



*East Texas
Communities Foundation*

2018 Scholarship Reception

May 10, 2018

at Marvin United Methodist Church



Welcome!

East Texas Communities Foundation is pleased to honor the 92 new recipients of scholarships awarded for the 2018-19 academic year. These students were selected from almost 1,900 applicants for 52 different scholarships. Their awards total \$138,000. In addition to this evening's honorees, 27 renewing scholarship recipients will be awarded \$51,500 to continue their education. The total amount of scholarship money East Texas Communities Foundation will distribute for the coming school year is \$189,500.

Our Purpose

ETCF works with individuals, families, businesses, financial advisors and nonprofit organizations to create charitable funds which support a wide variety of community causes and individual philanthropic interests.

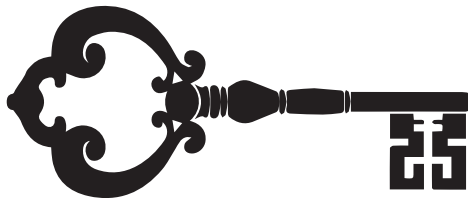
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Our Mission

East Texas Communities Foundation supports philanthropy by offering simple ways for donors to achieve their long-term charitable goals.

PROGRAM

- 5:30 Reception
- 5:45 Welcome Barbara Bass, C.P.A.
Partner, Gollob Morgan Peddy P.C.,
former Mayor of Tyler, 2008-2014
Grants Committee Chair at ETCF
- 5:50 Speaker Shannon Dacus
Trial Attorney, The Dacus Firm P.C.
past Board Chair, ETCF
- 6:00 Awards Mary Lynn Smith
Program Officer,
East Texas Communities Foundation



Adam Carroll Scholarship

Established in 2002 with gifts from the family and friends of Adam Carroll, this scholarship honors the memory of a young man known for his love of people, his zest for life, and his love of sports. An honor graduate of Grand Saline High School, Adam was a gifted baseball player, a handsome guy with an infectious smile, and a young man who had big dreams for his life.



One of Adam's favorite sayings was "Always remember who you are, where you come from, and what you represent." Adam Carroll knew who he was, he knew where he came from, both geographically and spiritually, and he knew he represented his family, his school, and his Lord.

The Adam Carroll Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of Grand Saline High School who has participated in high school athletics or cheerleading.

2018 Recipient

Levi HawkinsGrand Saline High School

A.D. and Mary Winston Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Winston were both long-time educators with Tyler ISD who emphasized the importance of higher education.

Established by the Winston children, all graduates of Texas A&M, to honor their parents, the A.D. and Mary Winston Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from a Smith County public high school entering Texas A&M University.



2018 Recipient

Courtney Eeds Whitehouse High School



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Alex Fleming Infinity Scholarship

Born December 4, 1989, in Bedford, Texas, Alex Fleming was a junior at Whitehouse High School, where he was respected and admired by students and teachers alike for his numerous achievements.

Alex was a member of the National Honor Society, a varsity football and track letterman, and played for the junior varsity baseball team. Moreover, he distinguished himself through his involvement in the Whitehouse High School Band and Jazz Band.

The purpose of the Alex Fleming Infinity Scholarship Fund is to provide a scholarship to a graduating senior at Whitehouse High School who has participated in the band program for four years and shows high moral character.



2018 Recipient

Brandon Bullard Whitehouse High School

Roy and Betty Erickson Scholarship

Established by Big Sandy residents Betty and Roy Erickson, this scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors in East Texas who have achieved a 4.0 GPA and outstanding SAT/ ACT scores.

2018 Recipients

Jaden BordersPrairieland High School William Langston... Longview High School
Daniel du PreezVan High School Natalie Lim Grace Community School
Cayla Jenkins..... Jacksonville High School John Witt.....Mineola High School
Christian Kocian Athens Christian Prep
William KariampuzhaBishop T.K. Gorman High School

Michael J. McCormick Scholarship

Michael McCormick was a financial planner and an active member of the Tyler community. His children attended All Saints Episcopal School and his wife Stacy taught kindergarten there for 13 years. This scholarship was created in memory of Michael by his friends and family. It will benefit graduating seniors at All Saints Episcopal School.

