

# The Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter

FALL 2008

## Message from the Founder

Dear Family & Friends:



*BFF received over 1,200 applications from 45 colleges and universities for our summer scholarship program, which ended on September 15th. That is double the number of applications we received the same period last year! We awarded 45 scholarships to our new Bailey Scholars for Spring 2009*

*tuition. Congratulations to the winners and a big "THANK YOU" to our Scholarship Selection Committee.*

*In July, BFF hosted its first Bailey Scholars Reception which honored High School Program Scholarship winners from Hillsborough County, FL. Forty-five winners were invited and thirty-two accepted. It was a wonderful event, with over one hundred in attendance, and we plan to expand it to Pinellas and Polk Counties next year. (Photos on right)*

*We've had a busy, but fun summer. In June, Bev and I took the whole family on a Disney Cruise to the Mexican Rivera. Everyone loved it! Afterwards, Kyle was off to tour Alaska and later Kent went to Spain to run with the bulls. We're planning a trip to Prague in October to watch the Tampa Bay Lightning hockey team kick off their season against the New York Rangers.*

*I hope you enjoy this edition of the Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter. Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season.*

Ron K. Bailey  
President BFF

## Bailey Scholars Reception



Bev, Kelsey Bowers and Ron



Ron with Jie Li and her father



Kent, Grant Uppercue and Kyle



Wes and Kent handing a new laptop to Austin Schwartz



Kyle and Brian Joyner



Ron with Natalie Pyne and her mother

## What's Happening?

This section is a compilation of submissions we've received for The Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter. It is intended to help keep friends of the Bailey Family in touch with each other. We welcome submissions from family members, scholarship recipients, or anyone else interested in the Bailey Family. You may submit information for the newsletter:

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### Births



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

**Jackson, Brady Blue:** Born March 26, 2008 at 11:21 p.m. to John and Melanie Jackson. Both parents volunteer on BFF's selection committee.



*John, Melanie & Baby Brady*

*Brady Blue Jackson*



**Kippenberg, Garrett North:** Born July 8, 2008 to Lindsey North and Scott Kippenberg. Garrett weighed 5 lbs, 13 oz and was 19 ½ inches long.

*Garrett North Kippenberg*

**Meachum, Elyse Suzanne:** Born April 3, 2008 at 10:12 a.m. to Kat and Tom Meachum. Baby Elyse weighed 9 lbs, 10 oz. She was born at Mease Countryside Hospital.

*Kat, Tom & Baby Elyse*



**Schiller, Harrison Lee:** Born on July 10, 2008 at 9:20 p.m. to Charlie and Larry Schiller. He weighed 6lbs, 13.5oz and was 20" long.

*Big Brother Nathan, Larry & Baby Harrison*

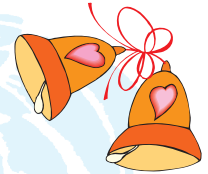


### Deaths

#### Descendants of George Patton Bailey:

**Weinstein, Minna:** Dr. Minna Weinstein passed away on April 11, 2008, at age 74. Dr. Weinstein was a friend of Ron Bailey and Strayer University, and was most helpful in Strayer College's regional accreditation.

### Marriages



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

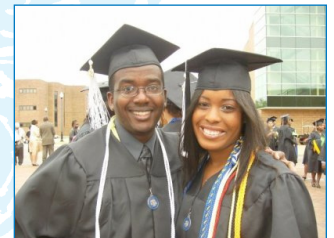


**Kimberly Czabaj and Daniel Hammond** were married on May 2, 2008 on Sanibel Island, FL. The lawn ceremony and dinner party were held at Casa Ybel Resort. It was an amazing day and more beautiful than we could have imagined.

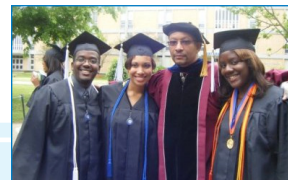
*Daniel & Kimberly, married May 2, 2008*

### Other News

**Baber, Gilbert A.:** Graduated from Hampton University in May 2008 with a degree in English. Gilbert is the first Hope for Tomorrow recipient to graduate from college. Congratulations Gilbert!



*Gilbert, left, with friend*



*Gilbert, left, with friends and Professor*



Ron and Bev helped evaluator Linda Shellhouse and her family celebrate Linda's mom's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in Flagler, FL.



Bev, Ron, Linda and Charlie



She's ready for cake

### Letters of Appreciation

Thank you for taking the time to write to us. We are honored to be a part of your academic success. Below are some of the letters we've recently received.

"Every parent wants better for their child than they had. We have dreams and goals, and sometimes, even with our best efforts, we need help reaching these targets. As someone who has been out of work since July, I felt there was no way I could complete my end of the bargain when it came to being the parent of a gifted student, and wonderful son, by giving Jason the opportunity he deserves. **Jason** has done, and continues to do his part, and we were fearful that even with his exhaustive efforts, the concept of a quality university education would be unattainable.



