



Richard (Yogi) Crowe

The Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to honor an Eastern Cherokee who struggled hard for his education and to encourage more Cherokee students to pursue graduate degrees.

Richard (Yogi) Crowe, a full-blooded Eastern Cherokee and a Vietnam veteran, attained his Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in 1982. Faced with the responsibility of supporting a family and being a diabetic, it was not an easy task to reach his goal. In 1982, Yogi Crowe became Director of the American Indian Recruiting Program for the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Yogi was killed instantly in an automobile accident on May 25, 1983 at the age of 36. He was the driving force behind many Eastern Cherokees going to graduate school and finishing. His encouragement at many times kept students in school. After Yogi's death, some of his friends wanted to honor him and continue the work he had started with encouraging tribal members to attend graduate and post-graduate school. The idea for the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund was born and came into being in 1985. Never in his wildest dreams would Yogi have thought that the scholarship fund named in his honor would grow as it has and enable many tribal members to further their education.

For more information about Yogi Crowe and the scholarship fund, go to "<http://www.yogicrowecherokeescholarsip.org>".

Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund

2012 Annual Report To Contributors and Past Recipients



A Note from the 2012 President of Board of Directors By Dr. Reva Ballew

This year I was asked to serve as the President of the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors. I was honored to be asked to serve in this position.

I have been involved with the Scholarship Fund since 1991. I began attending the University of Tennessee in the fall of 1991 in the Doctoral program in Clinical Psychology. I received funding from the scholarship throughout my time at UT. At that time 1991-1996 (pre-Harrah's Cherokee Casino), the tribal education department did not provide the amount of funding per student that they are able to provide today.

Since Richard (Yogi) Crowe had received his graduate degree at the University of Tennessee, there has been an agreement between the Scholarship Fund and the University providing a tuition waiver for one student per year from the Eastern Band of Cherokees. I utilized that tuition waiver during my fifth year of doctoral student. This allowed me to complete my full-time doctoral internship and complete my dissertation on time. I will always be grateful to the Scholarship Fund for the financial and emotional support they provided me in my PhD program.

During my time at UT, I became acutely aware of the lack of any other Native American students. This led me to focus and research issues related to Native American students attending college and graduate programs. When I had received my bachelor's degree from Western Carolina University in 1985, I was the first person in my immediate family to receive a college degree. When I received my master's degree in 1987, I was still the only person who had received a college degree.

From my research at UT about Native Americans and education, I became aware of the high dropout

rates for Native students beginning in high school. They were and are the highest for any population in America, almost 50%. I learned about the complex and historically dark history Native Americans have had with the educational system in America beginning with the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute in 1878. I wrote extensively about the beginnings of "Indian education" in formal government settings in my dissertation. My own education experiences and the history of other Native Americans with the formal educational settings made me aware of why so few Natives pursue or were successful in education, post high school or graduate schools. It also made me aware of how crucial it was for us as Native Americans to be successful in these settings to allow for choices and opportunities as individuals and as tribes.

When I completed my Doctoral in Clinical Psychology, I worked for the tribe beginning in 1996. I was and am the only Clinical Psychologist the tribe has. I was honored in 1999 to be asked to serve on the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Scholarship Fund of Board of Directors.

During my 14 years with the Scholarship Fund, I have had the opportunity to meet our enrolled members who are pursuing graduate degrees. Since I have been on the Board of Directors, I have seen 64 students funded in the amount of \$133,606. It is fulfilling to be involved in supporting our students. I enjoy meeting the new students and the future leaders of our tribe.

Even during these tough financial times we still have received support for the scholarship fund. I would encourage you to donate in what is an investment for the future of our tribe. No amount is too small, and we accept any type of donation.

2012 Contributors to
Richard Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund

January 1, 2012- December 31, 2012
FRIEND OF THE FUND (\$100 each year)

Dr. Susan Jenkins
Harvey and Jatón` West
BIRTHDAY GIFTS

In honor of: Jatón` West by Sandra S. Chamberlin
CHRISTMAS TRIBUTE

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Dr. Susan Jenkins by Mary Herr

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Tribal Education Department
University of Tennessee Graduate School
David Wyatt

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of:
Johnny Jones by Janet Smith (Past grant recipient)

Thanks to everyone for your contributions!