2018 Recipient

Ruthann SchmiegeAll Saints Episcopal School

Citizen's 1st Bank Perkins Family Foundation State Employees' Children's Scholarship

This scholarship was established through the generosity of Citizens 1st Bank and the Perkins Family Foundation in appreciation of the dedication of State of Texas employees.

2018 Recipients

Marin BealNacogdoches H.S. Dylan Sprayberry.....Rusk High School
Jocelyn DownsWhitehouse H.S. Garrett Watkins.....Bullard High School
Samuel ReevesWhitehouse H.S.

Gerald and Charlie Stoker Memorial Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Stoker were long-time residents of Winnsboro. Family and friends honored them with this scholarship fund.

2018 Recipient

Jayla Talley..... Winnsboro High School

Dr. Elbert H. Caldwell Scholarship

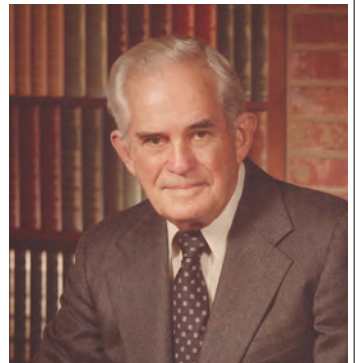
The E. H. Caldwell Scholarship Fund was established in 2001 by the family of Dr. Elbert H. Caldwell, a beloved and respected surgeon whose name became synonymous with East Texas medicine.

Throughout his 46-year career in East Texas, Dr. Caldwell earned the respect and love of both his patients and medical colleagues. Motivated by principles of fairness and honesty, as well as high ethical standards, Dr. Caldwell helped found and cultivate the sophisticated level of medicine still associated with East Texas.

The E. H. Caldwell Scholarships are awarded to East Texas residents wishing to pursue or advance careers in nursing.

2018 Recipients

Kyla LynnStephen F. Austin State University
Brenda Suarez.....Tyler Junior College



David G. and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarships

Dr. David Braithwaite was a brilliant research chemist and Chairman and CEO of Nalco Chemical Company. He was widely recognized in his field for his expertise and innovations.

Mrs. Jacqueline Braithwaite's numerous philanthropic gifts to the Tyler community reflect her life-long interest in the arts as well as her love of her fellow East Texans.



Braithwaite Scholarship in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Biotechnology

2018 Recipients

McKenzie CastroGilmer H.S. Natalie Lim Grace Community School
Cody OlsonRobert E. Lee H.S.

Braithwaite Scholarship in Chemistry

2018 Recipients

Cameron Blavier.....Big Sandy H.S. Ezra Patterson Chapel Hill H.S.

Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Scholarship for Nursing at Tyler Junior College

2018 Recipients

Tarrah Carmon Tyler Junior College Thandi Strydom Tyler Junior College

Braithwaite Scholarship in Vocational- Technical Study in Medically-Related Fields

2018 Recipients

Ailene Diaz John Tyler H.S.
Ruby Duran Robert E. Lee H.S.
Fabiola Espinoza John Tyler H.S.
Dalia Garcia Angelina College
Kimberly Krause Tyler Junior College
Lauren Moody Center H.S.
Cynthia Peters Angelina College



East Texas Geological Society Scholarship

The East Texas Geological Society is an educational organization working to further knowledge in the field of geology for both its professional members and students. Students who are at least sophomores and have declared a major in geology are eligible for this scholarship.

2018 Recipients

Jarrold Bridges..... Texas Tech Univ. Molly McCreary Teas A&M Univ.
Hannah Bayer.....University of Texas, El Paso

Kristen and Joey Seeber Scholarship

The Kristen and Joey Seeber Scholarship was established to honor former Tyler Mayor Joey Seeber and thank his family for his years of service to the City of Tyler. Contributions from hundreds of Tylerites established this fund.

