

The Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter

FALL 2011

Message from the Founder

Dear Family & Friends:



The Bailey Family Foundation received over 650 applications for this summer's College Scholarship Program, which ended on September 15. In early October, we awarded 46 recipients a \$5,000 for 2012 college tuition. Congratulations to our new Bailey Scholars! Also, "thank you" to the dedicated group of 200 evaluators

that make up our Scholarship Selection Committee. We couldn't have done it without you.

High School Program scholarship recipients from our spring application period were honored in May during our Bailey Scholar Receptions. The two events held over two weekends, gave members of the Bailey Family Foundation an opportunity to meet our 2011 Bailey Scholars as well as their families. With over 100 in attendance at each reception, a wonderful time was had by all. Please take a look at some of the photos to the right.

And some interesting news - we did a little research and learned that, on average, 85% our high school senior scholarship recipients completed 4 years of college. This is exciting to us because the national average is 56%. We are very proud of our Bailey Scholars.

Whew, we've had a busy summer! Bev and I made the trip to West Virginia for the annual Memorial Day family reunion. It was great to see everyone again after missing last year. Photos from the reunion are on page 4. In July, our kids and grandkids took a family vacation to Vancouver, Canada followed by a 7-day Alaskan cruise. They all had a great time. Photos from their trip are on page 5.

I hope you enjoyed your summer and are looking forward to the cool fall weather. I know I am. 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 Receptions



Wes & Stan before the program begins



Kyle and Kent w/ recipient Nathan Pelaez & his dad



Kent & Samantha Duval



Mr. Bailey says a few words



Mr. Bailey w/ Jamie Alphabet & her family



Mr. Bailey & Shivangi Patel



Kim w/ Nick Waites and his parents



Mr. Bailey & Kelly McBrayer



Laura w/ Donna Berezowski & her parents



Mr. Bailey & Angel Prodromitis

What's Happening?

Births



Scholarship Recipients and Friends of the Foundation:



Katie Wong

Wong, Katie Angel: born on July 5, 2011 at 9:01pm to Wesley, Mary and big sister Jasmine. Katie weighed 9 pounds and was 22 inches long. Wes works in BFF's IT Operations.

OTHER NEWS & UPDATES

Descendants of George Patton Bailey:

Bailey, Jennifer: Graduated from Shelley High School in 2011.



Jennifer Bailey, 2011 high school graduate

Kornowski, Cody: Earned Scouting's highest youth honor, the Eagle Rank, and was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the Boy Scouts of America Great Trail Council on March 8, 2011.



Cody Kornowski

Cody has been a scout since he was 7 years old and has earned 24 merit badges. He has participated in numerous Scouting activities through the years and most recently attended the 100th anniversary celebration of Boy Scouting in July 2010.

Cody is a descendant of George Patton Bailey (10th generation), the grandson of the late Gussie (Bailey) Blankenship and son of Marsha Kornowski.

Scholarship Recipients and Friends of the Foundation:

Hendricks, Karen: Graduated from Ringling College of Art and Design in May 2011.



Karen Hendricks, 2007 Scholarship Recipient

Kersey, Roger: (Article from MilitaryTimes.com)

Army Commendation Medal with Combat "V"
The Secretary of the Army of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Army Commendation Medal with Combat "V" to Staff Sergeant Roger C. Kersey, United States Army, for meritorious achievement as Team Sergeant, Civil Affairs Team Alpha 11, Combined/Joint Task Force-180, on 2 February 2003 while deployed to Afghanistan, in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Staff Sergeant Kersey's heroic actions contributed greatly to the mission's success. Under hostile fire, his decisive actions allowed the team to continue with its mission. His courageous performance of duty in a combat zone reflects great credit upon him, the Combined/Joint Task Force-180, and the United States Central Command. Roger Kersey is Ron & Bev Bailey's nephew.

Foundation News & Activities



Straz Center's Patel Conservatory Scholarship

BFF gifted to the Straz Center for their Patel Conservatory Scholarship. As part of The Center's endowment, this gift provides scholarships in music, dance and theater to students at the Patel Conservatory.

"The arts are so important, and we are especially happy to take a leading role in making them a crucial part of children's lives," said Kent Bailey, who serves on the board of directors of the Straz Center. "We have been blessed, and the opportunity to give back, to make our community better, and to change lives, is a real thrill for us."



