

# PHIL\*anthropy

Oregon Trail Community Foundation Newsletter

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018/19 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

### Agri-Business

Gilberto Rodriguez (Minatare), \$2,000  
Tyler Aschenbrenner (Scottsbluff) \$1,000  
Ethan Aschenbrenner (Scottsbluff) \$1,000

### Laurie Haugen Educational Scholarship

Stacea Pauli (Scottsbluff) / UNL, \$1,500

### Margaret Lovercheck Scholarship

Paige Peterson (Gering), \$4,000

### Panhandle Drug-Free Youth

Dana Dunbar (Chadron), \$500

### Clara E. Muehlberger Scholarship

Juan Torres (Scottsbluff), \$4,000  
Nathan Fancher (Alliance), \$4,000  
Spencer Didier (Crawford), \$2,000  
Brittany Newkirk (Bridgeport), \$2,000  
Elea McKnight (Sidney), \$2,000  
Trevor Benavides (Bridgeport) \$1,000  
Sylvia Lopez (Scottsbluff), \$1,000  
Ashley Maschmeier (Gering), \$1,000  
Paige Cross (Harrisburg), \$1,000  
Madison Haun (Torrington), \$2,000  
Cierra Weatherfield (Gering), \$1,000  
Madilyn Barraza (Gering), \$1,000  
Lawrence & Pauline Lemons Scholarship  
Dylan Schumacher (Mitchell), \$4,000  
Natalie Saenz (Scottsbluff), \$2,000  
William Howell (Morrill) \$2,000

### Dorothy Bronson Scholarship

Daede Ott (Gering), \$1,000  
Megan Crockett, Mykelti Harris &  
Sidney Harris (Torrington) \$1,500

### Atkins Bequest

Marriah Jones (Scottsbluff) \$1,000  
Sam McCaslin (Scottsbluff) \$750  
Bailey Branson (Mitchell) \$750  
Anna Yanke (Scottsbluff) \$750

### Pre-Engineering

Brandon Ramos (Scottsbluff), \$2,000

### Hispanic Advisory Committee (\$400 each)

Jordan Rodriguez; Alejandra Torres;  
Sylvia Lopez Elijah Salinas; Sierra Betancur;  
Luis Cordova; Vincent Quijas; Juan Torres

### Dill Scholarship

Destiny Lerma (Gering) \$1,000

### Fliesbach / McAlister Scholarship

Sara Gingerich (Potter), \$1,000

### CSI Scholarship

Taylor York (Scottsbluff) \$6,000  
Marriah Jones (Scottsbluff) \$6,000  
Devaney Halley (Scottsbluff) \$2,000

### CSPM Scholarship

Nellie Kirk (Gering), \$6,000  
Eric Crane (Gering), \$6,000  
Kenneth Witcofski (Gering), \$2,000

### Lawrence Lemons Scholarship

Juan Torres (Scottsbluff) \$500  
Jane & Chet Fliesbach Scholarship  
Baylee Bewley (Scottsbluff), \$1,000  
Jaydin Shropshire (Scottsbluff), \$1,000  
Troy Stambaugh (Scottsbluff), \$1,000

### Don & Dian Roth Scholarship

Jaelynn Muhr (Mitchell) \$1,000  
Victoria Schwartz (Gering) \$1,000



## SIM-NE Trucks: Bringing Critical Training to Rural Nebraska

The OTCF is proud to grant the University of Nebraska Foundation's request to help fund the (SIM)-NE Panhandle Nebraska Project. This grant of \$5,000 specifically bolsters the university's Scottsbluff-based program operations and the custom medical simulation vehicle based here that is used in medical training throughout the area.

"We're grateful to the OTCF for its support and partnership," says SIM-NE program director, Brain Monahan, NRP, MPA. "It helps allow providers to remain in their home communities for training while helping to ensure the consistency and quality of training throughout Nebraska's rural and frontier communities."

We're bringing high-fidelity simulation, like you would see in the larger cities, to rural communities and small towns," said Monaghan.

The 44-foot long, dual-axle trucks feature dual slide-out room extensions, a simulated emergency room and an ambulance, as well as computerized mannequins that talk, breathe, have heartbeats and can react to medications

and other actions of the learners.

Each mobile unit is outfitted with supplies to recreate a realistic environment for learners that includes pre-programmed computerized medical and trauma scenarios, monitors that display vital signs of patient simulators and audio and video recording/playback capabilities.

In the emergency room portion of the truck, doctors and nurses train in a simulated ER environment. Simulated mannequins - man, woman, child and baby - have pulses, blood pressures and even such bodily secretions as tears. Trainees face more than 80 training scenarios, from starting IVs and medication management to inserting chest tubes, decompressing the chest and delivering a baby.

With the equipment, technology and skilled training used by SIM-NE, the university is helping to better prepare medical professionals in rural areas, including Scottsbluff, Norfolk, Kearney and Lincoln.



## Becky Horne Joins Oregon Trail Community Foundation

*"The best way to find  
yourself is to lose yourself  
in the service of others."  
~ Mahatma Gandhi.*

This is a quote that Becky Horne has lived by throughout her past 20 years in the community. She has been a long time business owner and at the forefront of numerous projects including the Founding President of NEXT Young Professionals, Best of the West Beer & Wine Fest, Founder and Co-Chair of Old West Balloon Fest Reinflated, and Founder of Team Ashtyn Lil' Diva & Dude Day just to name a few.