2018 Recipient

Ja'Corrian Smith John Tyler High School

Gary Neel Memorial Scholarship

Gary Neel was a very proud and passionate 1972 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and 1976 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

At the time of his death, he was a senior district manager at a major pharmaceutical company. His sensitivity, humility, and quiet strength were manifested in his love for his wife, family, co-workers and friends.



Gary's love, friendship, and wisdom touched many hearts and made a difference in the lives of all who knew him. Gary's friends and family established this scholarship fund as a legacy to Gary so that deserving Robert E. Lee High School graduates may be able to attend the University of Texas.

2018 Recipient

Stephanie Lie Robert E. Lee High School

Gladys and Thomas “T.B.” Stewart Scholarships

The Stewarts, life-long residents of Tyler, valued their faith and the role of education in their lives and served as positive role models to young people.

Mrs. Stewart was an educator with Tyler ISD for 40 years. It was the Stewarts’ desire to make a lasting contribution to their community by rewarding students who share their values of faith, education, and high moral character.

One Stewart scholarship supports Smith County and surrounding area high schools while the second benefits a student attending Texas College in Tyler.



2018 Recipients

Shayna Ballin.....Whitehouse H.S. Caroline Onwuzu Chapel Hill H.S.
Hannah HaglerBrownsboro H.S. Ja’Corrian SmithJohn Tyler H.S.

2018 Recipient

Melanie Davis..... Texas College

Whitehouse Young Farmers Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by an ag bootser club to help students attend college who have participated in Agricultural Education while attending Whitehouse High School.

2018 Recipient

Shayna Ballin..... Whitehouse High School



Lauren Lewis Memorial Scholarship



Lauren Lewis was a 2005 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and a senior at Texas A & M University in College Station at the time of her death.

Lauren was a devoted Christian who loved Jesus Christ and served her fellow students and community. She was active in the Maggie Women's Leadership Organization of Texas A&M University and volunteered at a local Boys & Girls Club.

Lauren (La La) lived life with gusto. Scholarship recipients must demonstrate high moral character, leadership and community service.

2018 Recipient

Luke BryansRobert E. Lee High School

Tyler Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Scholarship

Citizens who have participated in the Tyler Police Department's Citizens Police Academy know first hand the caliber of the City of Tyler's Police Department.

Reflecting their desire to honor and benefit this wonderful group of civil servants, this scholarship is awarded to dependents of Tyler Police Department employees.



2018 Recipient

Garrett Watkins..... Bullard High School

Partners in Arts Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to Smith County graduating seniors who have actively participated in one of the performing or visual arts such as band, choir, dance, orchestra, theater arts or visual art and who plan to major in the visual or performing arts in college.

2018 Recipients

Tyler Autin Chapel Hill H.S. Gabriela Campos Chapel Hill H.S.

Juliette Low's Amazing Girls Scholarship

This scholarship honors Doris Riehm for her 65 years of service to Girl Scouts as a troop leader, Chair of the Girl Scouts World Committee and founding member of the International Ulave-Baden Powell Society.

2018 Recipient

Taylor Rapp Robert E. Lee H.S.



Natural Gas Society of East Texas Scholarship

The Natural Gas Society of East Texas Scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student who has declared a major in the energy industry field. Eligible majors may include one of many degrees offered in engineering or geosciences.

2018 Recipient

Jarrod Bridges Texas Tech University

Sherilyn A. Willis, M.D. Medical Scholarship



This scholarship was established by Sherilyn's family to honor her career in medicine.

It was created to help support students in medical school who plan to practice medicine in Texas.

2018 Recipient

Hollie Sheffield
Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine

Retail Merchants Association of Tyler Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors from Smith County and selected surrounding school districts who plan to major in business.

2018 Recipients

Sarah Anderson.....	Robert E. Lee H.S.	Hannah Hagler	Brownsboro H.S.
Alyssa Andreone	Homeschool	Robert McWhorter	Lindale H.S.
Sarah Barnes.....	LaPoyner H.S.	Rebecca Reagan.....	Van H.S.
Luke Bowman	Bullard H.S.	Micayla Robeson.....	Chapel Hill H.S.
Sydney Brunette ..	Bishop T.K. Gorman H.S.	Blake West	Whitehouse H.S.