In Memory of:
Glen Reed by Dr. Carmaleta Monteith and Janet Smith (Past grant recipient)
Elizabeth Welch by Dr. Reva Ballew (Past grant recipient), Mary Herr, Dr. Carmaleta L. Monteith and Janet Smith (Past grant recipient)

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Dr. Reva Ballew (Past grant recipient)
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*Larry Patterson and Dwight Price make regular monthly contributions for which we are very grateful.



Dr. Jennifer Thompson, Sharon Blankenship, Mary Herr, Anita Welch Lossiah, Dr. Carmaleta Monteith, Dr. Reva Ballew and Janet Smith.

Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Pledge Card

In memory of Richard (Yogi) Crowe, I wish to be an annual contributor to his Memorial Scholarship Fund to help more Eastern Cherokees attend graduate and post graduate school. I hereby designate that I will be:

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| ____ Friend of Fund (\$100 each year) | ____ Contributing Member (\$250 each year) |
| ____ Supporting Member (\$500 each year) | ____ Sustaining Member (\$1,000 each year) |
| ____ Contributor as Past Grant Recipient | Other_____ |

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Please make checks payable to Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. and mail to P. O. Box 892, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719. Contributions are tax deductible.

2012 Grant Recipients

Nine students received \$12,175 from the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. in 2012. The Scholarship Fund has funded 85 enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians awarding a total of \$211,294.00 since its inception.

The 2012 following recipients are:

Jessica Crowe, daughter of Rex and Elizabeth Crowe of Candler NC, is in the Masters Program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She is studying Social Work and plans to become a Youth-At-Risk Therapist. Jessica feels this program will be very rewarding, and she is looking forward to helping youth with social issues.

Angie Gunter is in the Masters of Education program at Western Carolina University with the goal of becoming a middle grade teacher. Angie loves working with this age of students and is employed at Swain Middle School as the Native American Counselor/Cherokee Language Teacher. She is the daughter of Patsy and the late “Chief” Henry Lambert and married to Frank Gunter. They have six children and six grandchildren.

Carolyn Luzene Hill is approaching the completion of her Masters in Fine Art degree at Western Carolina University. A sculpture she created was shown at the Museum of Arts and Design in New York City, part of “Changing Hands: Art without Reservation 3.” Luzene’s work is also included in an exhibit “Native Art in Russia” in Ekaterinburg, Russia. She also has illustrated three books for the Cherokee Studies Language Revitalization Project.

Barbara (Sunshine) Parker is in her second year of law school at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She received an internship earlier this year with the Department of Interior Office of the Solicitor where she did research for a torts claim case and title searches for land the United States is purchasing. This semester Sunshine will be

concentrating her studies in the field of advocacy and dispute resolution and completing her internship with the Department of Interior.

Lori Reed is pursuing a Masters degree in Art Education with a teaching license at Western Carolina University. Lori, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, is the daughter of Frances and the late Bill Reed. She is married to Joseph Lossiah and they have two children Dayini and Ayosia.

Ashford Smith, a full time student at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte, is pursuing his Masters degree in Public Administration, with a concentration in Public Finance. Upon completion of his degree, Ashford’s goal is to return home and work with the Tribe’s Finance Department in Budget Preparation. He is the son of Rod Cooper from the Birdtown Community and Janice Smith Wilnoty from the Big Cove Community.

Shannon Swimmer is a third year law student at the University of Kansas School of Law. She received her third year practice license this summer which allowed her to appear in court under supervision of the Tribal Prosecutor. Shannon looks forward to completing her juris doctor degree next May along with two specialty certificates: Advocacy and Tribal Law. Upon completing law school, Shannon hopes to be employed in Cherokee in a way that allows her to create positive impacts on the Tribe, and more specifically, our youth.