Jason Bornstein, 2008 scholarship recipient attending University of South Florida

There is, however, a giving family that has recognized Jason's effort, dedication to community, and amazing potential. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping Jason not suffer as a result of our circumstances. You have been kind enough to provide the opportunity we could not, and allow Jason to pursue his dreams and reach his potential. I wish to express to you our sincere appreciation and gratitude for what you are doing for our son. Again, Thank you, and God Bless."

**Scott H. Bornstein and Rachel L. Bornstein**

**Frye, Ebony:** "I am a recipient of the Bailey Family Foundation Scholarship. Thank you very much for selecting me for this award. I was also named in Who's Who Among American Students and I have earned a 4.0 this semester. My family and I truly appreciate your generosity. I have recently started my own business, Complete Success Inc. and I am fulfilling my dreams and making news daily."



Ebony Frye, 2008 scholarship recipient attending Hillsborough Community College



Tony Huerta, 2008 scholarship recipient attending St. Leo University

"In behalf of our whole family, I would like to express my deepest thanks to all of you for making me 1 of your 2008 scholars. This is indeed an honor and not to forget a great help for my parents. Like it was not enough to be 1 of your recipients, you even gave us a fabulous reception! We were thrilled to be sitting with the "BIG GUYS".

Again, thank you so very much for this opportunity. More power to The Bailey Family Foundation and may God continue to bless

each and everyone of you!!!

Sincerely, **Tony R. Huerta & Family**"

Dear Kyle,  
I really want to thank you for the opportunity that you and the Bailey Family Foundation have given me. I was really surprised and feel extremely privileged to receive this scholarship.



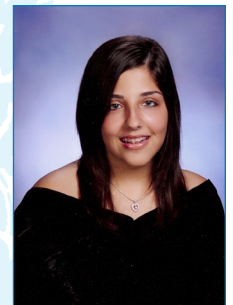
Brian Joyner a 2008 scholarship recipient attending Florida Suncoast Helicopters.

I'm very aware that education is of most importance to you and the foundation. I am honored that you have the confidence and willingness in me to contribute to my future.

Thank you so much for the generosity.

Sincerely,  
**Brian Joyner**

**Langford, Kayla:** "I would just like to inform each of you that your scholarship that is helping me further my education has been a tremendous blessing in my life. If I were asked at the beginning of my high school career if I was going to college, I would have replied with a no due to financial reasons. When my senior year was approaching, my mind set had completely changed, I was desperate to find a way to continue my education, to make my dreams of becoming a child psychologist come true. Thanks to the Bailey Family Scholarship, I am on the right path to success. Without your help, I know that I would not be where I am today. The Bailey Family Scholarship has been a blessing that I am truly thankful for. So with that, I would like to thank each member of the family and organization, and let you know that without your help, I would not be furthering my education as I am now."



Kayla Langford, 2008 scholarship recipient attending University of Florida

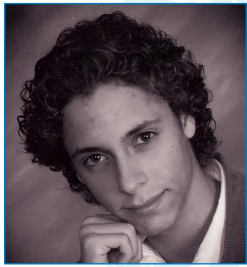
**Rhodes, Bryan:** "First off, I just want to thank you guys so much for the opportunity you gave and have given to me once again through the scholarship as well as all the help you give to others. The amount of relief that this opportunity gave me this year is just insurmountable. Just last semester my close girlfriend was in a nearly fatal

car accident, which prevented me from achieving all that I wanted in my first year of college. Seeing the Bailey Family Foundation's name on the van that allowed my girlfriend to make her first trip out of the hospital just put a huge smile on my face. Not only did I receive such a wonderful gift but someone very dear to me felt your compassion as well. I just wanted to thank you guys from the bottom of my heart for the enormous amount of relief you have given me as well as my family. Much of the financial pressures college brings have been alleviated due to your gratitude. Being chosen for this has been such a blessing in my life and after these past months I've learned to appreciate things so much more so I am just so thankful for you all. God Bless and thank you again."



*Bryan Rhodes, 2007 scholarship recipient attending University of Florida*

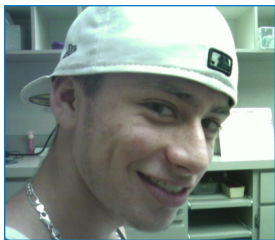
**Steiner, Matthew:** "I recently graduated from Columbia University with a B.S. in Applied Physics and will now be attending the University of Virginia to work on a Ph.D. in Engineering Physics. I'd like to thank the Bailey Family Foundation for their financial help in making my undergraduate education possible."



