

2019-2020 FCBA Foundation Annual Report

This Annual Report summarizes the activities of the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) Foundation during the recently completed 2019-2020 fiscal year.

OVERVIEW

The FCBA Foundation, celebrating 29 years, is a charitable organization working in furtherance of the goals set out in its Mission Statement:

1. To support worthwhile communications-related and educational projects, as well as other community service projects, particularly those directed towards children and students, through financial contributions and through volunteer services provided by Foundation members and others.
2. To foster greater public awareness and understanding of the development of communications technology, resources, and law.

This year, the Foundation continued its longstanding support of the following programs:

- Granting four-year college scholarships to Washington, DC high school students expressing an interest in communications-related fields of education, including engineering, technology, law, economics, and journalism;
- Granting one-year scholarships to current law school students who demonstrate an interest in communications law, technology, and public service; and
- Granting summer work stipends to law school students serving as interns in communications-related public service jobs.

The Foundation's success is a direct result of the generous financial support of individual FCBA members and their employers, the Foundation Board of Trustees' time and dedication, the FCBA staff's commitment and contributions, as well as the time, talents, and energy that FCBA members bring to the Foundation's activities.

GOVERNANCE

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees, comprised of individuals elected by the FCBA membership to three-year terms.

This year's Trustees were: **Justin Faulb (Co-Chair), Tom Power (Co-Chair), Patrick Halley (Treasurer), Delara Derakhshani (Secretary), Megan Brown, Jordan Goldstein, Maureen Ohlhausen, Joy Ragsdale, Roger Sherman, Edward "Smitty" Smith, Johanna Rose Thomas, and Rebecca Murphy Thompson.** **Russ Hanser** served as the FCBA Executive Committee's liaison to the Foundation Board of Trustees.

As of June 30, 2020, four Trustees completed their three-year terms on the Foundation Board: **Justin Faulb, Jordan Goldstein, Johanna Rose Thomas, and Rebecca Murphy Thompson.** Four new members have been elected to serve three-year terms as Trustees, effective July 1, 2020: **Anisa Latif Green, Erin Griffith, Michael Saperstein, and Meagan Sunn.**

Many of the Foundation's activities, including the scholarship and internships programs, community service activities, and critical fundraising events, were jointly led by Trustees and member volunteers. The Board of Trustees is grateful for the broad participation of FCBA members in Foundation programs, and especially for the leadership roles assumed by members beyond the elected board. That extra measure of time and dedication was essential to the success of our programs.

The FCBA's Executive Director **Kerry Loughney**, Senior Manager of Programs **Janeen Wynn**, Bookkeeper **Wendy Parish**, and Member Services Administrator

Elizabeth Hagerty also provided invaluable support to the Foundation.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Under the leadership of the Foundation's college scholarship committee, **Justin Faulb, Patrick Halley, and Delara Derakhshani**, the Foundation reviewed applications from high school students of diverse backgrounds with an interest in communications-related fields, including media, journalism, technology, engineering, or law. Of over 130 applications, 39 high school student applicants were interviewed and 26 of these were chosen to receive FCBA Foundation scholarship assistance funded over four years. The scholarship recipients this year came from 14 local high schools: Basis DC PCS, Bell Multicultural, Benjamin Banneker, Calvin Coolidge Senior High, Cardozo Education Campus, Duke Ellington, Dunbar High School, E.L. Haynes PCS, McKinley Technology Campus, Roosevelt High, School Without Walls, Washington Leadership Academy, Washington Latin PCS, and Wilson. All 39 of the applicants who attended interviews will be provided new laptop computers.

The Foundation thanks **Comcast NBCUniversal** for sponsoring the production of the awardee video.

Special thanks go to the following companies, law firms, and associations for endowing individual, named scholarships to high school students: **AT&T** (\$15,000); **Comcast NBCUniversal** (\$15,000); **Consumer Technology Association (CTA)™** (\$10,000); **Cox Enterprises, Inc.** (\$10,000); **CTIA** (\$10,000); **DISH Network** (\$10,000); **Fox Corporation** (\$20,000); **Google** (\$10,000); **NCTA – The Internet & Television Association** (\$10,000); **Sidley Austin and the Sidley Austin Foundation** (\$10,000); **T-Mobile US, Inc.** (\$15,000); **The Karen Kincaid Fund sponsored by Wiley Rein and Karen's Friends** (\$20,000); **The Young Lawyers and Charity Auction** (\$19,000); **Verizon** (\$15,000); and **Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP** (\$10,700).

Funding for college scholarships that was not provided by the above donors was provided from the Foundation's general funds, which reflects generous individual contributions from FCBA members and their employers.

INTERNSHIP STIPEND PROGRAM

Under the leadership of the Foundation's internship committee, **Megan Brown, Jordan Goldstein, and Edward "Smitty" Smith**, the Foundation reviewed applications from students at law schools across the country. The Foundation awarded stipends ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,000 to 26 students who had accepted public service positions for the summer. One outstanding applicant to the Stipend program received the annual Max Paglin Award, representing an additional stipend of \$2,000.

LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation's law school scholarship committee, **Tom Power, Joy Ragsdale, Roger Sherman, and Johanna Rose Thomas** led the efforts to review applications from current students at law schools across the country who demonstrated merit and need, as well as an interest in communications law and technology and public service. The Foundation received applications from students at schools across the country and awarded six scholarships to law students ranging from \$6,000 to \$8,600.

The Foundation also thanks the following volunteers for their time and talent, serving as liaisons to participating public high schools, reviewing college and law school scholarship applications, and interviewing high school students: **Dennis Amari, Irina Asoskov, Avonne Bell, Kamila Benzina, Ann Bobeck, Gregory Capobianco, Callie Coker, Matt Collins, Adam Copeland, Tara Corvo, Elizabeth Cuttner, Emily Daniels, Megan Danner, Delara Derakhshani, Ariel Diamond, Pam Gallant, Kayla Gardner, Jonathan Garvin, Anna Gomez,**

Kara Graves, Anisa Latif Green, Erin Griffith, Lyndsey Grunewald, Nese Guendelsberger, Gregory Guice, Kristine Hackman, Kathy Harvey, Dan Henry, John Hunter, Jesse Jachman, Kathy Kirby, Chris Koves, Adam Krinsky, Chris Laughlin, Travis Litman, Carolyn Mahoney, Jonathan Markman, Ali Mays, Patrick McFadden, Kasey McGee, Aimee Meacham, Steph Minnock, Lynne Montgomery, Genevieve Morelli, Brian Murray, John Nelson, Courtney Neville, Nick Page, Thom Parisi, Lee Petro, Laura Phillips, Joy Ragsdale, Radhika Raju, Sekoia Rogers, Jaclyn Rosen, Elana Safner, Mike Saperstein, Davina Sashkin, Savannah Schaefer, Michelle Schaefer, Morgan Schick, Mason Shefa, Randy Sifers, Karen Sprung, Evan Swartrauber, Rebecca Thompson, Caroline Van Wie, Hannah Wigger, Rachel Wolkowitz, Rick Young, and Dana Zelman.

2019 FCBA FOUNDATION CHARITY AUCTION

The FCBA Foundation Charity Auction is the largest single event under the auspices of the Foundation, and the most administratively intense. The sheer number of volunteers committed annually to the charity auction is a testament to the volunteer spirit of the FCBA. Moreover, it is a reflection of the generosity of our members, who attend year after year to help support the Charity Auction's beneficiaries. This year's auction was held on November 7, 2019. Co-sponsored by the Foundation and the **FCBA Charity Auction Committee**, the auction raised over \$95,000 for the beneficiaries – **the Modern Classrooms Project** and the **FCBA Foundation**.

The Modern Classrooms Project's award-winning instructional model leverages educational technology and broadband/Wi-Fi connections to ensure that every student has unlimited access to knowledge, learns at his/her own unique pace, and truly masters each skill before moving on to the next.

The FCBA Foundation will use proceeds from the Charity Auction to support its

annual college scholarship program. The FCBA Foundation also applied \$19,000 of this year's Charity Auction funds to a college scholarship named for The Young Lawyers Committee and Charity Auction.

Thanks to the Charity Auction planning committee's members including **Valerie Barrish, Van Bloys, Noah Cherry, Christine Crowe, Elizabeth Cuttner, William Durdach, Brian Indovina, April Jones, Jamile Kadre, Anisa Latif Green, Sarah Leggin, Lauren McCarty, Thom Parisi (Chair), Jessica Quinley, Katy Ross, Savannah Schaefer, Becky Schwartz, and Karen Sprung.**

The Foundation thanks the following generous sponsors of the 2019 Charity Auction: **AT&T, Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP, Covington & Burling LLP, Cox Enterprises, Inc., Consumer Technology Association (CTA)TM, CTIA, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, DISH Network, DLA Piper, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, Hogan Lovells US LLP, T-Mobile US, Inc., Wiley Rein LLP, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.**

FCBA FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Every year, the Foundation has the opportunity to specially acknowledge someone who volunteers considerable time on the Foundation's programs and embodies the spirit of generosity the Foundation seeks to foster. This year, the Foundation recognized **Anisa Latif Green** as Volunteer of the Year. Anisa volunteered throughout the year for the FCBA, including serving on the Charity Auction Committee, and with the Foundation by reviewing applications and interviewing candidates for both college and law school scholarships. The Foundation is extremely grateful for her service.

FUNDRAISING

The Foundation could not provide its services without the annual financial support of FCBA members and the

organizations where they work. This year, the Foundation secured significant support for its programs and improved its financial footing in several respects.

