

ANNUAL REPORT

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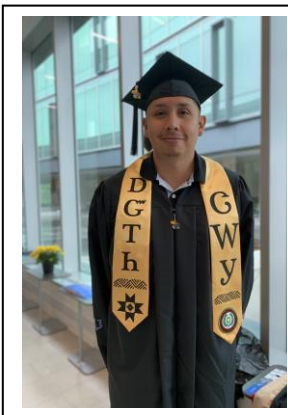
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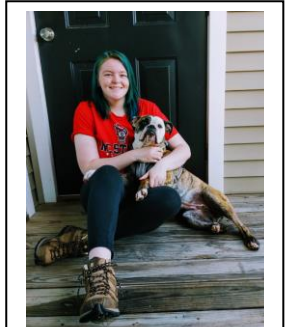
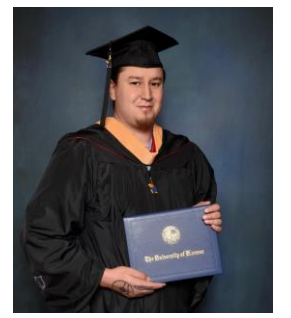
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Congratulations



Luke Swimmer lives in the Snowbird Community with his wife and two kids. He grew up in the Big Cove Community. Luke graduated with a Masters of Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing and Management. During the time in the program, he and his wife started a company named “Buffalotown Clothing”. The skills Luke learned in his MBA program made finding resources to fund and manage the business fairly easy. Luke’s future plans include returning to North Carolina and finding work in an area that allows him to put his schooling and experience to good use, while also growing Buffalotown, and running for council in the Snowbird Community.

TsaLiDi Sequoyah earned his Masters in Social Work and a career goal of his is to work with Native children especially those in foster care and adoption programs. After graduation he returned home to Cherokee and is currently working at the Family Safety Program as a Social Worker and member on the Integrated Child Welfare Team. TsaLiDi feels that keeping Native youth within their tribe is important to the child and to the Tribal Community. A goal of his is to help the youth he works with to have dreams and set goals and then work to achieve them. Future plans for TsaLiDi include obtaining his license as a Clinical Social Worker. He also hopes to return to school in pursuit of his PhD. TsaLiDi lives in the Yellowhill Community with Gabriella John and together they have two fur babies!



Sunshine Parker (prior grant recipient, current board member), received the Alumni Promise Award from the University of Tennessee. The Alumni Promise Award recognizes alumni 40 years of age or younger who have demonstrated distinctive achievement in a career, civic involvement, or both. This award is presented to acknowledge alumni who are making a mark early in their career and show great promise for the future.



Natalie Welch received her doctorate degree in Sports Management at the University of Tennessee in May 2019.

Jessica Lambert (current grant recipient), Doctorate Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University



Teresa Saint Maria (current grant recipient), Masters Science in Nursing (FNP), Western Carolina University

