

The Lowe Family Young Scholars Program



2019 Annual Report

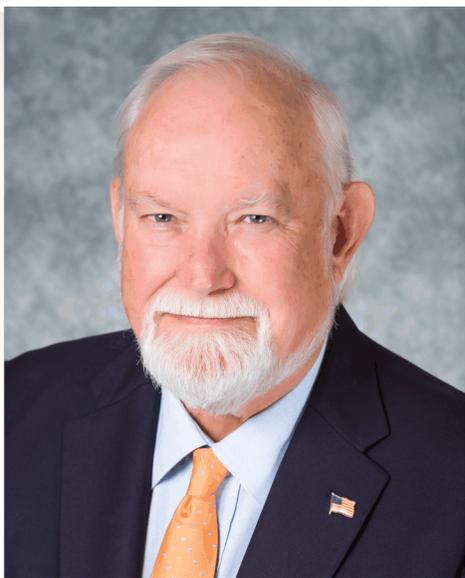
“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember,
involve me and I learn.” — Benjamin Franklin

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.

Values

**College Degree
Financial Responsibility
Personal Accountability
Self-Confidence
Self-Discipline
Self-Motivation
Self-Sufficiency
Volunteerism**

Message from the Board President



The 2019 year for the LFYS Program was completed within budget and programs supporting our students, mentors, and staff met the goals of our program. During the year we had very successful quarterly meetings for students, parents, and mentors. We also had a mentor appreciation event to let our mentors, who are the lifeblood of our program, know that we as a program appreciate their giving of their personal time. Their out of pocket costs and their continued commitment to supporting our students are an invaluable piece to the continued success of the students.

As a result of everyone's effort, the LFYS Program had 8 students graduate from high school, and 2 students graduate from college. This past fall semester 3 students in college maintained a 4.0 grade point average and 6 high school students were also successful in maintaining that 4.0 academic standard. In addition to the academic excellence being maintained in our program we also had a student qualify for the State Science Fair.

For the 2020 year Cindy Dronyk will be serving as our President and Richard Mitchell will be serving as our Vice President. With their leadership the LFYS program will continue to support our students who are in the program as we have the last 14 years. Your continued support is very important to the mission of our program and with your support we will continue to provide programs to ensure the success of our students in reaching their goal of achieving a college degree.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill R. Beierschmitt". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Bill R. Beierschmitt
2019 LFYS Program President

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“The Lowe Family Young Scholars Program

The LFYS Program was started in 2006 when Barry W. and Karen Lowe announced their partnership with Oklahoma State University, endowing \$1 million at OSU with the intention to help students in the Bartlesville Public School system earn a college degree from OSU. In 2008, the LFYS Program expanded by setting up endowments at Oklahoma Wesleyan University and Rogers State University.

The LFYS Program was created in honor of Barry's parents, Wilbur D. and Grace Laverne Snyder-Lowe. They encouraged Barry to better his life through higher education. Barry and Karen wished to honor their advice and impact motivated students who need help obtaining a college degree, but may not have the means or knowledge to enable them to receive college degrees.



Kelsey Bridges **B.S. UCO, 2011** **M.S. OKWU, 2015**

"I received the LFYS Program scholarship at the end of my Junior Year in High School. With the LFYS Program, I was able to tour Oklahoma State University. When I graduated high school in 2007, the LFYS Program helped with the cost for me to go to OSU for 4 years. I went to OSU in the fall of 2007 and obtained a bachelor's in Elementary Education,

graduating in the fall of 2011. I was the first scholar in the program, therefore didn't experience all of the classes and events that the program had to offer as it grew. I did, however, join in quarterly meetings, team building activities, and some volunteer activities.

I loved my college experience at OSU. I was able to obtain a Federal Work Study program that allowed me to work for the Stillwater Children's Museum which is now the Oklahoma Wondertorium. It allowed me to work in the classrooms around Stillwater engaging with children, doing Math, Science, and Reading activities. After I taught a few years at Bowring Elementary, I went to Oklahoma Wesleyan to obtain my Master's Degree. I obtained my Master's degree in Educational Leadership in 2015. I have taught for 8 years and served as a counselor for 1 year. Next year I will begin teaching 5th grade at Ranch Heights Elementary.

Mentors of 2019

“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.”
— Winston Churchill



David Austin



Summer Austin



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Diana Weaver



Rachelle Wilson

Mentor of the Year

Matched in October 2017, Mariel and Mary Beth Buchanan have had the opportunity to grow a strong relationship over the past few years. Mariel is a Junior at BHS and Mary Beth is an Administrative Assistant at Tri County Tech. They've enjoyed activities like going out to dinner, bowling, flying tee, and museums among many others.