*Cory Warner, 2008 scholarship recipient attending North Carolina School of Arts*

**Warner, Cory:** "I wanted to thank you and members of the Bailey Foundation for selecting me as a Bailey Scholar. It is a distinct honor and privilege to be a recipient of this award, and I am so proud to have been selected as a Bailey Scholar. Please express my thanks to Mr. Ron Bailey, and other selection committee members. I appreciate this assistance more than words can express. As I embark upon my college education, my

success, in large part, will be due to the support shown by the Bailey Foundation. I am committed to proving myself worthy of this distinguished and prestigious award. I look forward to maintaining a positive relationship with the Bailey Foundation over the next four years. I am in hopes that one day I may be able to contribute to the Foundation and help other deserving students have an opportunity to realize their dreams."



BFF also received a very moving letter from the mother of Corey Rak, a 2008 scholarship recipient. Thank you sharing Corey's story of success with us. We are very proud of him too!

*Corey Rak, 2008 scholarship recipient, attending Erwin Technical Center*

## Foundation News & Activities

### Scholarship Program Update

BFF received over 1,200 applications for our 2008 Summer Program, which ended on September 15. We had a lot of strong applications, but in the end forty-five were selected from Florida and Virginia colleges. Each was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship for 2009 tuition. Congratulations to the Bailey Scholars!

As always, we are grateful for our wonderful Scholarship Selection Committee. We had the support of over 100 evaluators. THANK YOU for helping make this possible!

In 2008 the Bailey Family Foundation awarded over \$2,500,000 in scholarships to deserving high school and college students.

### BFF in The Tampa Tribune

On Sunday, November 18, 2007, Ron Bailey and the Bailey Family Foundation appeared on the front page of The Tampa Tribune in a feature article about charitable foundations in the Tampa Bay area. Scholarship recipient Maria Brachowicz was interviewed for the article.

"Take Ron Bailey for example. Bailey is the man behind the one of the largest foundations in Hillsborough County.

Bailey made his wealth at Strayer University in Washington, D.C., eventually buying the college.

He was struck with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, an illness that affects the nervous system. The disease temporarily paralyzed him, and he was hospitalized at Tampa General for three months.

"I said to myself, 'If I don't die, I want to spend the rest of my life doing good,'" he recalled. "I wasn't going to go flying all over the world."

He sold his stake in Strayer, formed the Bailey Family Foundation, and now gives \$20,000 scholarships to one student annually from each high school in Hillsborough, Pinellas and Polk counties.

"In my opinion, there's no better use of the money," he said.

Maria Brachowicz, 21, is a recipient of a Bailey scholarship.

Originally from Brazil, she attends the University of South Florida, where she is studying biomedical sciences. Her mom can't find a job, and the family couldn't afford to send Brachowicz to college without help. The foundation has paid her tuition for four years, she said.

"If it wasn't for Bailey, I would probably be working," she said. "Then it's kind of hard to go back on track to university."

Bailey Family Foundation assets reached about \$52 million in 2005. Donations hovered near \$2 million."





**EIP Bailey Family Foundation Scholarship**

George Mason's Early Identification Program held their senior reception in May 2008. BFF awarded scholarships to four deserving seniors for the EIP Program. They are: Noe Loarca, Ingrid Rodriguez, Christian Trasmonte and Stephanie Gordon.



*Christian and Stan Elmore*



*Christian, Ingrid and Noe*

**THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM**

**The Florida Aquarium**

In April, Ron, Kyle and Kent participated in The Florida Aquarium's Annual Fishing Tournament.

*The guys as they pass by Ron & Bev's home on Harbour Island*



*Ron has a nice catch!*

*And another one!*



**University of Tampa**

*(Courtesy of Tampa Bay Business Journal)*

A group of University of Tampa students won a student-managed portfolio competition for its handling of a \$150,000 university investment fund in 2007.

Members of UT's applied investment management class took first place in the graduate division for core-style portfolios at the Redefining Investment Strategy Education eighth annual Global Student Investment Forum, a release from UT said.

Held at the University of Dayton from March 27 to 29, the forum attracted 2,300 students, faculty and professionals from 257 colleges and universities from 69 different countries.

The UT portfolio, the Bailey Student Investment Fund, is an equity portfolio of individual stocks and exchange traded funds established five years ago by a \$100,000 donation. Marcus Ingram, an associate professor of finance and faculty adviser for the fund, said the students who participate get the chance to work to maximize returns and balance risk through a diversified portfolio.

"This is huge recognition," Ingram said in a release. "UT competed strongly with large schools that manage funds in the millions of dollars, and which have unlimited resources and direct access to assistance from Wall Street firms."

UT previously took second place in the competition.



**Red, White and Blue Salute**

Members of the Bailey Family Foundation attended The Special Operations Warrior Foundation's gala "Red, White & Blue Salute" which honored America's Special Operations Forces. The Bailey Family Foundation was a primary sponsor of the event. Ron K. Bailey serves on the Board of Trustees for SOWF.