Texas Rose Festival Scholarship

Smith County graduating seniors and current college students are eligible for the Texas Rose Festival Scholarship. The recipient is invited to participate in Rose Sunday events.

2018 Recipient

Venisha Harmon
University of Texas at Dallas



Richard B. and Mary Lou Hamm Scholarship



Mr. Hamm was active in the oil and gas business. He and Mrs. Hamm enjoyed retirement in Bullard.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamm chose to give back to that community by funding a scholarship for Bullard High School graduates attending the University of Texas at Tyler.

2018 Recipients

Braden Bowman.....	Bullard High School
Luke Bowman.....	Bullard High School

Tim King Memorial Scholarship

Tim King was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and the University of Texas at Austin. He began working for Brookshire Grocery Company at the age of 16 as a bag boy and stocker.

At the time of his death, Tim was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He was active in Texas Society of CPAs, Texas Retailers Association, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Salvation Army, Children's Advocacy Center, and Tyler Economic Development Council. He was truly a servant leader, but mostly he was a loving husband, father, and son.

Family and friends have established this scholarship fund in honor of Tim King for Robert E. Lee High School graduates studying business at the University of Texas.



2018 Recipient

Stephanie LieRobert E. Lee High School

Vision For Your Future Scholarship



Dr. Neisha Rudd established this scholarship in 2016 to encourage and support Smith County students interested in entering the medical profession.

To reflect the donor's gender and specialty, preference is for female students planning to study optometry, ophthalmology, or other eye-care related specializations.

2018 Recipient

Megan McCoy.....Bullard H.S.

Smith County Baptist Ministers Scholarship



This scholarship was created by a donor who was the son of a Baptist minister. Had it not been for the generosity of lay people in his father's congregation, the donor would not have been able to attend college.

This scholarship serves as both a tribute to the benefactors who made the donor's education possible and as a way to make the same kind of investment in promising young people.

It is awarded to dependent children of ordained Baptist ministers serving congregations in Smith County, Texas, that are members of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

2018 Recipients

Hannah Alberts Homeschool Reed Burdette..... Whitehouse H.S.
Taylor Ballou..... University of Mary Hardin Baylor

Brook Hill Founder's Scholarship



Steve Dement created this scholarship to enable students attending the college preparatory school he founded, The Brook Hill School, to continue their education at Baylor University where he earned three degrees.

Mr. Dement continues to teach history and government at Brook Hill while also operating Landmark Title and a real estate law practice. His faith guides all these ventures as he models for his students how to honor, serve, and rely upon God in all that they do.

2018 Recipient

Lori Wise.....Brook Hill HS

Ben and Florine Ramsey Scholarship

Mrs. Ramsey established this scholarship in memory of her husband, Ben, who was extremely proud of his hometown of San Augustine, Texas and who believed in the importance of education.

2018 Recipient

Mikayla Slaydon

San Augustine High School



Christopher Lyon Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2007 through the generosity of gifts from the family and friends of Christopher Lyon.



It honors the memory of a young man known for his art, delicate soul, and quirky laugh. Born in 1973 in Greenville, S.C., Chris was an artist by profession. He received his BFA in Drawing, Painting, and Photography from Western Carolina University in 1996 and his MFA in Painting from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999 where he met his wife Alexis, now an art professor at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Chris died on January 9th, 2007, as a result of a motor vehicle accident. This scholarship was created to remember Chris, encourage young art students, and reward them for their hard work.

2018 Recipient

Lilah Ward..... University of Texas at Tyler

Fredrick Michael Nachman Scholarship



Fredrick (Mike) M. Nachman graduated from the University of Texas-Austin with a degree in Business Administration.

He served in the Air Force Reserves and he was a University of Texas Exes Life member. He started his career with Leasing Associates, Inc. in 1970 and in 2001 became CEO and sole owner. He was respected for his fair and ethical business practices.

Mike loved hunting, fishing, and watching football. He was a loving family man.