Mary Beth commented, "I find it interesting that Mariel and I, with our age, cultural, and socio-economic differences, share many foundational similarities like religious background, having loving parents, respect for others, and a strong work ethic. I think the most significant thing I've gained is a new friend that I admire and enjoy spending time with!" Mariel commented, "Mary Beth has been an absolute blessing, she has such a big heart. Mary Beth pushes me to be a better person, she gives me advice, she is all ears about anything I want and need to talk about. She helps me with school, work, and many other things. I am very thankful to have Mary Beth as a mentor." Mariel's parents "enjoy how happy she is when they hang out. We feel very comfortable with her and are happy to know she is safe and having a good time."



College Graduates



Miracle Payne
B.S. RSU, 2019
Billing Analyst at Verizon

Program start: 2007
Mentor: Cindy Dronyk

"College was kind of my awakening into adulthood. I never knew what I wanted to be or what I wanted to do with my life. I had some ideas, like being a doctor, a nurse, or a teacher. I changed my major many times, until finally I chose accounting. It was the least likely major, and it's also the one that I love, and enjoy doing. If I could give any advice, it would be to never stop learning and to never stop trying new things."



Katy Bridges
B.S. UCO, 2019
RN at St. Francis Hospital

Program start: 2007
Mentor: Joan Matthews

"Not only have I found a way to pay for college, but going through the program, I have grown and learned the importance of being involved in my community and school. Thank you so much for all the services this organization provides students. One day I hope to pay it forward." I am thankful for those who played an important role in the program, giving me a foundation, a way to get to college, and a way to be successful in life..."

2019 College GPA: 3.17
College Retention: 79%



University Partnerships



Student scholarships - 6



Student scholarships - 1



Student scholarships - 1

"A college degree is an investment," said Kyle Wray, vice president of enrollment and brand management. "At OSU, we invest in our students through scholarships and grants. Students can invest in themselves by working while in college and borrowing funds that can be repaid. OSU continues to increase the scholarships and financial aid available to students and that is a result of our commitment to providing an affordable education."

The OSU Foundation is extremely grateful for the Lowe Family Young Scholars Program and all their support. Because of people like this, students are able to achieve their goals.

Program Graduates



Felix Aranda
OKWU
Graphic Design



Hope Brayfield
OSU
Nursing



Landry Evans
OSU
Sports Management



Christina Guernsey
OSU
Art and Education



Daniel Meyer
United States Navy



Fernando Moran
OSU
Engineering



Miracle Morrison
UCO
Nursing



Jacob Rouse
OSU
Computer Science



Class of 2019 Statistics

- Total Class of 2019 Volunteer Hours: 391
- Class of 2019 GPA Average: 3.64
- 2019 National Average GPA: 3.0
- Class of 2019 Average ACT: 26
- 2019 National Average ACT: 20.7

Programs and Community

Programs

- Quarterly meetings
- ACT classes
- Summer camps
- College visits
- W.E. Pro\$per
- Finance for Your Future
- Steps 4 Success
- Volunteering



Quarterly meetings
- teaching values and life skills



4.0 Awards
- academic success

2019 Program Stats.

- GPA - 3.64
- Volunteering - 313 hours

Historic Program Stats.

- Volunteering - 5,427 hours
- Highest ACT - 33
- Average ACT - 22.8
- Program-College Retention - 68%



Larront Carney
Westside Community
Center

W.E. Pro\$per

The LFYS Program is grateful for all students that WCC has served and the 8 LFYS students served in 2018/2019. W.E. Pro\$per has instructed our students, as well as many other community students, to develop social and business etiquette through apprenticeships, resume building, and interview skills. The program encourages appreciation for diverse cultures and ethnicities.

"I learned how to do resumes. I'm glad that they teach us that because that is very important."
- Oscar A., Sophomore