*Ron, Bev, Michele, Kyle, Tina & Pi*



**Vision Walk**

In October, members of the BFF team, in conjunction with Foundation Fighting Blindness, are walking in support of the fight against retinal degenerative diseases. We were fortunate to become acquainted with the Foundation Fighting

Blindness and all the wonderful services they offer. We hope to make a difference in the lives of all people living with vision loss and their families.





**10th Annual Art of Helping Children Gala**

**Kent Bailey** serves on the BBBS Board of Directors and was a sponsor of this year's event. Auction items included beautiful works of art, travel packages, sports memorabilia, and other must-haves. All of the money raised will in the Tampa Bay community and help children reach their potential.

*Kent and his parents, Ron & Bev*



*Bev, Ron, Cristina, Kent, Tina and Pi*



Members of the Bailey Family Foundation participated in a "hard hat" tour of the new Tampa Bay History Center to open in December 2008. BFF pledged a 5-grant to the Center to help build the 'A Place of Our Own' children's exhibit. Kent Bailey serves on the Board of Trustees.



*Pi and Kent on the tour*

*Senator Tom Lee, Kim, Kent and C.J. Roberts, the Center's President/CEO on the soon-to-be outdoor terrace*



**Tampa General Hospital Scholarship**

**Ron Bailey** along with fellow TGH Foundation board member, Carter McCain, each donated \$8,000 to fund an additional Nursing Scholarship for Tampa General Hospital. There were four terrific candidates but only enough TGH Foundation funds for three scholarships. Ron said, "We were happy to be in a position to be able to do that. It's a great program and Tampa General Hospital should be extremely proud of all the applicants because they all represent Tampa General very well."



*Future home of 'A Place of Our Own' children's exhibit*

**The Bailey Family News & Activities**



**Jack** (son of Joseph Moss Bailey) and **Joyce Bailey** celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays in April 2008 in Winchester, Virginia.

*Birthday party guests*



**Central Pennsylvania College**

Once again the Bailey Family Foundation served as a sponsor in the Central Pennsylvania College Education Foundation golf outing. The group shot two under par!



*Representing the BFF in the outing were: Stan Elmore, Paul Elmore, Tom Waite, and CPC President Todd Milano. Pictured in the red, white, & blue sign behind the BFF sponsorship sign is Central Penn Foundation Director Matt Lane.*



*Joyce and Ron*

**2008 Bailey Family Reunion**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Bailey Family reunion took place Memorial Weekend took place at Camp Creek State Park in West Virginia.





**Mexican Riviera Cruise**

In June, the Baileys and extended family went a 7-day Disney Cruise to the Mexican Riviera.

*Ron & Bev on deck of the Disney Cruise Ship*



**Bailey Family Reunion in Winchester**

*All attendees at the reunion*



*A family shot on formal night*

**Youther Family Visit**

While **Robert Youther** was visiting Tampa with his family, they made a stop at the Florida Aquarium.



*Youther Family and Ron at the Florida Aquarium*

**Dewey Bailey turns 85**

*Dewey wearing his "butler" t-shirt from Bev & Ron*



**The Last Supper Painting at Cork UMC**

Johnnie Johnson and Ron felt the wall at Cork United Methodist Church needed something. Bev and Ron commissioned the brother of BFF evaluator and church member Karen Glisson to do the painting.



*Presentation of The Last Supper at Cork UMC*



*The Bailey Family helped get the painting hung at the church*

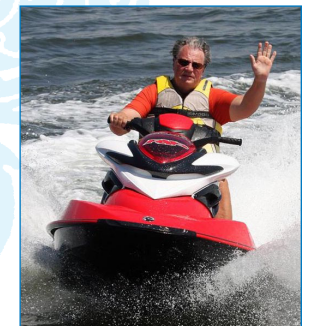
**Summer Fun**



*Bailey and Pi*



*Kyle and Brandon*



*Ron*



*Kyle and Justin towing Brandon while he goes tubing*



*Kent and Cameron*

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# The Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter

## 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.

### Staff Photo

*Kent Bailey, Pi Piboolnuruk,  
Kyle Bailey, Kimberly Czabaj,  
Wesley Wong, Stan Elmore &  
Ron Bailey  
(Not pictured – Laura  
Osborne)*



### BFF Staff & Family Photo

*Mary, Wes, Cristina, Kent, Michele, Kyle, Ron, Bev, Tina, Pi, Dan, Kim & Stan*

## Message from the editor:



*Kimberly Czabaj*

*I hope you enjoyed reading the Bailey Family Foundation's Fall 2008 Newsletter. It has been my pleasure serving as editor. If you have any comments, suggestions or contributions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I would love to hear from you.*

***Happy Holidays!***

***Don't forget to send me your news!***

**Kimberly M. Czabaj, Newsletter Editor**

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