

#### FALL 2012

### **Message from the Founder**

#### **Dear Family & Friends:**



The Bailey Family Foundation's summer application period ended on September 15<sup>th</sup> with over 1,200 applications and well exceeded the number we expected. With the help of our dedicated Scholarship Selection Committee, we will award a \$5,000 scholarship to each of our 30 winners for next year's college tuition. Congratulations

to our new Bailey Scholars! Also, THANK YOU to our team of evaluators; you make it possible for these students to attend college.

We changed things up a little this year and hosted one big Bailey Scholar Reception, instead of the traditional two. It was a hit! We filled the room with all of our High School Program Scholarship winners – The 2012 Bailey Scholars – and everyone had a great time. You will see some highlights of the event to the right. Everyone at the Foundation truly enjoys meeting our new scholarship recipients, and their families, and we look forward to the next one.

Time flies when you're having fun! In May, Bev and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. At the restaurant, we toasted to our incredible journey together and enjoyed a delicious dinner with our sons, all eight grandkids, and friends. We also had family photos taken in Plant City in September. Take a look – they are on page 7.

While Bev and I enjoyed all the comforts of home this summer, the kids had some adventures. Kent and Pi took their families all around Asia while Kyle and his family traveled to Canada in search of cooler weather. To see some of their photos, take a look at pages 5 & 6. We all made it thru the RNC and burricane Isaac without a scratch.... whew! I hope you enjoyed your summer as well.

Please enjoy this edition of the Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter. Let me be the first to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

Ron K. Bailey President

# **Bailey Scholar Reception:**



*Mr.* & *Mrs. Bailey, Pi, Michele, Kyle and Stan* 



Natalia Ferrer and family



Our guest speaker: Grant Uppercue



Kent congratulates Despina Lucas



*Mr. Bailey says a few words to the 2012 Bailey Scholars* 



The audience stands to thank Mr. Bailey for his generosity



Mr. & Mrs. Bailey with Kyla Hoffer



*Mr. & Mrs. Bailey with Renee Roberts* 



Mr. & Mrs. Bailey with Patrick O'Brien

## What's Happening?

#### **OTHER NEWS & UPDATES**

#### **Descendants of George Patton Bailey:**

**Kornowski, Casey:** was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society in April 2012. Scholarship, Service, Skill, Responsibility, Honesty, Leadership and Citizenship are the attributes of membership. Casey was nominated by her academic instructors at the Medina County Career Center (MCCC). Casey also completed training

and passed the Ohio Department of Health Exam to be State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA) in April 2012. Casey is a senior at MCCC in the Diversified Medical Technologies Program.

> Casey Kornowski National Technical Honor Society inductee



**Weersing, Cindy:** received the "Nurses Make a Difference Award" from Akron General Medical Center in May 2012. This award is based on patient submitted letters of outstanding care received by a nurse. Her sister Marsha Kornowski writes, "Cindy works well with



others and has excellent communication skills. Her empathy for the pain and suffering of her patients and the care she provides truly deserves to be recognized.

Cindy Weersing, recipient of the "Nurses Make a Difference Award"

#### **Scholarship Recipients and Friends of the Foundation:**

**Bettis, Suzanne:** writes, "Over the course of the summer, I completed an externship working in the chambers of the Honorable Magistrate Judge Joan Azrack in the Eastern District of New York, completed a course on Professional Responsibility, and took the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam. This fall, I am looking forward to participating as a Campus Advocate, assisting newly admitted law students through the process, as well as becoming actively

involved in both the Street Law and 1L Mentorship programs through the Justice Action Center and the Black Law Students Association, respectively. All these aspirations are now easier because of your organization's generosity."



Suzanne Bettis, 2012 Bailey Scholar

**Bowers, Kelsey:** graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville in May 2012 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She

writes, "I was able to play four years of NCAA soccer and was captain my senior year. I was able to travel abroad to Austria for a semester my junior year and I met my fiancé at Franciscan and we are getting married in December. You will never understand how much you have truly helped me. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless You!"



