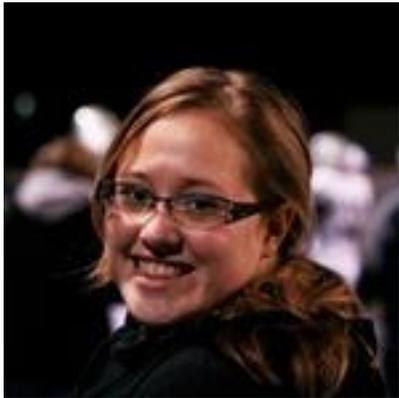




Committed to finding young students hope and a future.



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Message from our Chairman

Dynamic! Evolving! Progressive! These words describe the past year in the LFYS Program. Currently, there are 23 students in the Program. Three students are attending college: Destony Tucker (RSU), Vanessa Carreno, and Moncerat Sanchez (both OKWU) are enrolled in college. Ms. Tucker is a member of the President's Leadership Council. One college graduate is now a teacher working on a master's degree and another works for Phillips 66. .

In the fall of 2014, there will be seven students attending college. In the fall of 2015, 13 college students will be supported by the LFYS Program.

Julie Pranger, Program Coordinator, and Kristin Towns, Administrative Aide, joined the program this year, displaying a high level of energy and competency. I, personally, appreciate all they do for the LFYS students. The Board of Directors continues to strive to elevate the program to ensure we are meeting needs of students as well as ensuring continued program success. My hats off to these dedicated, hard-working professionals: George Halkiades, Bill Beierschmitt, Kandi Molder, Vanessa Drummond, and Cindy Dronyk.

Thanks to all who donated this past year. Without your funds, we would not be able to send these students to summer camps, host meetings, or provide staff who support these students.

I look forward to the years ahead with many more college graduates and many more college-educated, productive citizens in the Bartlesville area.

Sincerely,



Karen Lowe

Our Mission

The mission of the LFYS Program is to assist academically promising, yet economically disadvantaged students in the BPS system to earn a college degree.

Mentoring Program Donors

We are extremely grateful to our supporters. This list reflects gifts deposited from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Donations may be sent to:

LFYS Program, 2500 Mountain Road, Bartlesville, OK 74003

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Memorial Gift

Wendy Spears Fitzpatrick

A Special gift. One from the heart. One that will touch other young lives. Thanks to Terry and Cheri Spears, their gift will live on through LFYS scholars. They provided a memorial gift this year in memory of their daughter, Wendy Spears Fitzpatrick.

Wendy was the oldest of their four daughters. She had boundless energy and enthusiasm. She was also very shy. Excited to get on with her life, she finished high school a semester early. Wendy did not go directly to college after high school, but took a special course to become a travel agent. She loved her career. While enjoying her career as a travel agent, she also began taking a few courses each year in college. Fellow employees described her as a “breath of fresh air.” Wendy later moved to Norman, Oklahoma, and because she was learning to overcome her shyness, she assertively bargained for better pay with a Norman travel agency.

She was very much like the Wendy in the song “Windy.” Her stormy eyes flashed at the sound of lies and she had a ready smile for all.

Her love for her family was shown in a thousand different ways. One example of this was including her sisters on some of her FAM (familiarization) trips – mostly ski trips just before Christmas.

Through this memorial gift, other excited, ambitious young scholars will be able to look forward to their lives and futures as Wendy Spears Fitzpatrick so enthusiastically looked forward to her own.

Expectations

Students must comply with a 3.0 minimum GPA requirement. Other requirements involve attending quarterly meetings and volunteer events as well as attending work ethics (W.E. Pro\$per), Finance For Your Future, and Real Life/Real Choices classes. LFYS Program believes in supporting students not only by through mentoring and assisting with college preparedness, but in life preparedness.



Jacob and his mom, Brenda, attend a quarterly meeting where college information was shared.

Significant accomplishments in 2013 are:

- ❖ OKWU students, Vanessa Carreno and Moncerat both improved their college GPAs.
- ❖ Destony Tucker is the first to attend partner school Rogers State University.
- ❖ Student GPA average in 2013 was a 3.62, up from 3.53 in 2012.
- ❖ Fourteen students maintained a 3.5 or higher in 2013.

Expectations (continued)

- ❖ The grade point average for college students is 3.29, up from 3.23 in 2012.
- ❖ New Program Coordinator, Julie Pranger, joined the program. Shortly thereafter, she hired Administrative Aide, Kristin Towns. If you've had the pleasure of meeting them, you'll understand the declaration that we now have a "dynamic duo!"
- ❖ Even with a loosened attendance policy, 87% of all our students volunteered their time on a quarterly basis.
- ❖ The program donated 378 hours back to the community in 2013 for a total of 2,860 since program inception.
- ❖ Student retention rate remains at 66%.
- ❖ Students attended a filmmaker's class, Robotics camp, and medical camp during the summer.
- ❖ Mentor to Destony Tucker, Jane Sears was recognized at the state capital as our mentor of the year.