Hilary Ann Smith is seeking a Masters of Science in Counseling degree at Carson Newman University and pursuing her interest in becoming licensed in marriage and family therapy. She is the daughter of Mary Ann and Raymond Watkins of Sevierville, TN and the granddaughter of Bessie Smith Watkins. Hilary’s Uncle Russell Smith worked at the BIA in Cherokee for 20 + years.

Trista Welch is working on her Masters in Business Administration from Florida State University as well as being employed full-time as Manager of CBC Printing in Cherokee. She is a graduate of the Right Path Adult Leadership Program and is active in volunteering with several community groups.

Welcome Jennifer!

My name is Jennifer Thompson and I am the newest member of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board. I currently reside in the Yellow Hill community with my 17 year old daughter Jordyn. I graduated from Cherokee High School in 1996 with the aspiration of becoming a Physical Therapist.

I started college at Western Carolina University and graduated in December of 2001 with my Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition/Dietetics. I completed my internship to be eligible to become a Registered Dietitian. In the fall of 2002, I began my Master’s education at Western Carolina University to become a Physical Therapist. In the summer of 2003, I graduated with my Master’s degree in Physical Therapy. In November of 2003 I started working at Cherokee Indian Hospital as a Physical Therapist and have worked there ever since. While working full time, I returned to school to obtain my Doctorate degree. In 2007, I graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with my Doctorate degree in Physical Therapy.

It is an honor to be able to sit as a member of the board for Yogi Crowe. I was once a recipient of the Yogi Crowe scholarship, and I am very thankful for the funding that was provided to me in my endeavor to continue my education. It was always a dream of mine to serve my community as a Physical Therapist and the Yogi Crowe Scholarship helped me reach that goal. I have always strived to encourage others to pursue their education and I hope that by being a member of the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Board, I can assist others in obtaining their dreams.

Our people and community are privileged to have assistance offered to them in order to pursue their educational dreams. I would encourage any student to pursue a higher education, not only to better themselves but for the betterment of our people. Education is truly a lifetime commitment and I hope to help make the pathway easier for someone.



Dr. Jennifer Thompson, Physical Therapist at the Cherokee Indian Hospital

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P.O. BOX 892 CHEROKEE NC 28719
Thank You So Much!!!!**

Silent Auction Donations Needed

Silent auction item donations are needed for the Yogi Crowe 2013 Fund Raiser. Items will be collected and photographs sent out to contributors and past recipients for silent auction bids. All items are welcome. Please send items to the attention of Mary Herr or Dr. Jennifer Thompson at:

Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. P.O. Box 892
Cherokee, NC 28719

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Learn about our organization and how you can donate. Students may download applications and see eligibility requirements from the website. www.yogicrowecherokeescholarship.org.

Interview with Natalie Welch, Past Grant Recipient

By Dr. Reva Ballew

The Board of Directors is most proud to share the success stories of one of the recent graduate students whose educational pursuits were made possible partly because of your generous support of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund.

1.) *Tell us about your educational and career background.*

I graduated from Cherokee High School in 2005 and attended the University of Tennessee (Go Vols!). While at the University of Tennessee, I studied Sport Management and Business while also starting the Native American Student Association on campus and being active with the Athletic programs. I graduated in 2009 and was accepted into the elite DeVos Sport Business Management Program at the University of Central Florida. This is a small cohort program that focuses on diversity, ethics, and leadership and provides a Masters in Business Administration and a Masters in Sports Administration. This program was life-changing for me and set me up to be successful in the sports business world.

After completing my MBA in January 2011, I began an internship at the Disney/ESPN Wide World of Sports working in Event Management to complete the Masters in Sports Administration. After completing that internship, I took an opportunity to work with the N7 Native American Program at Nike at the World Headquarters in Portland, OR. For the past year I have served as the N7 Community Manager and learned a ton about how Nike does business. I've had great experiences, and I hope to continue my career in the world of sports business with a major brand or agency.