Kelsey Bowers, 2008 Bailey Scholar



**Colarte**, **Andrew**: made salutatorian at Auburndale High for the class of 2012.

Andrew Colarte, 2012 Bailey Scholar

**Danford, Morgan:** writes, "This past summer, I was accepted into The Peace Sullivan and James Ansin High School Workshop in Journalism and New Media. For three weeks I stayed on the University of Miami campus. Each of the 20 students in the program produced their own article for the program's summer newspaper, Miami Montage, and also took photos and video for the articles. I

plan to go to college and major in Journalism and hopefully minor in Radio. I wanted to thank you again for the scholarship." *Morgan is a Hope for Tomorrow Scholarship Recipient* 



Morgan Danford, future Journalism major



**Gunn, Jennifer Bosse:** graduated with honors in May 2012 from the University of Florida with a Doctorate in Pharmacy. She is currently employed at CVS Pharmacy.

Jennifer Bosse Gunn, 2003 Bailey Scholar

Hixson, Jason: is now teaching school (5th grade) and also still do-

ing Coast Guard Reserves. He was married in September 2012. Jason is the grandson of Patricia Smith who volunteers on BFF's Scholarship Selection Committee.



Jason Hixon, 2004 Bailey Scholar, and his new bride

**Jones, Jordyn:** writes, "I just completed my sophomore year at Jacksonville University and was named to the Dean's List for academics. I also competed in the regional NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) competition in Mobile, Alabama (FL/GA/AL) where I was awarded first place in my divison - second year/musical theatre/women - out of 22 competitors! In the fall of 2011, I was inducted into the world's largest honorary dramatic society, Alpha Psi Omega, and will serve as the event coordinator for the 2012-13 school year. In April, I portrayed the role of "Tessa" in JU's production of the Gilbert & Sullivan operetta, "The Gondoliers." My social life has been busy, too. I am the member development chair of my sorority, Delta Delta Delta, and was elected Vice-President of the founding chapter of SNATS (Students of the National Association of Teachers of Singing), where I will be in charge of planning musical



theatre and opera workshops and recitals in the future. Because of my BFF scholarship, I am able to receive excellent training and education as I pursue my dreams and goals. I'm so honored to be a BFF scholar and evaluator!"

Jordyn Jones, 2010 Bailey Scholar

**Melott, Megan:** married Benjamin Elliott in May 2012. Benjamin is a Tulsa police officer. Megan also writes, "Thank you for all of your help and funds over the past four years. Your organization has truly been a blessing to me and my family in helping me get through my

undergrad in biochemistry. I am enrolled in a combined BS/MS degree here at TU in biochemistry and considering Medical school as the next chapter in my life." *Megan Melott-Elliott, 2009 Bailey Scholar, and husband Benjamin* 





Milano, Hale: "This picture was taken upon his successful completion of Airborne school at Ft. Benning Georgia. He just completed his junior year in the Army ROTC program at The Ohio State University. He was appointed battalion commander for his senior year," writes, his dad and BFF Scholarship Evaluator, Todd Milano. Phelps, Ashley: writes, "In December I graduated again with an

MA in Reading Education and won Teacher of the Year for my school, Winthrop Charter, this year. I'm teaching middle school reading and am the Reading Department Chair for the entire school. All thanks to the Bailey Family Foundation for helping me get here!"



Ashley Phelps, 2006 Bailey Scholar

**Seymour, Wendy Harrington**: writes, "I wanted to let you know how I appreciate the opportunity that you have given me financially for my schooling. When I completed my externship on June 8th I was offered a job on June 11th. I am now working at South Bay Hospital in Sun City, Fl as an Echocardiograph



Technician. I am receiving the pay I feel I deserve and am now in progress to start my life again. Thanks to your scholarship you have helped me reach my goals. Because of organizations like yours, people like me, a single mother, can accomplish their dreams."

Wendy Harrington Seymour, 2011 Bailey Scholar

**Stewart, Kristen:** writes, "I graduated this past May from the University of Florida with a BA's in Linguistics and Anthropology. BFF believed in me through all of my major changes and now I am graced with the opportunity to attend graduate school at the University of Rochester in Mental Health Counseling. So a BIG thank you!"



