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Spring Scholarship Recipients

On February 8, 2014 at the MCN Okmulgee Golf and Country Club the Scholarship Foundation hosted a Scholarship Awards Reception to honor the spring 2014 scholarship recipients. Eight scholarships were awarded for the spring semester and the recipients are as follows:

- Bill Fife Scholarship—Brittany Reed and Joseph Tiger
- Lou Canard Navarro Scholarship, 1st place—Amanda Shinn; 2nd place—Sam Hawkins
- Henry Marsey Harjo Scholarship—Shannon Fish
- Phillip Coon Scholarship—Jason Boone
- Alfred Berryhill Scholarship—Kristina Thomas
- Corp. Joe Halley Scholarship—Marissa Parker

Scholarship recipients and honored guests enjoyed a lunch catered by the Stone Blade. Restaurant. Each recipient was presented with a certificate along with their scholarship award. Donors were also present and assisted with the presentation of the scholarships.

This was the first Scholarship Awards Reception to be held by the Scholarship Foundation and hopes to continue holding this event each semester as scholarships are being awarded.

Bill Fife Scholarship Spring 2014 Recipient Brittany Reed

Calendar of Events

Spring Celebration	3/18
NSU Symposium	4/9 -
NSU Symposium Powwow	4/11-4/12

Foundation Receives Donation

Pictured: From Left, Jeff McCoy, Former Principal Chief Bill Fife and Principal Chief George Tiger

A $2500 check was presented to the Scholarship Foundation Wednesday February 26, 2014 by Enbridge Energy representative Jeff McCoy, a Muscogee (Creek) citizen.

The Scholarship Foundation greatly appreciates donations and contributions from private individuals such as Enbridge Energy to help fund the scholarships awarded each semester.

Meet the Staff

Elsa Fraser
Administrative Assistant

Dr. Pete Coser
Director

Kryste Benge
Resource Development Specialist

HESFP Participates in College Connection Day

As a continuation of last years event, "College Goal Sunday", the education departments once again collaborated with the College of Muscogee Nation to host a similar event "College Connection Day". The event was open to the public and encouraged students, parents, and college seeking adult to attend. This was the first year the scholarship foundation took part in hosting and planning the event.

The event consisted of an afternoon filled with workshops that provided information on college and career resources such as financial aid, scholarships, and employment and training opportunities. The Scholarship Foundation hosted a scholarship workshop that shared general information about scholarships such as how to apply, search and tips and suggestions on filling out scholarship applications. The workshop also shared scholarship opportunities for Muscogee citizens offered by the foundation.

Scholarship Workshop

Workplace Giving Program Kick-Off

One of the unique components of the Scholarship Foundation is its Workplace Giving Program. This program gives the employees of Muscogee (Creek) Nation an opportunity to donate to the foundation program by making bi-weekly payroll deductions. The Workplace Giving Program is part of the fundraising efforts for the foundation to help raise funds for the scholarships each semester.

The Workplace Giving Program has recently formed a campaign committee and will be working on a kick-off event to help promote the program. Be watching your emails for more information about the Workplace Giving Program. The Scholarship Foundation plans to meet with all divisions of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation over the next several months.

"Teaching should be such that what is offered is perceived as a valuable gift and not as hard duty. Never regard study as duty but as the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs."

— Albert Einstein

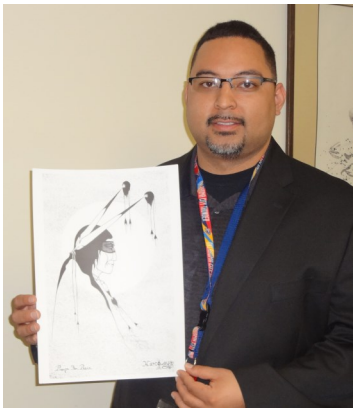
Jackson Narcomey Scholarship

The Scholarship Foundation provides opportunities for anyone who wishes to create scholarships in honor or memory of someone. The Scholarship Foundation recently added a new scholarship to the program created by Emmanuel Bezzell, manger of Higher Education. The scholarship was named the "Jackson Narcomey Rising Artist Scholarship" in honor of his grandfather.

Jackson Narcomey was a well known Muscogee artist. Narcomey's artwork consisted of traditional flat style, abstract, sculpture, and silk screening. Narcomey also was a master of matting and framing.

Growing up in a family of artists, Mr. Bezzell understands the value and significance of art. Starting a scholarship in his name is one way Bezzell honors his late grandfather.

The "Jackson Narcomey Rising Artist Scholarship" is designated for a student majoring in art or art related field. As an art major, students are most likely left with the responsibility of paying for their art supplies needed for their class that is not provided by tuition and fees. This scholarship will help offset those cost for the student.



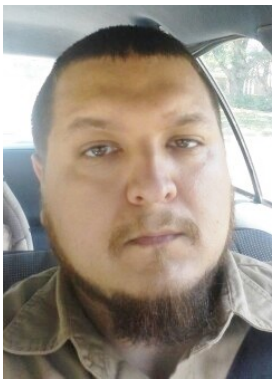
Emmanuel Bezzell holding grandfather's artwork, *Prayer for Peace*.

Corporal Joe Halley Scholarship Recipient
Spring 2014

Name: Marissa Parker
School: Southern Nazarene University
Major: Organizational Leadership
Hometown: Eufaula, OK
Future Plans: After earning my degree in Organizational Leadership in December 2014, I plan to continue working for the College of the Muscogee Nation. It is important to have native leaders in higher education to ensure the success of future native students; therefore, I will apply the knowledge that I gained from my studies and work experience toward becoming a leader and mentor to these students seeking a higher education. By being a positive role model, I will work to promote the Muscogee (Creek) educational legacy.

Phillip Coon Scholarship Recipient
Spring 2014

Name: Jason Boone
School: National American University
Major: Criminal Justice
Hometown: Wichita, KS
Future Plans: I am seeking to continue my education to obtain my Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Whenever I was serving my country as an Infantryman in the 82nd Airborne, I found what exact field within the wide variety of careers that the criminal justice field offers. I would like to one day work as an officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I have always wanted to work in the law enforcement division, and hope to fulfil this long life dream.



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Scholarship Deadline Approaching

The Scholarship Foundation is currently taking applications until **June 6, 2014**. All applications can be found on the website at *creeknationfoundation.org,* or you can pick one up in the scholarship foundation office located on the MCN Complex Campus, in the Education and Training building. Applications can be faxed, mailed or hand delivered to the office.

Requirements

1. Must be a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (copy of citizenship card).
2. Higher Education Scholarship Foundation Program scholarship application completed including Financial Needs Analysis Form.
3. Enrolled as a full-time student.
4. Attending an accredited institution of higher education.
5. A one page typed personal statement including your goals, career choice, and tribal community involvement with an emphasis on how this scholarship will affect your college career.
6. If you are a **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR** or **FIRST-TIME ENTERING STUDENT** you must submit the following :
   A. A copy of your high school transcript.
   B. Your acceptance letter and fall or spring schedule (if selected) before scholarship is released.
7. If you are a **CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENT** you must submit the following:
   A. A copy of your college transcript(s).
   B. Your fall or spring schedule.