Created by the Nachman family in remembrance of their father, this scholarship is awarded to a Smith County or Houston Bellaire High School graduating senior majoring in business at the University of Texas at Austin.

2018 Recipient

Ally SunBellaire High School

Art Excellence Scholarship

An anonymous donor established the Art Excellence Scholarship Fund to provide educational scholarships for primarily non-traditional students pursuing Studio Art or Art History at the University of Texas at Tyler.

2018 Recipient

Lilah Ward
University of Texas
at Tyler



Earl Campbell Tyler Rose High School Scholarship

The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose High School Scholarship was established by SPORTyler, Inc. in 2014. This scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors from Smith County high schools that participated in varsity athletics program. The intent of the Earl Campbell Scholarship is to encourage student athletes to succeed on and off the field.

Recipients should exemplify the following characteristics: integrity, teamwork, sportsmanship, persistence and community involvement.



2018 Recipient

Emmanuel Daniels..... John Tyler High School



Kathy's Kids Scholarship

This scholarship fund is established in honor of Kathy Smith. Born in 1962 with a rare genetic condition known as Seckel Syndrome, Kathy has spent her entire life unable to speak, but communicates very well through body language and audible sounds. She has made a difference in the lives of the residents living at Richmond State School where she has resided since 1974. This scholarship fund honors the life of Kathy Smith by providing educational scholarships to young women in the Longview area who, like Kathy, have faced challenges.

2018 Recipient

Felisha Cowan..... Longview H.S.

Carroll and Casey Gurganus Scholarship

The Carroll and Casey Gurganus Scholarship was established to benefit outstanding students with financial need at Palestine High School.



Recipients should demonstrate leadership ability through participation in extracurricular activities, community service, and/or work experience during high school.

2018 Recipient

Caden LaFontaine Palestine HS

ETMC Junior Volunteer Scholarship

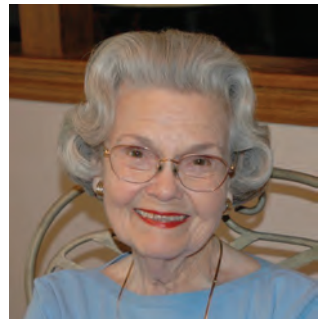
ETMC Foundation honors the dedicated service of its junior volunteers with this scholarship. It is open by invitation to students who have completed at least 100 hours of service and who plan to pursue a career in the healthcare field.

2018 Recipients

Delaney FolmarBullard H.S. Yazmine Martinez..... Chapel Hill H.S.
Natalie HendersonWhitehouse H.S. Cody OlsonRobert E. Lee H.S.
Katherine Jennings.....Robert E. Lee H.S.

Helen Elbert Scholarship

Helen Elbert’s musical ability was evident as a child. Beginning at the age of 10, she was the regular pianist for her church. She went on to earn a degree in music with a concentration in piano and had a 52-year career as an outstanding piano teacher, church musician, and chamber music performer. This scholarship was established by the East Texas Music Teachers Association with gifts from Mrs. Elbert’s friends and family. It will be awarded to an East Texas graduating senior who plans to major in music.



2018 Recipient

Gabriela CamposChapel Hill H.S.

Allen and Nancy Locklin Scholarship

The Allen and Nancy Locklin Scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior from Smith County who plans to attend the University of Texas at Tyler.

The recipient must demonstrate outstanding citizenship, leadership qualities, Christian devotion, excellent moral character, and a commitment to community service.

2018 Recipient

Justin Nelson..... Troup High School

Jean & Jim Gulley Texas Tech Scholarship

Established by friends and family to honor Mr. & Mrs. Gulley, this scholarship is supported by an annual memorial golf tournament.

Recipients must follow in the footsteps of the Gulley family by attending Texas Tech University.

2018 Recipient

Ty Braiden Stice..... Sabine High School



R. Don Cowan Music and Performing Arts Scholarship

R. Don Cowan was a founder of Tyler-based TCA Cable. He and his wife, Frances, appreciated and enjoyed music.

They were strong supporters of the arts in Tyler. This scholarship is awarded to students pursuing music and performing arts studies.