Kristen Stewart, 2008 Bailey Scholar

**Taylor, Brian:** writes, "I am pleased to inform you that I have made the President's List at Strayer University for the second semester in a



row, and I am looking forward to being inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars this October via their online ceremony. It has been all too amazing and wonderful to know that all this has happened. I am looking forward to the fall semester with just a little less of a financial burden, and a bit more confidence that success is within my grasp."

Brian Taylor, 2012 Bailey Scholar

Hale Milano, senior at Ohio State

Thomas, Courtney: writes, "With your help, I have graduated from

my undergraduate school with a BS in Psychology and will be attending the graduate school of my choice this fall, to earn a Psy. D in Clinical Psychology! I am so excited for my future and I just know this life has been changed because of you."

Courtney Thomas, 2008 Bailey Scholar



**Tran**, Ly: writes, "With your support I will be graduating this December with a Bachelor's in Biomedical Science. I am one step closer to achieving my goal of helping others. This past week I received my acceptance letter for Armstrong Atlantic State Universities Doctor of Physical Therapy class of 2016. With your help I have achieved everything I set out to do and more. Thank you so much."

Ly Tran, 2009 Bailey Scholar

## **Foundation News & Activities**

#### iPads for AHN

The Bailey Family Foundation gifted iPad 3s to all faculty and students in grades 5-12 at the Academy of Holy Names for use beginning this fall.



**Ron Bailey** stated, "Technology will soon completely transform the field of education for the better. Instruction and learning will be tailored to the needs of each individual student. We want to help local schools be on the leading edge of that change."



AHN teachers love their iPads!

The <u>Tampa Bay Times</u> article "Tapping into the Future" (9/28/12) also references the Bailey Family Foundation's donation to the Academy of Holy Names.

#### **Central Penn Golf Open**

The 41st Central Pennsylvania College Golf Open raised nearly

\$23,000 for student scholarships this year. BFF was once again a proud sponsor of the annual golf outing.



Brothers Stan and Paul Elmore represent BFF at the annual CPC Tournament



BFF contributed toward the Steppin' Stone Farm's purchase of a new tractor.



**From their website:** *Steppin' Stone Farm gives parents the option to intervene and try to* 

save their daughter's life. Through a structured, caring, Christian program that emphasizes accountability and personal responsibility; each girl has a real chance to change her destiny.



#### **Darby Hastings Foundation**

Darby is a 16-year-old who loves the FFA. She has been diagnosed with Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis – a disease in which scar tissue develops on the parts of the kidneys that filter waste out of the blood. Without treatment, primary FSGS will usually lead to kidney failure where the only treatment options are dialysis or kidney transplant.

Proceeds from the pig sale go to the Darby Hasting Foundation

Her 4H Club has decided to donate all proceeds from the sale of their pig, at the Hillsborough County Fair, to help the Darby Hasting Foundation. The Bailey Family Foundation is also proud to support Darby's Foundation in hopes for a quick recovery.

#### **Osprey Observer** Article

The article "Bailey Family Foundation Helps Dreams Come True With The Gift Of Scholarships" was printed on 9/30/12 in the Osprey Observer. Thank you to reporter Kathy Collins and our Bailey Scholars who contributed to this wonderful article.

#### Friend of the Theatre Award

Plant City Entertainment, Inc. is giving the Brad Beahan, Friend of the Theatre Award to the Bailey Family Foundation. **Dodie White**, on behalf of the Board of Managers of Plant City Entertainment, Inc. writes, "You have supported us for many years, and this is our small way of saying 'thank you'. Your support has not gone unnoticed. We remember several years back when you opened your lovely home to us for a fund-raiser that helped kick-start our ability to purchase our own theatre home at 101 N. Thomas Street, and we see your support in our playbill each time we produce a show....we truly appreciate you, your support, and your 'Friendship.'"

We are bonored, thank you Plant City Entertainment!