Finance for Your Future

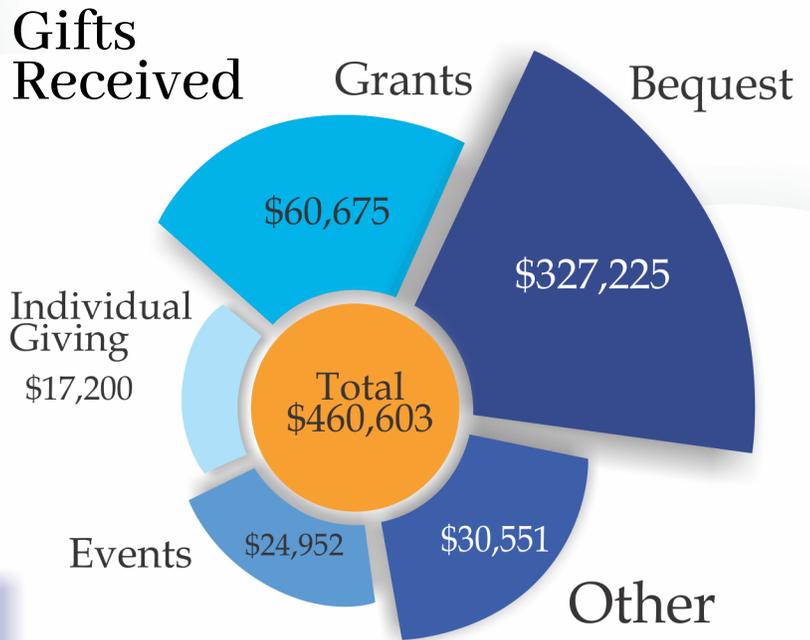
The LFYS Program is grateful for all students that the staff at Truity Credit Union has served and the 8 LFYS students served in 2018/2019. FFYF has instructed our students in savings, budgets, loans, basic stock market knowledge, and many other financial related materials. The program encourages financial independence and personal responsibility.

"Thank you for taking time out of your day to prepare us for the rest of our lives."
- Jazmin A., Junior



Rona Shoopack
Truity Credit Union

Financial Summary



Contributions



The LFYS Program is very grateful for all who contributed to the success of the students in 2019 by giving or volunteering.

Associate (\$250)

3 Kids and a Cake
 ASAP General Stores
 Adam Bulleigh †
 Judith Cannon
 Tim & Laurie Collins
 Stephanie Curtis
 Senator Julie Daniels & Charlie Daniels
 Denis & Sheri Doe
 Doenges Ford
 Warren & Joleen Ewert
 John & Mary Ford *
 Liz Fugate - Re/Max
 Mark & Debbie Haskell
 Lookin' Sharp Laundry & Dry Cleaning
 Joan Matthews
 Steve & Terri Meyer *
 MGB Plumbing
 Moxie on Second

Musselman Abstract Company
 Phoenix Insurance
 Nic & Julie Pranger *
 Sal's Daylight Donuts
 Stotts Archambo Mueggengborg & Barclay PC
 Theater Bartlesville †

Bachelor (\$500)

Scott & Pam Bilger
 Mike & Cindy Dronyk *
 Stacey Foresman *
 Gorman Management Company
 Rod Harwood & Lisa Roll *
 Jane Phillips Society
 Gary & Sheila Kilpatrick
 Kiwanis
 Joel & Shirley Martin
 Marcos & Tonita Moran *

Patriot Buick GMC Hyundai
 RCB Bank
 Earl & Jane Sears †
 Stride Bank
 Walmart Distribution Center
 Wasemiller Insurance

Master (\$1,000)

Arvest Bank
 Ralph & Lois Bergstad
 Joel & Cherie Carrington *
 Charles Danley
 Malcolm Joyce *
 Bartlesville Radio †
KCD Enterprises
 Terry & Cheri Spears
 Representative Judd Strom
 Stephen Marshall *
 OSU Foundation
 Truity Credit Union †
 Dr. Mark Unruh †
The Brace Place

Doctorate (\$5,000+)

BWL & KSL Foundation for Education
 ConocoPhillips
 Diversified System Resources
 OKWU Foundation
 Phillips 66
 Evelyn Strong

* Donations with matching and/or volunteer grants
 † Monetary donation and/or donation in-kind

Many donors wished to remain anonymous, the LFYS Program thanks all anonymous donor for their contributions in 2019!

Major Donor



The LFYS Program is very grateful for all the support ConocoPhillips has provided the program. They have been instrumental in supporting the students succeed in achieving their university degrees. Karen Leinen has been a valuable resource and contact between ConocoPhillips and the LFYS Program.

“The Lowe Family Young Scholars Program has long benefitted students and families in our community, and we're proud to support them. The program is focused on helping economically disadvantaged students achieve their dream of earning a college degree, help them hone their life skills, and work with mentors along the way. We appreciate the great work that the LFYS Program does for those in Bartlesville and the surrounding areas.”

The LFYS Program is very grateful for all the COP employees that have volunteered and given their time and money in support of the mission of the program.



Major Community Partner

Thank you BBBSOK for your service in 2019!



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma’s evidence-based mentoring programs are designed to create positive, measureable outcomes for youth, including educational success, avoidance of risky behaviors, higher aspirations, greater confidence, and better relationships. Our mentors share experiences with youth that expand their world in new ways, empowering youth to realize their biggest possible future, and achieve goals once believed out of reach to ignite their full potential. Our partnership with the LFYS Program began in 2006 and has supported over 40 youth to achieve academic success and earn a college scholarship; igniting their potential for a brighter future.