Dear Bailey Family Foundation
 I am a theater student at Patel Conservatory. I have participated in The Wolf, The Servants of two masters & High school acting class. I hope to become an acting teacher like on Broadway. Thank you very much for helping me to attend the Patel Conservatory.
 Sincerely,
 Courtney Davis

Dear Mr. Kent Bailey,
 I would like to thank you for the generous scholarship you gave me. Due to your scholarship I have been able to extend my boundaries in ballet. Because of this I was able to dance with a Boston Ballet Soloist, Jeffrey Cirio, in the Nutcracker. Also, I won the gold medal with Yogi. I was able to go to NYC and compete because of your scholarship... But, most recently I was cast the lead in A Midsummer Night's Dream. And your scholarship has given me the chance to train with amazing teachers! Thank you for everything you have done for me in just one year. You have given me the chance to become the best dancer I can be. Thank you.
 Thanks again!
 Hannah Bettes

To the Bailey Family Foundation,
 Thank you so much for sponsoring my participation in the Lark Quartet at the Patel Conservatory this year. It has truly been a remarkable experience and has helped me grow tremendously as a musician. The most notable improvement has been in my technique! I have played with some of the best student musicians I have ever met because of this outstanding opportunity. I appreciate your generosity in allowing me to be a part of this wonderful program.
 Melanio Cox
 (First violin in the Lark Quartet)

Mr. Kent Bailey,
 Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to train this year at Nest German Ballet. I've been given the chance to attend the Royal Ballet School full scholarship next year. None of this could have happened without your help.
 Drew

Bailey Log Cabin Restoration is Underway!

(From the Mercer County Historical Society August 2011 Newsletter)

The Bailey Log Home

The Bailey Log House Project Committee, under the auspices of the Graham Historical Society, is currently in the



process of reconstructing the approximately 150 year-old Bailey Log House, which is one of the earliest surviving structures built in the Bluefield [West Virginia] area.

(A little Bailey Family history...)

The Bailey family first arrived in what is now Tazewell County more than 230 years ago when Richard Bailey, Sr. received a warrant for land along the Bluestone River on October 15, 1770. Bailey was a scout and spy for the American Army against the British and Indians in this part of Virginia. Records show that by 1790, Bailey and John Goolman Davidson had built log houses for their families and a fort beside what is known as Bailey Springs.

The Richard Bailey family produced many descendants, many of whom continue to reside in this area. The particular log house that is being restored was built prior to 1861 in what is now Bluefield WV. The original owner of the house was Harvey "Horry" Bailey, a great-grandson of Richard Bailey.

The Bailey Log House will be established as a visible historical landmark that will be open to the public and will serve as an educational resource and place to host community events and projects.

Golfing for Education



BFF served as a sponsor again this year for Central Pennsylvania College Education Foundation's annual golf fundraiser. The mission of this event is to increase scholarship funds for deserving students.



Paul Elmore and Stan Elmore before the golf tournament

Stan Elmore, from our Virginia office, participated in the event.

Beartown School Improvements

Beartown School was built around 1901 and was in use until June 1962. It is now used as a community center. Thankfully, with help from The Beartown Community Association (BCA) and the surrounding community, the building is getting a much-needed paint job, pressure wash, and repair work on some of the siding.

Many of Ron's ancestors are from the small town of Beartown, West Virginia and he still visits the old school a couple times a year.



Beartown School before paint and repair work

Bailey Family News & Activities

Lily Bailey's First Holy Communion

Lily's communion took place in the spring at Sacred Heart Church. Here are some photos:

Ron & Bev with Bailey & Isabella Piboolnuruk



Kent (in the back), Ron & Bev with Isabella and Sofia



Ron, Bev and Lily

Camp Creek Reunion

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



We are family!

Ron & Bev, Darlene Coleman, Marsha Kornowski, brothers Michael and Jim Blankenship and Jim's wife.