## **Bailey Family News & Activities**

#### Ron & Bev Celebrate 50 years!

Ron and Bev Bailey, together with their children, eight grandchildren and friends, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 12<sup>th</sup>. *Congratulations!* 



Ron & Bev celebrated 50 years on May 12





Camp Creek Family Reunion (May 2012)

The annual family reunion takes place on Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Creek State Park in West Virginia

Some photos from the Camp Creek reunion:









Family reunion in Winchester (September 2012)

Some photos from the Winchester reunion:









#### **Summer Vacation Photos**

*Kent, Pi and their families took a three-week trip to Asia this summer.* 

Japan





NDA

#### China



Tbailand



Kyle and his family took a trip to Canada.





#### Dedication of the Bailey Log Cabin

The Bailey log cabin is now fully restored! Descendants of The Harvey "Horry" Bailey family, other Bailey family members, and members



of the Graham Historical Society attended the dedication of the log cabin in July in Bluefield, Va. "It's absolutely wonderful that we've finally got a place where we can put our Bailey stuff," **Mary Ellen Howe** said in giving the Bailey family remarks at the dedication.

#### **Dedication of New Bailey Family Stone**

Bailey family members gather at the Bailey Family Cemetery at the dedication ceremony for the new stone honoring eight family members buried at the cemetery.

The stone marks the burial site for eight Bailey family members buried here at this cemetery in Bluefield, Va.





**The Newest Bailey Family Member** Precious joined the family this August:

Ron & Precious - the newest family member





# Family Photos taken in Plant City:



**The Bailey Family** Back Row: Justin, Megan, Kyle, Bev, Ron & Kent Front Row: Cameron, Brandon, Michele, Cristina, Sofia & Lily

## **Letters of Appreciation:**

"Thank you for your continued support these past four years. Your support has allowed me to look into and apply for graduate school so that I can pursue my Master's in education. Thanks again for everything!"

-Gregory Callas

"This \$5,000 tuition scholarship was awarded to me at a time that was most beneficial. I directly attribute this generosity over the years to my ability to achieve two degrees as a summa cum laude by eliminating the financial stressors we all know higher education can bring. I am so truly grateful for your generosity." -Ross Erickson

"Thank you very much for the generous scholarship you have bestowed upon me. I am incredibly grateful for your generosity. In my first three weeks at the University of Tampa, I have decided on my majors of Pre-Law and Psychology and a minor in Law and Justice. I have joined a sorority, Delta Zeta, and I have been told that I have potential to be in the top of the class."

-Kaitlyn Garrett



**The Foundation Board of Trustees:** Kyle, Ron, Bev & Kent

"Thank you Bailey Family Foundation for the Scholarship. This financial gift will help a lot with some of the financial burdens of my educational expenses. I recently graduated from Strayer University in Florence, KY with my Associates in Arts. I registered for summer classes and looking forward to the day I receive my BA in Business.

I plan on getting my Masters soon after. Thanks again for your support." -Joe Lockaby



"I am flattered to have received your scholarship; it is truly an honor to have been selected for this prestigious award. I am currently a freshman at USF majoring in Environmental Biology. My love of all life, both plant and animal, has led me to this major. With my Biology degree, I hope to become a conservationist who successfully protects threatened ecosystems all around the world. It is a goal of mine to protect the environment, as I have always valued nature and wildlife. I aspire to do many great things in the future with the education I will receive, and thanks to you I am even closer to achieving my goal.

"In awarding me the Bailey Family Foundation Scholarship, you have made the daunting task of handling college expenses more feasible for me. Paying for college can be very stressful, so by granting me the scholarship, you have allowed me focus more on my education and less on finding money to pay for it. Thank you again for your munificent contribution to my education. It is greatly appreciated." *-Nadia Tenouri* 

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### **Directors and Staff:**

All of us at The Bailey Family Foundation work hard to serve you: our family, friends, and community. If there is ever anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.



Stan, Wes, Laura, Kent, Kyle, Kimberly, Pi, Ron and Bev

## Message from the editor:

It has been my pleasure serving as editor for the Fall 2012 Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter. I hope you enjoyed reading it as

much as I enjoyed working on it. Thank you to everyone who shared photos and stories with us. Please keep 'em coming! If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to contribute to the next newsletter, don't hesitate to contact me. I would love to hear from you!



Kimberly Czabaj & son Tyler

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