

# ANNUAL REPORT

OCTOBER 1, 2017-  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018



#### *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.

## 2017-2018 Contributors to Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund

#### **FRIEND OF THE FUND (\$100 each year):**

Harvey and Jaton` West  
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#### **MEMORIAL GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:**

Robert Franklin Bane, Jr. by Dr. Reva Ballew (Past grant recipient)  
Kamie Laney Calhoun by Dr. Reva Ballew (Past grant recipient)  
Nancy Pafford by Anita and David Smith

Earlier this year, the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund had a 50/50 raffle to raise money to increase our endowment fund. We raised \$892 and the winner of the raffle was Joey Owle, a past grant recipient. Joey donated his portion to the Scholarship Fund for which we are thankful. The Board of Directors decided to have another 50/50 raffle in a few years. Thanks to all who contributed.

#### **Donations by PayPal:**

The Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce that you can now make donations using PayPal. Just go to our website – [www.yogicrowescholarship.org](http://www.yogicrowescholarship.org) and click on Donate.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Dr. Reva Ballew (Past grant recipient)  
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Natalie Welch (Past grant recipient)

## Thank You

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

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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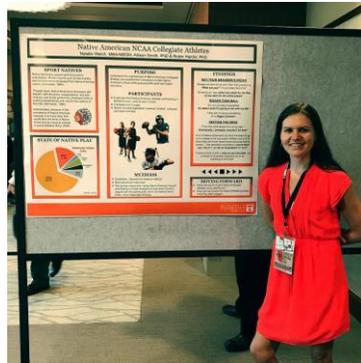
## Congratulations



Jan Smith, past recipient and current board member completed the 2018 Remember the Removal Ride

Carmen Johnson, current recipient at her white coat ceremony

Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, California School of Podiatric Medicine



Natalie Welch, current recipient, PhD in Sports Management, University of Tennessee

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## 2018 Scholarship Recipients

A total of 101 Eastern Band of Cherokee Tribal Members have received the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship since 1986. This 2017-2018 year six recipients received a total of \$27,459 raising the total grants given to students over the years to \$325,238. Here are the following scholarship grantees:

Lucretia Hicks Dawkins-Masters Degree in Human Resources, Western Carolina University

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

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

## Remember the Removal Bike Ride 2018

*By Jan Smith, past grant recipient and current board member*

I was honored to be a part of the Remember the Removal Bike Ride 2018, and it was an adventure let me tell you! At age 62, I wonder how many people thought I was crazy to want to be a part of something so physically and mentally challenging. The bike ride was that and so much more. Now that I have completed the ride and can reflect on my experience, I don't remember the grueling climbs, very hot, hot weather, standing on the side of the road in the pouring rain, or the muscle aches and cramps. What I do remember is standing on the actual removal trail, hearing the names of our people who passed through there and the conditions they went through, many dying right there and how sad I felt. Resiliency has a new meaning to me.

I know now how resilient our people were and are. What I went through was a very, very small part of what they went through; even on my toughest day I had it better than our people did on the Removal. We had support staff that ran up to us with water and food to give us energy to continue. We had a trainer roll our muscles out at night and stretch others who were cramping. We had EMS and trainers to tape us up and if needed give us an IV. Marshals were there for our safety. We stayed in a motel most nights, so who am I to complain about any tough conditions? What I did leave with was a sense of gratitude and respect for our people who stayed behind, those who made the journey and those who died along the way. They all struggled, but somehow through tough conditions made it and kept our culture alive.

I am thankful for those who thought to maintain and protect our culture even in secrecy. So that Western and Eastern Cherokees can be here today. We remember them and are constantly reminded of what they went through each day of the ride. Our presence out there not only reminded our own Tribe to remember the removal, but the many people who saw us or read about us too. I am thankful for my teammates who watched over this elder and made sure she was able to complete a goal of a lifetime. I received so much respect from the other riders and so much help on the actual road, all of them blocked the wind for me and made it so much easier. I saw the two nations come together as one to accomplish this tremendous journey who now are new members of my family. I miss seeing them so much! I want to thank my family for their understanding, support and encouragement. Soon there will be a new group chosen to continue this ride, safe travels to you and I hope your heart receives as much as I did on this incredible journey.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

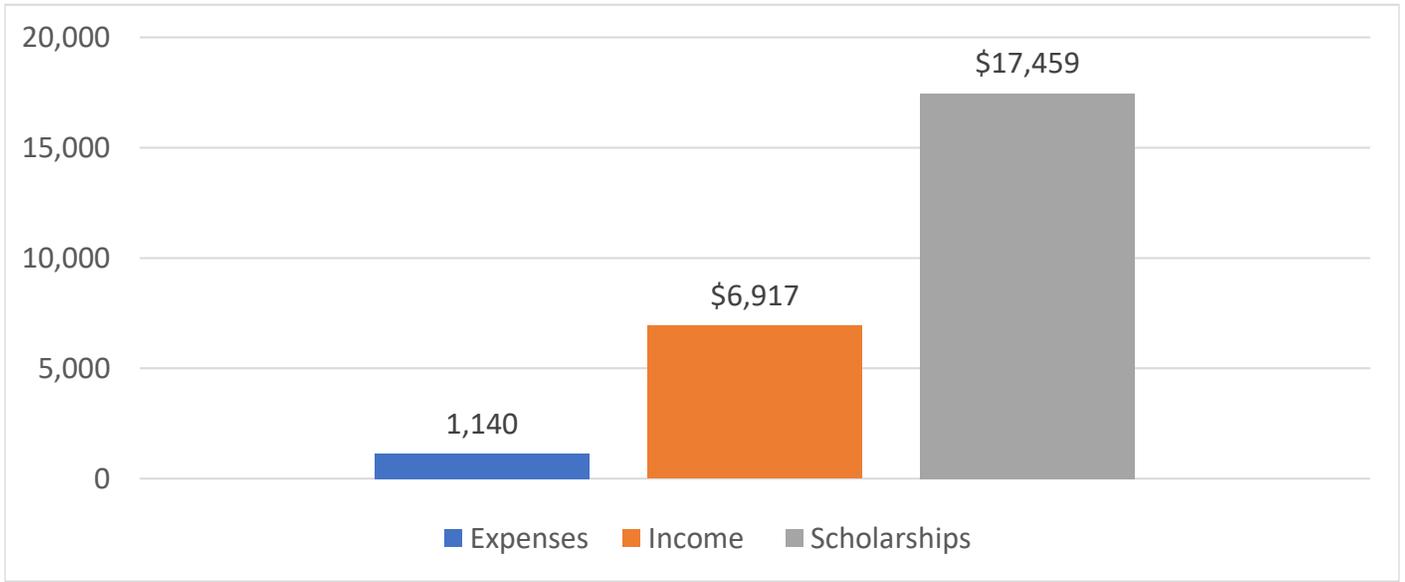
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Please make checks payable to Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. and mail to P. O. Box 892, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719. Contributions are tax deductible.

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