Her love for this community and her commitment to volunteerism is evident by her numerous awards and honors including The Chamber of Commerce Rising Star, Super Star, and Board President. BPW State Young Careerist, Power of One Tourism Award, WNCC Entrepreneurship and Alumni of the Year Awards, and was the 2015 Star Herald Citizen of the Year. She works full time as a massage therapist in private practice and will be joining Oregon Trail Community Foundation in a freelance capacity. In addition to her busy work schedule, Becky's family comes first in her life. She is the wife of Tom Horne and together they have 5 children: Alyssa (20) Trey (16) Paige (12) Kaysie (10) and Blakely (3).

Oregon Trail Community Foundation is excited to welcome Becky Horne as the new Funds and Membership Coordinator as well as the Originator and Organizer of the upcoming Community Event WyoBraska Gives.

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## GRANT RECIPIENTS: 1st Quarter 2018

Old West Balloon Fest	\$ 7,000 for event programs
The Carpenter Center	\$ 5,000 new flooring for gym
Regional West Medical Center	\$ 2,500 for "Safe Patient Handling Program"
Scotts Bluff Cty Visitor's Center	\$ 400 for materials for "Meals on Wheels" program
Special Olympics	\$ 1,200 for one local athlete to attend the Special Olympic Games 2018

## Coming in September: The Rachel's Challenge

### Let's Start a Chain Reaction of Kindness in Our Communities, and in Our Schools

The Rachel's Challenge is a powerful intervention for our schools that creates a school climate less susceptible to harassment, bullying and violence. This program is named after Rachel Scott, the first person killed at Columbine High School in 1999. Rachel was energized by people. This love expressed itself in an outgoing personality, but also in a heartfelt compassion for people in pain.

Rachel learned the power of simple compliments and acts of kindness at an early age. In high school she deliberately reached out to three groups of people and wrote about it in her diary. She said, "I want to reach out to those with special needs because they are often overlooked. I want to reach out to those who are new in school because they don't have any friends yet. And I want to reach out to those who are picked on or put down by others." Rachel didn't just write about it, she lived it.

After Rachel's death, her legacy for kindness lives on in such a big way. Rachel's Challenge is an all-day school initiative that gets to the heart of our kids. It reaches the unreachable.

OTCF heard about Rachel's Challenge upon looking at what other community foundations across the country are doing. Herkimer County in Upstate New York was one such community that brought Rachel's Challenge to their twelve school districts. The Herkimer County Director, School Superintendent, School administration and counselors said it really changed their community, even after

"I have this theory that if one person will go out of their way to show compassion, then it *will* start a chain reaction of the same."

-RACHEL JOY SCOTT

"The kids who get really involved in this program: in the Rachel's Clubs; those kids go on to be the leaders in their colleges, in their communities. They are the ones spearheading a culture of volunteerism and service."

-Darlene Haman, Herkimer County Strategic Planning Coordinator

six years. We felt that we just had to do this program for our own community. So after many hours of research, phone calls, interviews with other school administration and a visit to to see the program live, we are excited to announce that the Oregon Trail Community Foundation will be bringing the Rachel's Challenge to the Valley September 11-13,

2018, incorporating Scottsbluff, Gering, Minatare, Bayard, Bridgeport, Mitchell and Morrill.

Why would we get involved in education? As a Community Foundation, we understand that these kids ARE our community. They are our future leaders, volunteers, teachers, employers, government, and philanthropists. We want our kids to hear this important message. We want to change the way we as a community deal and with hatred, intolerance, bullying and violence.

To find out more about the Rachel's Challenge, you can visit the Rachel's Challenge website at [rachelschallenge.org](http://rachelschallenge.org). To find out more about how you can get involved or become a sponsor for this community event, please call Cathy at OTCF: 308-635-3393.



**WyoBraska Gives** is a 24-hour, online giving event organized by Oregon Trail Community Foundation to grow awareness and philanthropy for area non-profit organizations. The event will take place on **Thursday, October 18, 2018.**

The minimum donation is \$10 and there is no maximum. Prize money will be made available to amplify charitable donations. We have created this special event to celebrate the spirit of giving and inspire donors to contribute as many charitable dollars as possible to support the work of local nonprofit organizations. **WyoBraska Gives** is based on other successful Giving Days hosted by Community Foundations worldwide.

**"We are stronger together.  
One effort.  
One community."**

**On May 23rd, OMAHA GIVES raised \$7,409,765 for 960 Organizations in the Omaha area**



**Jaycee Rice of Gering was the recipient of the 2017 Margaret Lovercheck Scholarship. Jaycee is now in her 2nd semester at UNK.**

Jaycee states that "This scholarship motivates me to stay on top of my schoolwork and to give my absolute best in all of my classes."

"The support that I have been shown from my hometown community (local scholarship committees included) always reminds me that I have exactly what it takes to someday become a successful music therapist.

This scholarship has made getting an education a realistic possibility for me, which motivates me to do my very best in school,"