

## New Face in the Office



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## Scholarship Deadline for Spring 2015

The Scholarship Foundation Program is accepting applications for the Spring 2015.

### DEADLINE

**December 1, 2014**

Applications can be found on the website or be picked up in the office. For more information please contact the office at 918-732-7754

#### Scholarships available for Spring 2015

*Jackson Narcomey Rising Artist*

*Rueben & Fannie Mae (Cook) Turner*

*Susan Colleen Wilson*

*Fighting Cancer for Kat*

*Corporal Joe Halley*

*Bill S. Fife*

*George Tiger*

*Naomi Harjo Foster/Lois Harjo Ball*

*R. Perry Beaver*

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## Benefit Golf Tournament a Success

The Scholarship Foundation recently held its first annual benefit golf tournament, “Swing for Education”, to help support the goals and mission of the Foundation. The event was held September 19, 2014 at the Fountainhead Creek Golf Course in Checotah, OK. A total of twenty six teams register for the tournament. The tournament attracted several local area teams as well as a few out of state teams.

The golf tournament received an excellent feed back from the golfers. They were pleased with the course selection and the hospitality provided by the Scholarship Foundation. Dr. Wayne Johnson,

Secretary of Education and Training, participated in the golf tournament said, “It was a fun event....and a nice family affair”.

Of course, none of it would have been possible without the support of sponsors such as River Spirit Casino, Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise and Faith Technologies. With the generous support of our sponsors the Scholarship Foundation was able to raise \$21,800 to help fund scholarships, support research and community initiatives.

The “Swing for Education” Benefit Golf Tournament plans to be an annual event and the Scholarship Foundation looks forward to



Mr. Robert Bible, President of The College of the Muscogee Nation

planning next years golf tournament in anticipation to raise even more money.

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#### Calendar of Events

- ◇ 10/18 | 2014 Mvskoke Hall of Fame
- ◇ 11/6 | 2nd Annual Education and Career Expo
- ◇ 11/12-11/14 | NMAI Mvskoke Festival
- ◇ 12/18 | Christmas Celebration and Silent Auction

## Fall 2014 Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Scholarship Foundation is in its third semester of awarding scholarships. For the Fall of 2014, 12 scholarships were awarded to Muscogee citizens. One scholar, Shannon Fish, received continued funding at the donors request. She was originally awarded the Henry Marsey Harjo scholarship in Spring 2014. Scholarship recipients for the Fall are as follows:

**Kevin Barnett**—Corp. Joe Halley Scholarship  
**Carolyn Click**—Naomi Harjo Foster/Lois Ball Harjo Scholarship  
**Quannah Davis**—Susan Colleen Wilson Scholarship  
**Shannon Fish**—Henry Marsey Harjo Scholarship  
**Rachel Frazer**—Bill S. Fife Scholarship  
**Jordan Harmon**—George & Mollie (Jones) Hicks Scholarship  
**Rayna Harjo**—Henry Marsey Harjo Scholarship  
**Patricia Hill**—Fighting Cancer for Kat Scholarship  
**AnnDee Lee**—Mahaley Tarpalechee Jones Scholarship  
**Charlene McGirt**—Ridge/Giles Single Mothers Scholarship  
**Nicco McNeal**—Corp. Joe Halley Scholarship  
**Marissa Parker**—Alfred Berryhill Scholarship  
**Michaela Parker**—Bill S. Fife Scholarship



Top: MCN Employee, Alicia McClain signing up for the Workplace Giving Program  
Bottom: Geebon Gouge

## Workplace Giving Program Kick-off Event

On June 18, 2014 the Scholarship Foundation hosted their Workplace Giving Program Kick-off event located at the Mound Building to announce the program to all MCN employees. The event consisted of a short presentation by the Resource Development Specialist, Kryste Benge and a few remarks from the President of the Scholarship Foundation Program, Bill S. Fife. Lunch and entertainment followed the presentation outside

the Mound Building. Employees enjoyed a free lunch catered by Smoke Signals while listening to the musical stylings of Jillian B. Watson and Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation, River Watson.

