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Upcoming Events:

2015

- (12/19) SFP Christmas Celebration & Silent Auction

2016

- (1/9) Recognition of Spring 2016 Scholarship Recipients

Benefit Golf Tournament

The second annual benefit golf tournament “Swing for Education” took place on Saturday, September 4, at the Fountainhead Creek Golf Course in Checotah, OK. A total of 25 teams participated in the tournament.

The top three teams included: 1st place (pictured below) Contech, Inc., with a score of -18; 2nd place Arrowhead Pre-cast, LLC with a score of -15; 3rd place MCN TERO Program with a score of -15.

With the generous support of the sponsors, the Scholarship Foundation Program was able to raise over \$20,000 to help fund scholarships, community initiatives, and research conducted by Muscogee (Creek) citizens. The Scholarship Foundation Program would like to thank everyone for their support and allowing us to give Muscogee (Creek) students the opportunity to further their education.



The weather, as well as some friendly competition, allowed the “Swing for Education” benefit golf tournament to become another success for the SFP.

Workplace Giving Program Celebration

After the kick-off event last year, the Workplace Giving Program has excelled immensely. The Scholarship Foundation Program wanted to show its appreciation to the employees involved in the program by recognizing their efforts. Several awards were given out at the event. Pictured is Emmanuel Bezzell (left), Director of Gaming at River Spirit Casino,

receiving his “Employee Donor of the Year” award with the SFP Director, Dr. Pete G. Coser (right). Employees are able to establish a scholarship or donate to an existing scholarship through this program. For more information please visit our website or call the Scholarship Foundation Program office at 918-732-7754.



Scholarship Foundation Program Review

Dr. Pete G. Coser, Director of the Scholarship Foundation Program, contacted Dr. Todd Fuller, University of Oklahoma, to conduct a review and externally evaluate the program.

Foundation Program, such as the Secretary of Education & Training, Members of the Foundation, the Program Director, the Program Administrative Assistant, donors, and scholarship recipients.

program documents, Dr. Fuller provided the Program with several constructive recommendations.

On September 23, 2015, Dr. Fuller met with nine individuals involved with the Scholarship

Based on those interviews, as well as looking over necessary

The Scholarship Foundation Program hopes to use these positive recommendations to further continue the growth and success of its program.



Scholar Spotlight



Michelle Dunn

Fighting Cancer for Kat Scholarship

School: Haskell Indian Nations University
Major: General Studies

Future plans: My goals consist of graduating with honors and furthering my education at The University of Kansas. At this time, I am working towards my Associates in Liberal Arts, but still undecided on a major. The college experience has led me to open my mind to many career opportunities and I am enjoying the learning environment. I am grateful and honored to be a recipient of the Fighting Cancer for Kat scholarship. Without the help of my Nation and the various scholarship opportunities, the dream of going to college would not be possible. I have made a commitment to further my education and use whatever I excel in to improve the quality of life of Native American people. Mvto!



Kortney Harris

Bill S. Fife Scholarship

School: Northeastern State University
Major: Media Studies

Future plans: While in college, I would like to shed more light on the media studies program: start a broadcast organization and live stream shows and news segments throughout our school. I want to be a TV talk/game show host. I love the rush I get when I am on stage or in front of the camera. I plan to relocate to Los Angeles, California to pursue my dream after graduation. I plan to contribute to my tribe by taking the skills I have learned and bring it to their media department for commercials. I would love to help the film, edit, and even be in the commercials for Creek Nation. I feel that this career choice definitely brings out the best in my personality and it is something that I enjoy doing.



Daniel Holland

Bill S. Fife Scholarship

School: Oklahoma State University
Major: Computer Science

Future Plans: I would like to pursue a career in software engineering. I came to this decision when I started learning to program and I realized how cool it was that I could make a program that is universally accessible. This scholarship will help me to achieve my goals because without it I wouldn't be able to pay for college or continue to pursue my dreams. I believe that with my skills, I could be a role model for Native American students who want to go into a stem field someday. Additionally, the skills I'm learning as a computer programmer will be invaluable as the world becomes increasingly digital, which could open up different opportunities for me to help my tribe.



Hayden Holmes

Kenneth Sourjohn, Sr. Scholarship

School: University of Central Oklahoma
Major: Kinesiology

Future Plans: My future plans are to finish out my kinesiology degree while completing prerequisites to get into either Physical Therapy School, Physicians Assistant School, or Medical School. I want to use this by giving back to not only my community but to the Creek Nation by assisting in the physical/medical needs of all those I come into contact with. While this is my short term goal, my ultimate goal is to do medical mission work to not only alleviate physical suffering but to also alleviate eternal suffering through mission work. This scholarship will help me tremendously by providing financial assistance on the long, expensive road of pursuing a career in medicine.

Hall of Fame Gala



The 2015 Mvskoke Hall of Fame Induction Gala was held on Saturday, October 17, at the River Spirit Event Center. Funds raised at the event will go towards the 2016 Mvskoke Festival, as well as scholarship opportunities through the Scholarship Foundation Program.

Pictured above are Members of the Foundation, Principal Chief George Tiger and Dr. Lahoma Schultz-Hicks, along with Pearl Thomas, OIC chairperson.

New Face in the Office



Resource Development Specialist
 Jennifer Kilian

Fall 2015 Scholarship Recipients

Brandi Brooks	Alfred Berryhill Scholarship
Daniel Holland	Bill S. Fife Scholarship
Kortney Harris	Bill S. Fife Scholarship
Melissa Naeimi	Corporal Joe Halley Scholarship
Daniella Hawkins	Corporal Joe Halley (Business) Scholarship
Brittiney Arledge	ECKE' MVNOKECKV Scholarship
Cherokee Feeling	Eufaula Boarding School Scholarship
Rayna Faulkner	Eufaula Boarding School Scholarship
Michelle Dunn	Fighting Cancer for Kat Scholarship
ShawnDea Dunzy	George & Mollie (Jones) Hicks Scholarship
Tiara Ewy	Jackson Narcomey Rising Artist Scholarship
Hayden Holmes	Kenneth Sourjohn, Sr. Scholarship
Dayton Ellen	Checotah Casino Scholarship
Taylor Davidson	Checotah Casino Scholarship

American Heart Association

Muscogee (Creek) Nation received a \$1,000.00 award from the American Heart Association's Tribal Leadership Challenge. National Councilman, Pete Beaver, participated in this program as a tribal leader and won second place. Pictured is Lt. Cmdr. Seneca Smith (left), Secretary of Health, and Dr. Pete Coser (right), Director of the SFP, accepting the monetary gift from Rachel Crawford (center), Director of Health Equity, Native American/Alaskan Native

Initiatives, American Heart Association, Inc. The generous award will be used for a student educational scholarship.



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