2.) *Tell us how the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Scholarship Fund helped you with your education.*

With the assistance of the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Scholarship Fund, I was able to pursue my graduate degrees without the added financial stress that many of my friends faced. There are so many extra costs on top of the usual tuition and books that



can add up quickly and having an added financial stress can be a deterrent to your educational experiences.

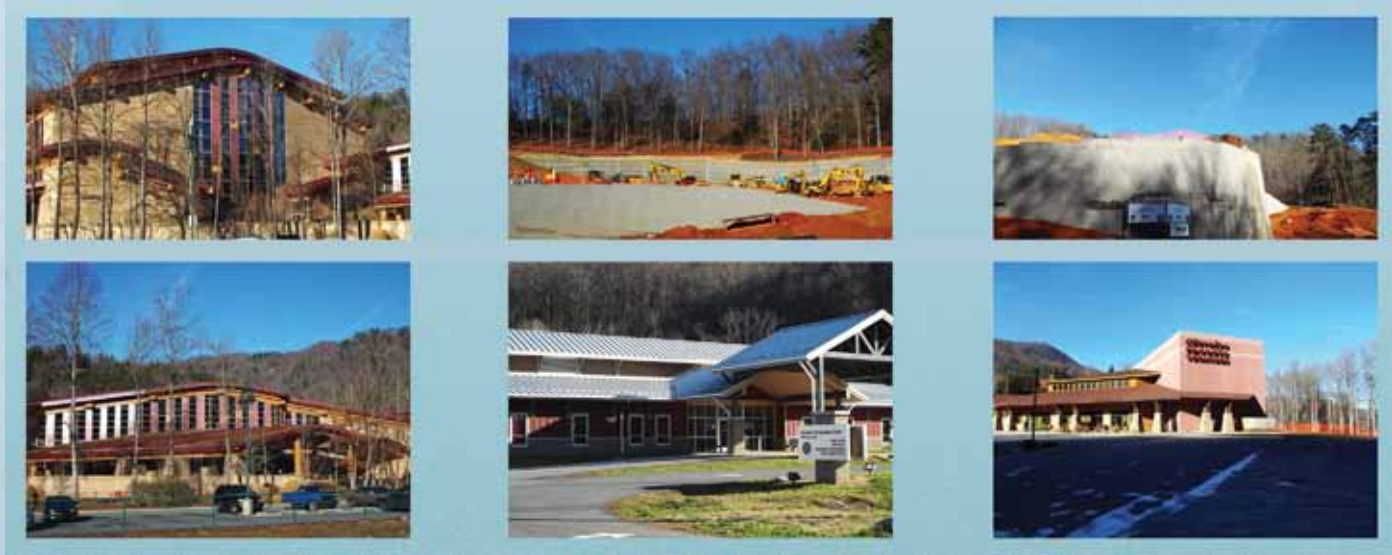
3.) *Any thoughts that might be helpful to other enrolled members considering going to graduate school?*

In the business world now, an undergraduate degree is not a guarantee for a job. Having a Masters degree really elevates your employment chances. On top of the education, a big benefit for me with my graduate program was the real-world experience and network-building that allowed me to be more prepared to enter the job market. I think that our enrolled members should realize how lucky we are to receive assistance from such great organizations like the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund and take advantage of them.

4.) *Any other closing thoughts or comments?*

I just encourage all of our tribal members to realize how many opportunities there are for us to succeed. With the assistance we receive it is like we have a leg up on every one and just another reason we should shoot for the stars.

New Employment Opportunities and Development in the Cherokee Area



Harrah's Cherokee Casino, Justice Complex, Transportation Department and expansion to the Cherokee Theater provide future opportunities for tribal employment and economic growth.
-Anita Welch Lossiah

The Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund invites you to consider our organization as a beneficiary when making your will. Bequests of personal or real property including stocks, bonds, money market funds or other valuable items are appreciated.

You may also make a tax deductible contribution at this time by gifts of cash, securities, annuities, life insurance or other tangible assets.

For more information, contact us at:
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