

SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2026 NEWSLETTER Q2

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear Community,

2026 continues to be a quick year, how are we already ending Q2?

Enclosed is a few updates and the list of incredible scholarship recipients for 2026-2027.

A few upcoming events to keep on your radar:

- All grants are now open due August 31st.
- Match Day 2026 is coming up quickly with nonprofit registration open until September 15th.
- Leadership League class of 2026-27 is now accepting applications (more in the story to the right).
- Planning two "Open Houses" in Barber and Comanche County, stay tuned for more details.

Happy July,
Holly Launchbaugh
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LEADERSHIP LEAGUE OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS

Leadership League of South Central Kansas graduated in May, celebrating an incredible group of 16 individuals for the 2025-2026 class.

Applications for the 2026-2027 class are currently available at www.sccfks.org.

This class meets monthly from October to May, aiming to accept 16-20 class members from SCCF's seven county service area. (Including Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt Rice, and Stafford Counties).

Apply online or contact SCCF for more information!

www.sccfks.org



2026 SCCF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

4 YEAR RENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Lucile Turner Asher Endowed Scholarship in Mathematics - \$10,000/each Anna Dale & Sean Kostner
Bonnie Dudrey Memorial Scholarship - \$15,000 Isaac House
Fred and Nancy Kerr Scholarship - \$11,800..... Sydney Taylor
Bill and Gloria Lewis Family Scholarship - \$8,000..... Karly Rockenbach

BARBER COUNTY

Agnes Axline Memorial Endowed Scholarship - \$1,500..... Claire Cunningham
Ott and Evelyn Beagley Scholarship - \$250/each..... Lane Crenner & Claire Cunningham
Gene and Marilyn Bell Scholarship - \$500..... Claire Cunningham
Shirley and Melvin Cunningham Memorial Endowed Scholarship - \$500/each..... Mekoy Baier & Claire Cunningham
Glen and Lena Hanson Scholarship - \$750..... Carter Cunningham
Greater Barber County Historical Action Association Scholarship - \$250/each..... Claire Cunningham & Rose Thompson
Bill Krug Scholarship - \$500/each..... Lane Crenner, Claire Cunningham, Madison Cunningham, Laythan Martin, Breckynn Stoecklein, & Shaefer Stone
Vickie Lackey Scholarship - \$1,500..... Lane Crenner
Dennis J. Larkin Scholarship - \$750..... Lane Crenner & Callan Smith
Leland "Doc" Piersall Scholarship - \$2,500..... Danielle MacKinney
Gloria Piersall Scholarship - \$1,500..... Tanith Erikson
Platt Ranch Scholarship - \$500/each..... Claire Cunningham & Shaefer Stone
Dr. Dean and Jean Stucky Medical and Nursing Scholarship - \$1,500..... Kayla Rucker
Charlie and Nila W. Swayze Scholarship - \$800..... Lane Crenner



Isaac House



Sydney Taylor



Claire Cunningham

2026 SCCF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Dawson Wood



Ava Ziegler



Regan Greenleaf

KINGMAN COUNTY

W.L. "Bill" Brown Memorial Scholarship – \$500	Dawson Wood
Mary A. Brown Memorial Scholarship – \$500	Elizabeth Smith
Patricia "Pat" Dixon Memorial Scholarship – \$500.....	Samuel Elliott
Harbert FFA Scholarship – \$2,000/each.....	Peyton Boos, Riley Ring, Ellie Shilling, Dawson Wood, & Ava Ziegler
Larry Giefer Memorial Community Service Scholarship – \$500	Adaline Campbell
Laura Betzen-Oeding Memorial Scholarship – \$500/each.....	Dylan Halderson, Sean Kostner, & Kendall Rogers
Jean E. & Robert L. Pulliam Scholarship – \$1,000/each.....	Sophia Kaufman & Madison Smith
Mike Romme Memorial Scholarship – \$500/each	Adaline Campbell & Tangi Mertens
Nicholas M. Scheer Scholarship – \$500.....	Dawson Wood
Clayton T. Stauffer Memorial Scholarship – \$700.....	Kendall Rogers
Steven Tetrick Memorial Scholarship – \$500/each.....	Dawson Wood & Ava Ziegler
George R. Watson Scholarship – Various Amounts.....	Claire Birkenbaugh, Adaline Campbell Elizabeth Smith & Ava Ziegler

