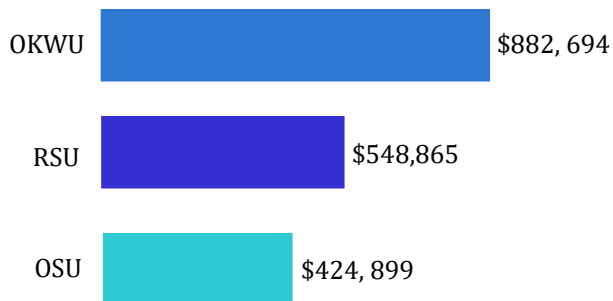
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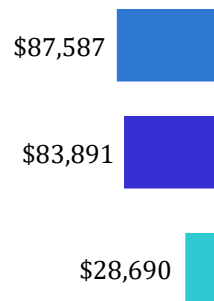
Chris—A.A Business Administration  
Rogers State University

## Endowment Status

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### Available Scholarships



	2018	2017
# of College Graduates	4	0
College GPA	3.29	3.44
College Retention	72%	73%
# of College Students	10	9



# Graduated Seniors



The LFYS Program had 4 students graduate from Bartlesville High School in May 2018. These students are now actively working on achieving their college degrees with the below updates.

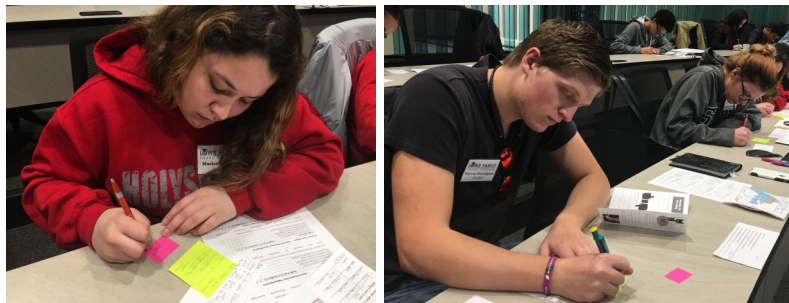
Marisol is attending Oklahoma State University majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Payton is majoring in Music at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Jamie is attending Rogers State University majoring in Psychology.

Keyonna is attending Oklahoma State University majoring in Nutritional Science.

LFYS Program Statistics	2018	2017
# of High School Graduates	4	0
High School GPA	3.68	3.67
Volunteer Hours	435.76	381.66
# of BPS Students	27	25
Program Retention	58.5	59



Students attend note-taking seminar led by local teacher.

# Mentors and BBBS

The LFYS Program would like to thank Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma-Bartlesville office for all of their support to our organization. This year alone, BBBS helped to match 7 students with new mentors and continued to provide support to our existing 14 other matches. BBBS helps to vet and match mentors with students to create a positive match relationship, and continues to provide support with activities and match questions as the match continues. The 2018 new matches are below.



Jonathan & David

Rod & Oscar

Barbara & Phoebe

Daniela & Sheri



Lizet & Lisa

Guadalupe & Stephanie

Stacey & Emma



## Mentors of the Year!

Kay and Kevin Bjornen pictured with mentee Fernando M.

LFYS Program Mentors of the Year honored at the Annual Oklahoma Mentor Day from the Boren Initiative.

Matched in October of 2012.

# Program Highlights

The LFYS Program supports its students to gain the knowledge necessary to be successful in college by providing classes and support to gain the needed skills in high school before going to college. We believe that starting early and providing support now will enable them to be successful in the future. We instituted the following high school programs in 2018 with great results.

## ACT Prep Class

The LFYS Program worked with a volunteer to teach a targeted and tailored ACT Prep class for students. Thanks to Steve Marshall's instruction and dedication, 2018 seniors ACT Scores jumped significantly. This improved our averages over the state and national averages.

	2019	2018
LFYS Graduates	25.9	23.3
BHS Graduates	20.8	21.1
State Graduates	19.4	19.3



## Concurrent Classes

Students who take concurrent classes have a 20% higher college graduation rate than those who do not. We have encouraged our students to take advantage of this and in 2018 6 students were able to take concurrent classes free of charge due to grants.

## Personalized Trainings

In order to help students to be successful in college, the LFYS Program used its Quarterly Meetings to tailor trainings to student needs and skills. In 2018 we completed trainings for students on Public Speaking and Note Taking and mentor/parent trainings on challenges and resources for student success both in and past high school.



## LFYS Program Classes

Students learn about the importance of values like self-determination at Steps 4 Success, how to apply for a job and create a resume at Westside Community Center's W.E. Pro\$per, and how to balance a checkbook and invest at Finance for Your Future at Truist Credit Union.



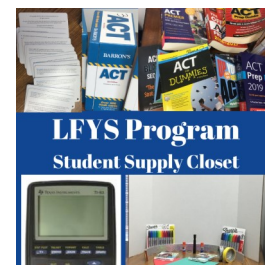
## Pages at Capitol

The LFYS Program teams up with local representatives to give 1-2 students a chance to page at the Oklahoma Capitol and see the government in action.

# Highlights & Fundraisers

## LFYS Program Supply Closet

In order to help students achieve all of their goals and relieve pressure on families, the LFYS Program has implemented a Supply Closet to aid students in accessing ACT Prep materials and calculators, science fair supplies, and binders, planner, and folders to maintain homework organization through the support of the Bartlesville Rotary Club.



## Student Application Support and Resources

The LFYS Program provides support to the students by aiding them in filling out their Oklahoma's Promise, FAFSA, and mentor/office support in college applications. The LFYS Program also has compiled lists of tutoring and online test prep resources for students. In addition, the LFYS Program will pay for students to take the ACT Test and AP Tests in order to further prepare for college.

The LFYS Program pays for summer camps for students to aid them in career exploration. Camps for younger students are usually held at Tri County Tech, but incoming college freshman may have the LFYS Program pay for their orientation college camp.

The LFYS Program also has a compiled list of over 200 scholarships from local, state, and national sources available on their website for students to access.

## Fundraiser Highlights

### LFYS Program "You've Been Egged" Fundraiser

The LFYS Program raised funds by selling and delivering candy stuffed plastic eggs to Bartlesville area residents.

This is the third annual "You've Been Egged" event and is supported by volunteers who help to fill and deliver eggs.



### LFYS Program "Uncork Your Support" Fundraiser

Joined by the board, mentors, and community support, the LFYS Program wishes to continue the "Uncork Your Support" wine tasting fundraiser, first started on October 28, 2017.

Fun was had by all at this tasty event.