2018 Recipient

Caroline Trotter.....Robert E. Lee H.S.



Francis Cowan Gibson Fine Arts Scholarship

Frances Cowan Gibson, a native of Tyler, was an accomplished artist who enjoyed drawing, painting, and printmaking. This scholarship will be awarded to students in any major who are pursuing fine arts studies.

2018 Recipient

Davone Morgan University of Houston



Rhonda Pendry Scholarship

Rhonda Penry was a dedicated teacher at Tarkington Intermediate School in Cleveland, Texas for 15 years. She taught fifth grade and social studies for a career spanning 25 years in total. Her first students, her three sons, established this scholarship to honor their mother upon her retirement.

2018 Recipient

Billie MeadorsTarkington High School



Peace Officers & Firefighters Scholarship



This scholarship was established by the Board of Directors of East Texas Communities Foundation to honor the public service of dedicated peace officers and firefighters.

2018 Recipient

Ashlynn EubanksChapel Hill High School, Mt. Pleasant

Velma Lemons Future Teacher Scholarship



To honor the long-time teaching career of their mother, the children of Velma Lemons established this scholarship to assist students from Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties who plan to major in education.

Mrs. Lemons' teaching career spanned 39 years and led her to work at almost every school in Tyler ISD. She also taught Sunday school to toddlers for 60 years.

Mrs. Lemons was very active in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, teaching merit badges and supporting her three sons as they all earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

In 1998, she received the Faithful Servant Award from the Boy Scouts for her work in scouting, church, and the community.

2018 Recipient

Julie WigginsLaPoyner High School

Leslie Reid Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created in memory of Leslie Reid of Murchison who passed away in 2001 from cancer.

It was established by her husband, Ron Reid, as a memorial to Leslie's determination, courage, zest for life, and love of showing horses.

Recipients must be female students from Henderson, Smith or Van Zandt County who are currently or have been involved in horse show activities.

2018 Recipient

Mary GouldAthens HS



East Texas Communities Foundation is extremely grateful to the following community members who served on our Scholarship Selection Committees this year. They donate hours of time reading applications, impart valuable insights, and help keep the selection process impartial and objective.

Denice Allen

Hunter Carr

Dana Durman

John Anderson

Laura Cauthen

Joseph Eakin

Alicia Armstrong

Luke Chachere

Don Elbert

Liz Ballard

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Henry Bell

Regina Childress

Mike Estes

Kele Blalock

Vanessa Chisler

Lynda Evans

Wayne Boshears

Jane Coker

Beth Filla

Gillian Brasfield

Jim Cousineau

Amy Fleming

Caron Breckel

Anna Cousineau

Eddie Francis

Jeff Brewer

Ray Cozby

Dawn Franks

Brad Brookshire

Martha Critchfield

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Joyce Brown

Alan Cumming

Abhi Ghuge

Samantha Burch

Suzanne Curtis

Shannon Glenney

Phil Burks

Steve Dement

Ashley Graham

Christian Campbell

Allene Doggett

Carl Gray

Robbie Campbell

Sue Duran

Jared Green



Jo Beth Cox and her daughter smile proudly at the 2017 ETCF Scholarship reception. Jo Beth was the recipient of the Art Excellence scholarship.



2017 recipient of the Peace Officers and Firefighters scholarship was Bailey Brown. Bailey's father is a fireman in Mt. Pleasant.