Student & Financial Highlights

*T*here are currently 23 students being mentored and college students at OKWU and RSU.

Student Statistics	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Student Retention (by program year)	70%	40%	33%	50%	67%	67%	100%
Student GPA (by pgm year)	3.44	3.83	3.14	3.43	3.42	3.73	3.73
Cumulative Student GPA		3.16	3.16	3.51	3.32	3.49	3.49

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS	
REVENUE	2013
Donations	\$58,483
Interest Income	\$100
TOTAL REVENUE	\$58,583
EXPENSES	
ACT test	\$108
Advertising	\$115
Bank Fee	\$28
Camps/Field Trips	\$1,447
Dental	\$2,808
Equipment	\$116
Gifts	\$149
Hardware	\$1,908
Meals/Snacks	\$619
Membership	\$200
Page Program	\$75
Parking	\$50
Payroll	\$18,808
Perfect Attendance	\$900
Postage	\$671
Software	\$272
Supplies	\$2,387
Tax Preparation	\$368
Telephone	\$326
Training	\$294
W.E. Pro\$per	\$3,995
Web Hosting	\$246
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,890
Net Assets, Beginning of 2013	\$64,477
Net assets, 12/31/2013	\$87,170

University Partners

Our University Partners are Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Rogers State University and Oklahoma State University. Each university was challenged to match within ten years various amounts of gifts given to them by Barry W. Lowe. These gifts were to support students through endowments, which would provide scholarships indefinitely.

Our financial status at each university is as of 12/31/2013:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Oklahoma Wesleyan University	\$767,000	\$773,743	779,402
Oklahoma State University*	\$310,368	\$301,535	309,000
Rogers State University	<u>\$275,000</u>	<u>\$311,130</u>	<u>520,562</u>
Totals	\$1,295,000	\$1,386,408	\$1,608,964

The goal is to support a total of 20 students at any one time through these scholarships after they have been mentored from grades 6-12 with training and preparation for their financial, social, and most importantly, academic college life.

The goal of the Lowe Family Young Scholars Program is not only for a student to enter college, but a student to successfully exit college with a degree towards an employable career. Students are counseled and schooled in what college best suits their desired degree and what the job outlooks and pay scales are available for their particular career interest.

Programs

Equip. The LFYS Program strives to not just get students in college, but to equip them with the life tools they will need to be successful. This is accomplished through the below Programs.

Real Life/Real Choices Program

Rachel Hough conducts biweekly classes after school. She works with 6th-8th grade students. They cover material such as: self-esteem, handling emotions correctly, personal values, responsibility, setting & achieving goals, and dealing with stress.

Finance For Your Future

Susan Rhodes meets with 11th and 12th grade students. She discusses financials and futures including: budgeting, banking, stocks & bonds (including following them), short and long-term savings, making decisions about futures, how to create a good resume' and the interview process.

Westside Community Center's W.E. Pro\$per Program

Students in either the 9th and 10th grades are required to attend the Westside Community Center W.E. Pro\$per Program. Students in this program are taught how to fill out a job application, create a resume', interview for a job, work ethics and etiquette. Upon successfully completing the program, they are provided with part-time summer employment.

Dental Program

Every year, The Wilbur Fund provides \$5,000 for students and parents in the LFYS Program to have necessary dental work. In order to receive dental benefits, a parent or student must have perfect attendance at all LFYS volunteer activities and quarterly meetings for one year.

Page Program

Each year, Rep. Earl Sears reserves a slot for one or more of our students to serve as a page at the state capital for a week.

Campus Tours

Students toured the RSU campus in March of 2013. They toured the enrollment center, student affairs, student residential halls, the nursing facility, business technology center, liberal arts facility, and a favorite, the RSU TV station! The tour wrapped up with a visit to their new softball-baseball fields followed by lunch provided by RSU in the campus Oklahoma Military Academy Museum. Many thanks to RSU campuses for hosting our students.



Community Service

*G*iving back to other nonprofits or community services is an important element of the LFYS Program. We do this through the volunteer hours of our program members, including students, parents, and mentors.

Our program members are generous with donating their time to give back to the community. Thus far, the LFYS program has volunteered 2,482 man-hours; this includes 501 hours for 2012.

Volunteer projects completed in 2013 were:

- ❖ Concern, Tuesday House, and Concern Child Learning Center
- ❖ Kiddie Park Clean Up
- ❖ Pack the Backpacks for Washington County School Supply Drive
- ❖ Good Turn Saturday (Food Baskets) for the Salvation Army