Bonnie & Ron at Versie's gravesite

Family reunion in Winchester

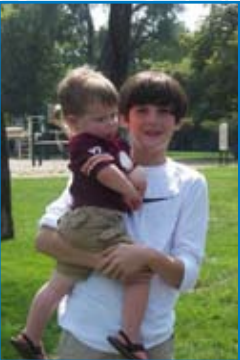
The annual family reunion takes place over Labor Day Weekend in Winchester, Virginia



The attendees



Kay, Easton, Todd, Earnest, Ross, Tim & Heather



Easton holding Ross



Ron with his high school buddies – Richard Sively & Edwin Wiley



Ron, Jack, Howard and Bonnie



Jack Bailey & the Newlin Family

Bailey

Jack and his granddaughter Jennifer



Howard and his granddaughter Ashlynn

Vancouver & Alaska Cruise

This summer, the Bailey family traveled to Vancouver, Canada and took a cruise to Alaska.

Here are some of their family photos:



1st day of school

It's back to school for the Bailey kids -

Cameron, Brandon, Justin, Lily & Sofia

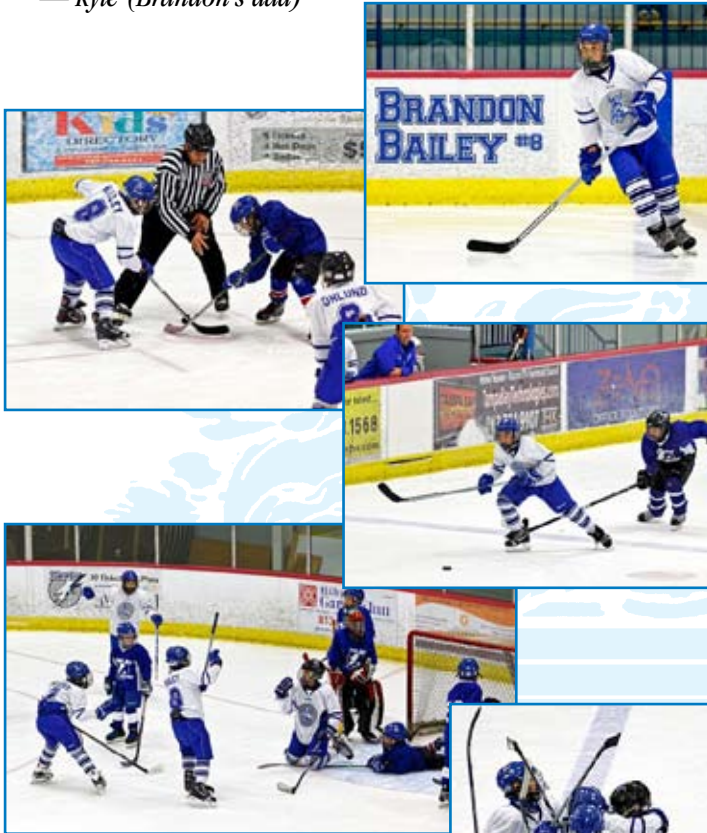


Away they go

Brandon's Hockey Tournament

"They did very well overall in the Labor Day Tournament, finishing in 2nd place. They went 4 & 0 before finally losing in the championship game. I am very proud of Brandon & the Jr. Bulls!"

— Kyle (Brandon's dad)



Ron and Tampa General's president, Ron Hytoff



Ron & Bev with University of Tampa's President Dr. Ron Vaughn and his wife Renee

Ron & Bev, Glenda, Kyle & Michele, Tina & Pi and Kimberly



Letters of Appreciation:

"Just a short note to again thank the Bailey Family Foundation for all of the support they have given the National Aviation Academy students in the way of scholarships. The student you have selected over the years have been some of our top graduates from NAA and without your help, I am not sure if they would have been able to attend the program.

You are to be commended for your assistance to students in Tampa Bay with scholarship assistance. Thanks again for all you have done for our students."

— **Karen Acker, Registrar-National Aviation Academy**

"It is with a deep sense of gratitude that my husband and I send this card of thanks. The Bailey Family Foundation is providing such wonderful support for the on-going research and genealogy compilation of the Richard Bailey Family. My husband and I would be remiss if we did not let you know our appreciation for Vol III of the Richard Bailey book. This has been a rare gift to all the recipients. Our sincere thanks for your generosity. God made people like you!"