Courtney Green

Tom Gregory

Carter Grooms

Beth Guinn

Eric Gunter

Carroll Gurganus

Ginger Haberle

Karyn Hacker

Karen Hallmark

Ginny Harleston

Penny Heddin

Tim Holder

Sean Holliday

Charley Holmes

Kathy Housby

Deidre Hull

Mark Jones

Diane Kavanaugh

Sally Keenan

Lester Kilpatrick

Lisa King

Jona Lake

Paul Latta

Zoe Lawhorn

Jerry Lea

Chris Leach

Chris Leahy

Larry LeBeau

Claire Leifer

Tracy Lisner

Jackie Littleton

Mike Lutmer

Shannon Lutmer

Mark Maple

Kristi Martin

Rachel Mason

Harriet McArthur

Shane McConnell

Paula McDermott

Gail McGlothlin

Fritter McNally

Terry McRae

Julie Mettlen

Kelly Michaels

Leigh Ann Miller

Kathy Moore

Nan Moore

Connie Moore

Chad Muse

Suzanne Myers

Angie Nachman

Danny Noteware

Sheilah O'Heaney

Deanna Olson

Patricia Owen

Mike Pangburn

Anne Pattullo

Anita Paulssen

John Payne

Rhonda Penry



Anna Ye eagerly accepts the 2017 David and Jacqueline Braithwaite Scholarship in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Biotechnology. Pictured left to right: Kyle Penney, ETCF President, Doug Bolles, ETCF Board Chairman, and Anna Ye.



Ann Brookshire congratulates Carlos Villapudua, recipient of the Gary Neel scholarship in 2017. Ann and her husband Brad Brookshire were friends of Gary Neel and helped establish the scholarship in his memory.

Nick Pessina

Katie Powell

Carey Prater

Tammy Prater

Matt Proctor

George Ann Reed

Linda Resnik

Ilene Rice

Debbie Roosth

Lara Routon

Kim Rowden

Janice Rowland

Lynette Ruby

Lianne Sanchez

Joey Seeber

Corbin Seliga

Dale Short

Larkin Simmons

Roger Smith

Cindy Smoak

Dana Snyder

Richard Solomon

Michael Stoltz

Mark Tarver

Sandi Taylor

Bill Taylor

Mark Thacker

Michelle Trammell

Amanda Trimble

Janet Tyner

Glenn Wiggins

Judy Wilkins

Pattie Willbanks

Sandy Williamson

Sherilyn Willis

Jenni Wilson

Steve Winston

Yvonell Witt

Ginger Young



Tamia Williams was the recipient of the Winifred George Scholarship in 2017. Pictured left to right: Kyle Penney, ETCF President, Tamia Williams and Doug Bolles, ETCF Board Chairman.



A group of Robert E. Lee students gathered for photos after the 2017 ETCF scholarship reception.



Our MISSION

Philanthropy builds community and changes lives.

East Texas Communities Foundation supports philanthropy by offering simple ways for donors to achieve their charitable goals.

Who We Are:

East Texas Communities Foundation was founded in 1989 by visionary leaders who were looking for an effective, efficient way for donors throughout East Texas to support charitable work and nonprofits. Since that time, ETCF has grown to include almost 300 unique funds, with \$90 million in assets. We serve 32 counties in East Texas, from Bowie County in the northeast corner down to Leon County in the southwest; Lamar County down to Sabine County. Our 29-year success is a testament to the flexibility of our donor services, strong leadership and sound financial management. We welcome the opportunity to help East Texans be good stewards, wise givers and agents for positive change.

What We Do:

ETCF is a vehicle for simplified giving. We work with individuals, families, businesses, financial advisors and nonprofit organizations to create funds that support a wide variety of charitable causes and individual philanthropic interests.

Types of Funds:

Donor-Advised Funds are often referred to as charitable checking accounts. Donors establish fund and recommend grants to public charities. ETCF checks out the validity of the nonprofits and makes distributions.

Nonprofit Endowment Funds allow an organization and their supporters to set up endowments to provide annual income.

Scholarship Funds can be established to support students from a specific city/region, studying a specific degree program, attending a specific university, etc. ETCF will handle the online application process, committee review and check distribution.

Field-of-Interest Funds can benefit multiple nonprofit organizations within a donor's category of interest or geographic location.

Donor-Designated Fund, while similar to a Donor-Advised Fund, will only make distributions to one specific charity as determined by the donor.

Project Funds are unique opportunities that support a specific charitable program or project within a specified timeframe.

Community/Unrestricted fund provides ETCF with the flexibility to provide grants to nonprofits which meet the communities' most pressing needs.

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