Besides food and entertainment the Scholarship Foundation also gave away several door prizes. New employee donors received a complimentary gift from the Scholarship Foundation for signing up for the Workplace

Giving Program.

The Workplace Giving Program provides the employees of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation an opportunity to donate to the scholarship fund through bi-weekly payroll deduction. Employee donors also have the opportunity to create new scholarships in honor or in memory of someone.



*"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill*

## New Scholarships

The Scholarship Foundation continues to grow as MCN employees, Muscogee citizens, and community members become interested in the Scholarship Foundation. The results of the promotional efforts and the Workplace Giving Program have led to the establishment of four new scholarships. New Scholarships are as follows:

- Naomi Harjo Foster/Lois Harjo Ball Scholarship
- Kevin "Babe" Aaron Memorial Scholarship
- Eugene "Sonny" Tiger Scholarship
- George Tiger & Frances Tiger Scholarship

This gives the Scholarship Foundation a total of twenty scholarships ranging from \$500-\$1500.

The Scholarship Foundation Program is pleased with the growing results of the scholarships and the donation they are receiving from MCN employees, Muscogee citizens and interested individuals.

## Direct Mailing Campaign

After two days of folding, stuffing and sealing letters the Scholarship Foundation successfully completed the first round of their direct mailing campaign. 500 letters were mailed to Muscogee citizens age 18 and over to solicit donations for the Founda-

tion. For the second round of the campaign 1000 letters were sent out to Muscogee citizens.

The direct mailing campaign is one of the many fundraising activities for the Scholarship Foundation and will continue to solicit donations on a quarterly

basis. As a non-profit organization you can expect to see more fundraising activities such as the direct mailing campaign in the near future. Stay tuned for a possible telethon for the fiscal year 2014.



Kryste stuffing envelopes for direct mailing campaign

## Scholarship to Benefit from Silent Auction

The Employment and Training Department hosted a silent auction, August 15th to raise money for the Fighting Cancer for Kat Scholarship. New and gently used purses were donated by MCN employees to be auctioned.

The scholarship was established by Joe and Kim Martel to honor the life and memory of Katherine "Kat" Tecumseh. Kat was an intake specialist in the

Employment and Training Department when she passed from this life due to cancer. Kat had a strong passion for helping others. Kat's vision was to help "ensure citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and other tribes are directed to proper channels to get their needs met", she also wanted "to help others become self-efficient".

The Employment and Training Department raised \$835 from the

silent action to benefit the scholarship. Through the Workplace Giving Program the Employment and Training Department staff are able to donate to the scholarship. This has become a departmental effort in funding this scholarship. The Scholarship Foundation applauds the E&T department for their efforts and participation in the Workplace Giving Program.



Katherine "Kat" Tecumseh  
1955-2013

## Scholar Spotlight



George & Mollie (Jones) Hicks Scholarship Recipient  
Fall 2014

**Name:** Jordan Lee Harmon  
**Hometown:** Tulsa, OK  
**School:** University of Tulsa - College of Law  
**Major:** Native American Law  
**Future plans:** I plan to receive a J.D. from the University of Tulsa in 2017 and begin practicing law in the field of Native American law. My goal is to be a part of the vast network of attorneys working to protect tribal sovereignty and indigenous rights. As a Mvskoke lawyer, I hope to use my education to serve the needs of Indian Country and my tribe.

I would not be pursuing a law degree without the help of organizations like MCN Higher Education Scholarship Foundation. Thank you for making this possible. Mvto.



Ridge/Giles Single Mothers Scholarship Recipient  
Fall 2014

**Name:** Charlene McGirt  
**Hometown:** Weleetka, OK  
**School:** OSU-IT /Okmulgee  
**Major:** Network Infrastructure w/ an emphasis in IT Management.  
**Future plans:** I am a spring 2014 graduate from the College of the Muscogee Nation. My plans are work for the tribe and help bring the tribe into the new computer age.

I would never have been able to make it this far without the love and support of my mother, daughters and The Muscogee (Creek) Nation. I am the proud recipient of the Justin Giles/Cherrah Ridge single mother scholarship. With the help from the Higher Education donors it is possible for me to continue my education and get my bachelor's degree. MVTO!