



THE QUARTERLY

FIRST QUARTER 2022

2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION



We've closed the books on first quarter 2022 and I'm pleased to give you a quick update on happenings at the Foundation.

As you'll remember, the Foundation's board and staff spent time in early 2021 creating a strategic direction for the organization. Throughout the year, we worked on and approved strategies, goals and measurements. We began implementing the plan in 2022. As part of that plan, we've hired Stephanie Gassen as our new Director of Philanthropy. Stephanie started here in early April and will be focusing her efforts on working with professional advisors and enhancing the donor experience ... both in person and virtually.

Additionally, after a two-year break because of Covid-19, we hosted our scholarship reception again this spring. How wonderful it was to meet the scholarship winners and their parents and give recognition to both the donors and the students. More than one hundred thousand dollars in scholarships will be awarded through the Topeka Community Foundation this year.

We appreciate the opportunity to partner with you in growing your generosity and consider it a privilege to work with you.

Marsha Pope

MARSHA POPE, TCF PRESIDENT



More than 90 scholarship recipients (students representing schools from throughout Shawnee County) were honored at a reception at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19th at the Topeka County Club.

The reception recognizes outstanding students in our community and also connects scholarship donors with recipients.

Pictured above is Topeka West High School senior Brynna Mays and her parents. Brynna is the recipient of the Angie Barry Memorial Scholarship.

Pictured below is all of the student recipients standing at the conclusion of the April 19th scholarship event.



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FOUNDATION ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Topeka Community Foundation elected two new board members for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2022.

They are Tracy Khounsavanh Killough, Director of Community Engagement at Advisors Excel; and Brian Lang, CEO, SSC CPAs & Advisors.

Stephen Wade, Budget and Performance Manager for the City of Topeka was elected to a second three-year term.

The officers of the Board of Directors include Tara Dimick, Chair; Keith Warta, Vice Chair; Shelly Buhler, Secretary; Barry Feaker, Assistant Secretary; Brad Owen, Treasurer; and Pam Alexander, Immediate Past Chair.

NEW STAFF WELCOMED



Stephanie Gassen recently was named Director of Philanthropy at the Foundation. A life-long Topekan, Stephanie comes to the Foundation with a background in the hospitality industry. Stephanie will be working to grow the number of Foundation donors and add value to those who have funds here.

WOLGAST AWARD

Foundation President Marsha Pope recently received the Wolgast Award at the Greater Topeka Partnership's annual meeting. This award is named in honor of former Mayor, and inaugural recipient, Larry Wolgast. It is given to a leader who represents the best of Topeka's values and who has made a powerful impact on our community.



OUR MISSION

Encourage philanthropy by providing leadership on key community issues, by connecting donors with their interests and community needs and by ensuring accountability for effective investment of donor dollars.

FIRST QUARTER PERFORMANCE

- Established 2 new funds
- First quarter investment performance: -2.6
- Processed 552 scholarship applications

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