— **Jim & Nancy Bailey**



TGH Foundation honors Mr. Bailey with James M. "Red" McEwen Award

The Tampa General Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees annually nominates a person or persons whose past efforts, good works and service have contributed most significantly to the betterment of Tampa General Hospital to receive the James M. "Red" McEwen Award. The award was first given in 1977 in memory of Mr. McEwen, one of the Founders of the TGH Foundation, who passed away in 1976. He was a Tampa civic leader and was active in the early efforts to establish the University of South Florida in Hillsborough County.



Ron gives his acceptance speech

"Thank you so incredibly much for your generous scholarship. I am so grateful for your gift. It has been a HUGE blessing. I cannot even tell you how much I appreciate what you have given. It removes so much stress from my life."

— **Betsi Beardsley**

"Thank you for choosing me to be the recipient of your scholarship. It means so much to me that you chose me and are behind me in my journey to reach my goals. It has been my dream ever since I was 15 to be a prosthetist/orthotist. I would love to one-day work at Shriners with children and young adults. You have helped me to become closer to this dream."

— **Laura Freeman**

"The financial assistance will definitely allow me to focus on studying biology so that I may focus on my grades. Thank you for your outstanding generosity and support. Through hard work and high morals I promise to work hard in order to give back and help out others throughout my life. I hope to one day help people and make a huge positive impact in their life as much as you have helped me."

— **Dan Kostos**

"Thank you for providing the scholarship to our Caregiving Youth Project student, Alex Knapp who is attending USF in nursing. Your help is allowing her to begin the pursuit of her chosen career. She was among our first caregiving youth graduating seniors."

Again, thank you for all you have done, not only for Alex but for many, many others."

— **Connie Siskowski, RN, PhD**
President & Founder
American Association of CAREGIVING YOUTH

"Your support has been a firm base for me throughout my undergraduate career. I was in shock the first time I received news that I had been accepted for your scholarship and each year's renewal reminded me that there was somebody out there who valued education as much as I do."

Your support has allowed me to focus completely on my school work and graduate with a Bachelor's degree, the first in my family. Your support has also allowed me to spend a semester studying in Japan, an experience that is unforgettable and would have been impossible without your aid. Thank you for your support of my education these past few years."

— **Nhu-Y Ngoc Tu**

"I cannot thank you enough for this award. It is extremely generous and I am honored to receive it. A college education is one of the best opportunities for me and my family. This foundation has allowed for me to make my dreams into a possibility. I can now pursue my education without worrying about draining my family of their savings, which was my biggest fear this year."

Rest assured that your investment will not go to waste. I am an extremely hard worker, and maybe even a perfectionist. I know that my passion for learning will definitely propel me into a successful pharmacy career. In the future I hope to sponsor education for deserving children in underdeveloped countries and regions as well as to give my family financial stability."

I greatly appreciate your kindness towards me. Thank you so much."

— **Shveta Dave**

"I just wanted to thank you again for everything you've done in helping me renew my Bailey Family Scholarship."

I received your letters in the mail. I cannot express to you enough how appreciative I am towards you and the entire Bailey Family Foundation for everything you have done for me. I am so grateful that this foundation has been so dedicated in helping me further my education. I will continue to work hard in my studies while never forgetting the substantial investment that the Bailey Family Foundation has made towards my future. Thank you again!"

— **Ryan Harris**

"Today it was an honor to receive a letter in the mail congratulating me as a recipient of the Bailey Family Foundation Scholarship. I certainly take great pride in being one of the few selected as a Bailey Scholar, and cannot thank you enough for partaking in the advancement of my education. God gives us 86,400 seconds per day, and I just want to take a few of them to thank Kim and the Bailey Family Foundation for making my dreams much more available and closer to my reach."

— **Derrick Llano**

"I graduated cum laude from Rice University this past May. I am grateful to the Bailey Family Foundation for their generous scholarship the past 4 years. The scholarship helped to lessen my family's financial burden immensely. Starting September 2011, I will begin my Master's program in Higher Education at Harvard. Thank you to the Bailey Foundation for their generosity - I couldn't have done it without yall!"

— **Tsz Wong**

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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.



*Kyle, Ron,
Bev and Kent*

Message from the editor:

Once again, it has been my pleasure serving as editor for the Fall 2011 Bailey Family Foundation Newsletter. 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!

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