KIOWA COUNTY

Kiowa County High School Haviland Kansas Ellis Scholarship – \$1,500.....	Jace Frazier
Rick Schaffer Scholarship – \$2,000.....	Sydney Taylor
Joan Ulmer Scholarship for Early Childhood Education – \$1,000.....	Regan Greenleaf
Ranger Legacy Wrestling Scholarship – \$250/each.....	Brooke Minyard & Brandon Wolfley

2026 SCCF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

PRATT COUNTY

Norman H. Barker Scholarship – \$450/each Luke Gatlin & Caleb Robbins

Jason Befort Memorial Scholarship – \$1,250 Trystan Harrold

Gary N. Cromer Sr. Scholarship – \$1,200/each.... Dawson Evert, Albert Kendall, & Ethan Robinson

Allen and Eldonna Stoops Memorial Scholarship – \$750..... Taylor Binford

RICE COUNTY

Berblinger Family Memorial Scholarship – \$500..... Kevin Ploutz

Linda Macy Teacher Education Scholarship – \$450..... Sydney Roelfs

Maxine Nielsen Memorial Music Scholarship – \$300..... Sydney Roelfs

Richard Nielsen Memorial Sports Appreciation Scholarship – \$300..... Lydia Webb

Buddy and Jan Oden Scholarship – \$700/each..... Kevin Ploutz & Sydney Roelfs

Jacob D. Oden Character – Citizenship Scholarship – \$900..... Kevin Ploutz

Tony Renollet Scholarship – \$4,500..... Sydney Roelfs

Delbert and Helen Royer Memorial Scholarship – \$100..... Kevin Ploutz

Smith Memorial Scholarship – \$800..... Lydia Webb

Phyllis Evans Tieperman Scholarship – \$500..... Lydia Webb



Trystan Harrold



Kevin Ploutz



Lydia Webb

2026 SCCF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Karly Rockenbach



Fatima Espinosa



Ethan Robinson

STAFFORD COUNTY

Kelly Duncan Memorial Scholarship – \$500..... Karly Rockenbach

Cynthia Coen Stephen Memorial Scholarship – \$1,000..... Cora Martin

MULTI-COUNTY

Willis and Vada Hoskinson Scholarship – Various AmountsCaroline Drake,

Fatima Espinosa, Dawson Evert, Emmarie Ginest, Brooklyn Richardson, & Erin Schwertfeger

Amy Deterding Keeny Memorial Scholarship – \$750/each Peyton Boos & Fatima Espinosa

Bruce and Geneva Krehbiel Scholarship – Various Amounts..... Claire Birkenbaugh,

Trystan Harrold, Isaac House, Jase Robertson, Ethan Robinson, Maylin Sanders, & Allison Simon

Karen Mynssen-Santos Memorial Scholarship – \$500..... Isabel Bowman

Youth Making a Difference Council (YMAD) Scholarship – \$500..... Regan Greenleaf



Maylin Sanders



Allison Simon



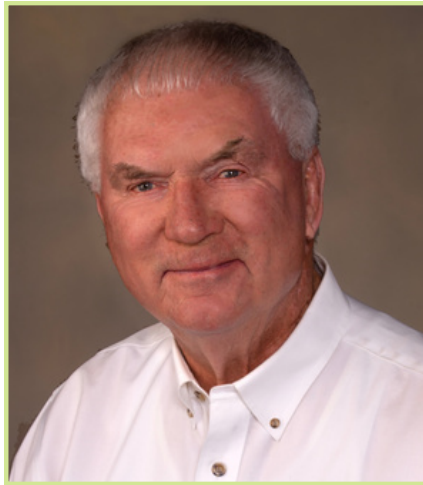
Isabel Bowman

SCCF BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



BEN JONES

PRATT COUNTY,
TREASURER



FRED KERR

PRATT COUNTY – BOARD
MEMBER & FOUNDER



LUKE KUMBERG

PRATT COUNTY – PAST
BOARD CHAIR



**CHARMAINE
SWANEPOEL**

PRATT COUNTY



SCCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS CELEBRATING \$146,300 IN SCHOLARSHIPS 2026-27

South Central Community Foundation Board of Directors hosted the annual meeting in early May, welcoming new board members Lance Dixon of Kingman County and Charmaine Swanepoel of Pratt County.

Highlights of the evening included:

- Celebrating a successful scholarship cycle with over \$145,000 promised for the upcoming school year.
- 12 new funds impacting South Central Kansas.