“Everyone needs someone to believe in them, to listen, to help them see beyond current circumstances, and dream of what could be,” states Charlene Dew, BBBSOK Area Director, “that is what a one-to-one mentor does for our youth. Over my 37 plus years of involvement with Big Brother Big Sister programs, I have witnessed the life changing difference a mentor makes. Our partnership with the LFYS Program has combined Big Brothers Big Sisters core mentoring program with the LFYS Program educational component to support the academic achievement of youth in our community.”



For everyone who gave their time, money, effort to help see these students succeed, thank you. Thank you teachers, parents, mentors, for investing in the academic futures of all these students. Thank you donors for supporting and engaging in the mission of the LFYS Program in order to see university opportunities grasped by local Bartlesville students.

The success of the LFYS Program rests on the amazing character and work that the mentors do day-in and day-out with these amazing young students. We are always looking for more mentors that share in the mission of the LFYS Program by walking with students through middle school and high school to get to college and most importantly to graduate with a college degree.

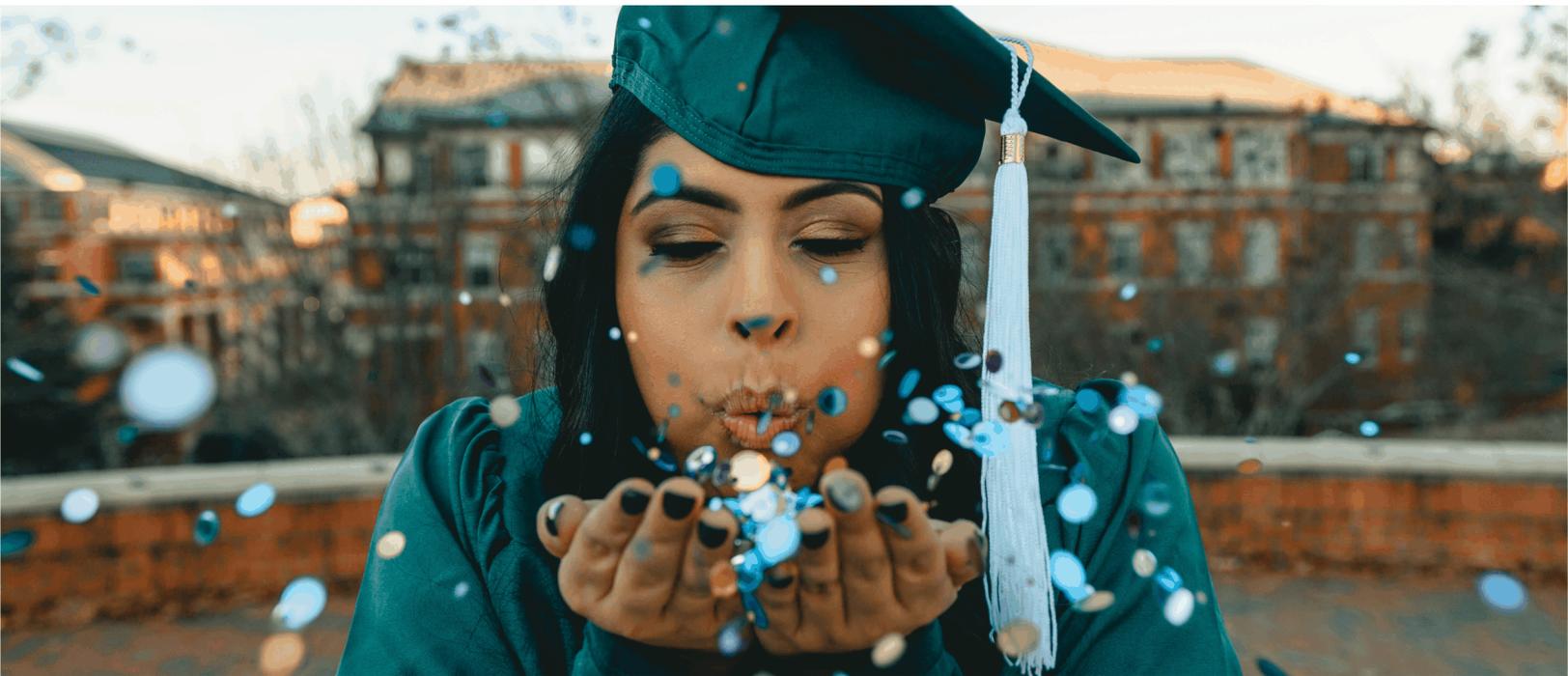
The success of the LFYS Program also rests on the financial giving of our donors who share in the mission of the program. Without their help, we would not be able to support the mentors, families, and students helping in preparation for college.

Be a mentor

Be a donor

**Help us provide
more chances for
higher education**

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