A Letter from Dr. Reva Ballew Reflecting on her 20 years as a Board Member

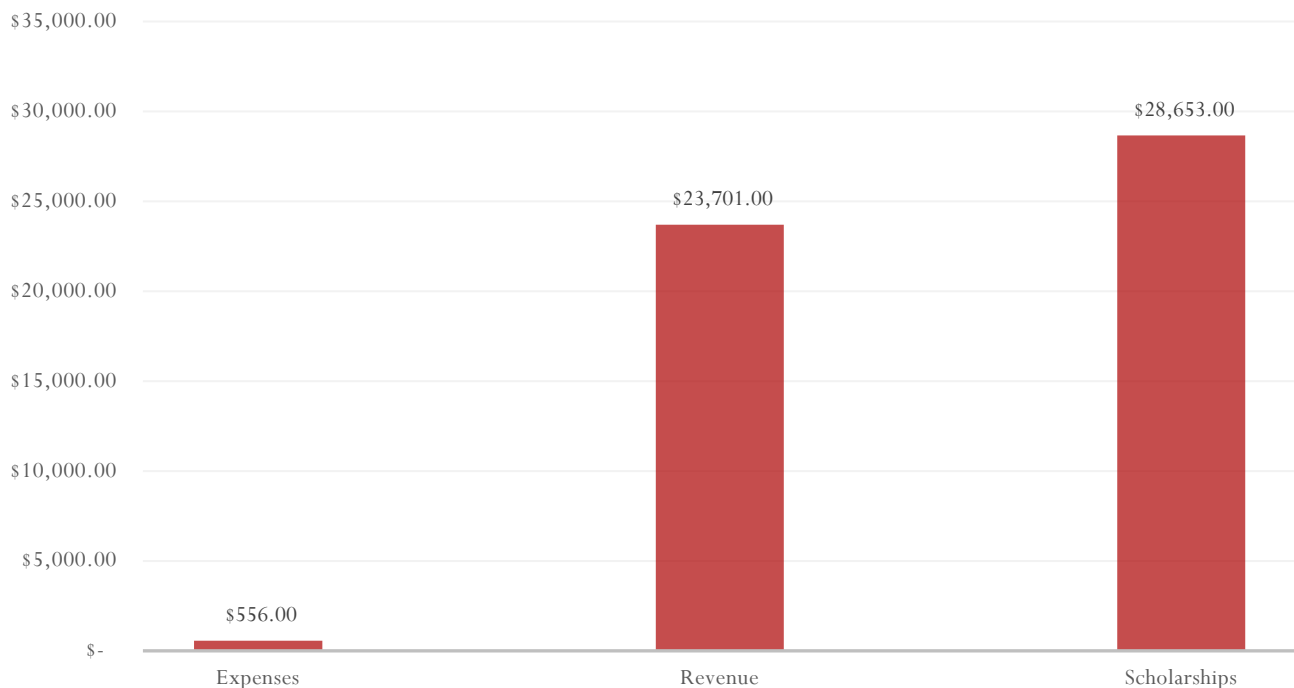
I have had a relationship with the Richard Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund (RYCSF) since 1991, 28 years. 1991 was the first year that I was funded during my doctoral program at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. I received funding for the entire five years that I was there from RYCSF. This was before the Cherokee Harrah's Casino when tribal educational funding was a far cry from what it is today. The RYCSF was crucial in my success at UT and being able to complete my Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

I joined the RYCSF Board in 1999. When I started in 1999, I never imagined I would still be on it 20 years later. I have enjoyed being on the Board. I have seen many board members come and go and I have also served on other boards that I am no longer on. I have stayed on the RYCSF Board because it has become one of my passions. I have served as Treasurer, Vice-President for many years and most recently President for the past 7 years until Dr. Jennifer Thompson took over.

As I look back on my 20 years on the RYCSF Board, I have seen many students funded and seen many EBCI members graduate from Masters, Doctoral, Medical and Law Schools. Since I began serving on the RYCSF Board, we have funded 107 students in the amount of \$353,891. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of our bright, educated enrolled members while they are pursuing their dreams. It has also been a pleasure to see them accomplish their dreams and live their desired professional lives. The majority of these individuals return to work for the EBCI or work with the EBCI helping to improve our tribe.

The RYCSF is an unpaid board with minimal overhead. There is a perpetual endowment fund and the principal is not touched. The three times a year scholarship awards come from the interest from the endowment fund. The individuals who serve on the RYCSF do this because it is a labor of love. In fact, we even pay mandatory annual dues to the fund. Five of the current seven board members are former RYCSF recipients. You can be a part of supporting these dedicated, committed enrolled members in reaching for their dreams. You can make a one-time donation, a continuing donation or a memorial donation. We take any type of donation not just monetary donations. I want to say thank you to the Board again for allowing me to serve for the last 20 years. It has been a joy to give back to the organization that gave so much to me 28 years ago.

2018-2019 FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN



2018-2019 Scholarship Recipients

A total of 107 Eastern Band of Cherokee Tribal Members have received the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship since 1986. This 2018-2019 year eight recipients received a total of \$28,653 raising the total grants given to students over the years to \$353,891. Here are the following scholarship grantees:

Lucretia Hicks Dawkins-Masters Degree in Human Resources, Western Carolina University
Carmen Johnson-Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine, California School of Podiatric Medicine
Sasha Jumper-Masters Degree Social Work, Western Carolina University
Jessica Lambert-Doctorate Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University
Teresa Santa Maria-Masters Science in Nursing (FNP), Western Carolina University
Kayla Smith-Masters Degree Legal Studies, Washington University, St. Louis
Megan Smith-PhD Counseling Psychology, University of North Dakota
Kendall Toineeta-Masters Degree Business Administration, University of Tampa

For more information about Yogi Crowe and the Scholarship Fund, go to

<http://www.yogicrowescholarship.org>

To donate to the scholarship fund, please send in the pledge card located below.

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 postgraduate school. I hereby designate that I will be a:

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