

# ANNUAL REPORT

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2017



## *OUR MISSION:*

To award scholarships from the RICHARD (YOGI) CROWE SCHOLARSHIP FUND to members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians demonstrating a desire to pursue graduate or post graduate degrees.

## 2016-2017 Contributors to Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund

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## Thank You

Thanks to Dwight Price for his regular monthly contributions and for his friendship for so many years.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 50/50 raffle held in August. The total raised from the raffle was \$983.50 and the winner was Dr. Blythe Winchester, a past grant recipient now working as a physician at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. Donations from others who did not wish to participate in the raffle were \$990.00.

The Board of Directors is thankful to all our friends who have continued to support higher education for Eastern Cherokees over the years.

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## Congratulations



**Carmen Johnson,**  
Doctor of Podiatric  
Medicine, current  
grant recipient



**Megan Smith,**  
PhD Counseling  
Psychology, current  
grant recipient



**Gerri Grady,**  
Professional MBA,  
current grant  
recipient



**Nelson Lambert,**  
graduated with LL.M  
Degree in Gaming Law  
and Regulation

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## 2017 Scholarship Recipients

A total of 100 Eastern Band of Cherokee Tribal Members have received the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship since 1986. This 2016-2017 year eight recipients received a total of \$19,775 raising the total grants given to students over the years to \$297,779. Here are the following scholarship grantees:

Beau Carroll- Masters Degree in Anthropology with a concentration in Archaeology, University of Tennessee

Gerri Grady-Professional MBA, Haslam College of Business, University of Tennessee

Carmen Johnson-Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, California School of Podiatric Medicine

Nelson Lambert-LL.M. Degree in Gaming Law and Regulation, William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, Nevada

TsaLiDi Sequoyah-Masters of Social Work, University of Kansas

Megan Smith-PhD Counseling Psychology, University of North Dakota

Luke Swimmer-Masters of Business Administration, University of Kansas

Natalie Welch-PhD in Sport Management, University of Tennessee

**Note from a past recipient**

*By Shannon Swimmer, past grant recipient and current board member*

I was born and raised on the Qualla Boundary and attended Cherokee Central Schools. I then attended the University of Kansas and received my bachelor's degree in English. I returned to Cherokee and worked in the EBCI Human Resources department which interested me so much that I went on to pursue a Master's degree in Human Resource Management from Western Carolina University. A few years later I decided to go to law school, thinking I would focus on Employment law and work again in Human Resources. Instead I ended up enjoying trial advocacy so much that I specialized in Tribal Law and Advocacy, receiving those certifications along with my Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas School of Law. I returned to Cherokee in 2014 and was the Clerk of Court and Probate Judge for the Cherokee Tribal Court until April of this year when I was appointed Associate Judge.

During my time at KU Law I was a single mother with two children. The tribe's Education program generously covered my tuition, books as well as housing and utilities. However, as a single parent I had other expenses that could not be covered by that program. I had to feed a family of three, clothe growing children, pay fees associated with extracurricular activities for the kids and all the other incidentals that arise on a regular basis. I also had to purchase study materials and guides specifically for law students but since they were recommended rather than required, those were not covered by the Education program. Thankfully, I received the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship for several semesters and because the funding was unrestricted, I was able to use it for those miscellaneous expenses. Receiving the scholarship was not only an honor but helped make it possible for me to stay in school, pursue my goals, and take care of my family at the same time.

I was honored again when I was asked to serve on the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Board of Directors. I feel blessed to participate on the Board of Directors, as a past recipient and as a community member who values higher education and is encouraged by all the Cherokee youth pursuing higher education. I hope that other community members will support the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund so that every enrolled member with the goal of obtaining a graduate or professional degree can see their dream come true.

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**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:

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

E mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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## Who was Yogi Crowe?

Some recent contributors receiving our annual report may not know who Richard (Yogi) Crowe was. It has been more than a generation since Yogi, as he was known to all his friends, was killed in an automobile accident on May 25, 1983. For someone who only lived 36 years, Yogi certainly left a legacy that he never dreamed would happen.

Richard (Yogi) Crowe was an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the driving force behind many Eastern Cherokees going to graduate school. His encouragement at many times kept students in school. He graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1982 with a Master's degree in Public Health and shortly thereafter became the Director of the American Indian Recruiting Program for the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. This job gave Yogi the opportunity to do what he wanted to do – encourage more Native Americans and especially Eastern Cherokees to attend graduate school.

After Yogi's death in 1983, 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 came into being in 1985 with a Steering Committee, then a resolution to Tribal Council and the formation of a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization with seven board members. Yogi Crowe would be proud of the 100 graduate and doctoral students who have been assisted by the scholarship fund in attaining graduate and doctoral degrees working in Cherokee with success as lawyers, social workers, teachers, psychologists, doctors, physical therapists, and other professions.

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