Thanks to many individual contributions, the Foundation exceeded the budget goals set by the Board. As a result, the Foundation was able to give a total scholarship and internship awards of over \$426,000. The donors for this fiscal year are listed at the end of this report.

In addition, on December 10, 2019, at the **FCBA's 33rd Annual Chairman's Dinner** featuring FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, the Foundation raised **\$47,600**.

Unfortunately, due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, the FCBA Foundation had to postpone the **FCBA Foundation Robert Emmet Lee Memorial Golf Tournament**. We look forward to continuing this great tradition for a 24th year as soon as possible.

CONCLUSION

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to this year's exceptional Board of Trustees for their energy, tenacity, thoughtfulness, and commitment to the programs of the Foundation. Without exception, each was dedicated to our persistent fundraising efforts, improving our online application program, evaluating and making our outreach to potential applicants more expansive, strengthening our mentorship program, and serving as stewards of our funds. The Foundation has an ambitious agenda each year, and we could not accomplish our goals without an engaged and devoted Board comprised of individuals willing to offer up their time and talents, over and above the demands of their day jobs and other personal commitments.

We are also extremely grateful to the FCBA's remarkable team – **Kerry Loughney, Janeen Wynn, Wendy Parish, and Elizabeth Hagerty**. The Foundation

simply could not operate without their hard work and incredible efforts.

Finally, thanks to the FCBA membership for its continued support of the Foundation. Remember, as a member of the FCBA, you are also a member of the FCBA Foundation. As Co-Chairs, we've had a unique perspective on how many volunteers it takes to make our various programs happen, how many are willing to make generous monetary contributions or to help persuade an employer to support a named scholarship, and how many take time to review scholarship applications, interview applicants, or mentor recipients. This past year, especially since the pandemic began, only proves what a very special bar we have, and how, together, we will ensure that the FCBA continues to have a positive impact on our community.

Thank you!

Justin Faulb and Tom Power
Co-Chairs, 2019-2020

Honorary Degrees (Organizations)

Inspired by the Foundation's mission to support educational and professional pursuits, organizations and their collaborative individuals' donations, this year so far, have been recognized with the following honorary degrees:

DEGREES ALL THEIR OWN (\$10,000 and above)

AT&T
Comcast NBCUniversal
Consumer Technology Association
(CTA)TM
Cox Enterprises, Inc.
CTIA
DISH Network
Fox Corporation
Google
NCTA – The Internet & Television
Association
Sidley Austin and the Sidley Austin
Foundation

T-Mobile US, Inc.
The Karen Kincaid Scholarship Fund
sponsored by Wiley Rein and Karen's
Friends
The Young Lawyers and Charity
Auction
Verizon
Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

MASTERS OF MEDIA (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP
USTelecom – The Broadband
Association
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

BACHELORS OF BROADBAND (\$2,000 - \$4,999)

Jenner & Block LLP
Latham & Watkins LLP
Neustar
Somos
TracFone Wireless
Twilio

We would also like to thank the following companies and firms for their donations:

Competitive Carriers Association (CCA)
Cooley Soda Fund
Freedom Technologies
Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Gems (Individuals)

Individual donations this year that will be going to support the Foundation's public service programs have been recognized at the following "birth stone" levels:

DIAMOND (\$1,000 and above)

AJ Burton
Charla M. Rath
Seth A. Davidson
Scott D. Delacourt
Wayne D. Johnsen
Kathleen A. Kirby
Barry J. Ohlson
Cheryl A. Tritt

EMERALD (\$500 - \$999)

Douglas I. Brandon
Kathleen J. Collins
Mark B. Denbo
Michele C. Farquhar
Anna Gomez
Jack N. Goodman
David A. Gross
Karis A. Hastings
David A. O'Connor
Maureen Ohlhausen
Thomas C. Power
Johanna Rose Thomas

Margaret L. Tobey
Bryan N. Tramont

PEARL (\$250 - \$499)

Paul C. Besozzi
Lisa Chandler Cordell
David M. Don
Gardner H. Foster
Joseph A. Godles
L. Charles Keller
Alexander Maltas
Richard R. Zaragoza

RUBY (\$100 - \$249)

Dennis J. Amari
James R.W. Bayes
Michael Beder
Robert A. Beizer
Joel H. Bernstein
Jonathan Blake
James S. Blitz
Eric Breisach

James L. Casserly
Richard Engelman
Lisa Hone
Jean Kiddoo
Katherine A. King
Jeffrey A. Marks
Susan Ness
Edward J. O'Connell
Barry J. Ohlson
David H. Solomon
Jason Torrey

SAPPHIRE (\$99 and below)

William M. Barnard
Robert Barnett
Kristine Fargotstein Hackman
Jamile Kadre
Jennifer A. Manner
John S. Morabito
Jeffrey S. Steinberg
Scott B. Tollefsen
Mark Van Bergh
Cara Voth
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