

2018-2019 FCBA Foundation Annual Report

This Annual Report summarizes the activities of the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) Foundation during the recently completed 2018-2019 fiscal year.

OVERVIEW

The FCBA Foundation, celebrating 28 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;
- Granting summer work stipends to law school students serving as interns in communications-related public service jobs; and

- Volunteering to help families in need in the Washington, DC community.

The Foundation's success is a direct result of the generous financial support of individual FCBA members and their employers, 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: **Scott Bergmann, Megan Brown, Justin Faulb (Secretary), Patrick Halley (Treasurer), Darah Franklin, Jordan Goldstein, Aspasia Paroutsas, Tom Power, Joy Ragsdale, Davina Sashkin, Johanna Rose Thomas (Co-Chair), and Rebecca Murphy Thompson (Co-Chair)**. **Josh Turner** served as the FCBA Executive Committee's liaison to the Foundation Board of Trustees.

As of June 30, 2019, four Trustees completed their three-year terms on the Foundation Board: **Scott Bergmann, Darah Franklin, Aspasia Paroutsas, and Davina Sashkin**. Four new members have been elected to serve three-year terms as Trustees, effective July 1, 2019: **Delara Derakhshani, Maureen Ohlhausen, Roger Sherman, and Edward Smith**.

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 Aspa Paroutsas**, 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. Thirty-six high school student applicants were interviewed and 24 of these were chosen to receive FCBA Foundation scholarship assistance funded over four years. The scholarship recipients this year came from 15 local public high schools: BASIS DC, Benjamin Banneker, Columbia Heights Educational Campus (Bell Multicultural), Calvin Coolidge Senior High School, Cardozo Education Campus, Duke Ellington, Eastern, E.L. Haynes, H.D. Woodson, McKinley Technology, Paul Public Charter School, Roosevelt, School Without Walls, Thurgood Marshall Academy PCS, and Woodrow Wilson. All 36 of the applicants who attended interviews will be provided new laptop computers.

The Foundation thanks **CTIA** for hosting college applicant interviews and the taping of the Foundation video, **Mark Van Bergh** for photographing the recipients, and **Comcast NBCUniversal** for sponsoring the production of the video.

Special thanks go to the following companies, law firms, and associations for endowing individual, named scholarships to high school students: **21st Century Fox** (\$20,000); **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); **Google** (\$10,000); **National Association of Broadcasters** (\$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** (\$18,000); **The Young Lawyers and Charity Auction** (\$18,000); **Verizon** (\$15,000); and **Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP** (\$15,000).

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, **Scott Bergmann, Megan Brown, and Jordan Goldstein**, the Foundation reviewed applications from students at law schools across the country. The Foundation awarded stipends ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,000 to 25 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, Davina Sashkin, Joy Ragsdale, 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. We received applications from students at schools across the country and awarded five scholarships to law students ranging from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

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: **Colin Andrews, Steve Augustino, Erik Beith, Ann West Bobeck, Karen Brinkman, Alyssia Bryan, Greg Capobianco, Shawn Chang, Elizabeth Chernow, Marjorie Conner, Adam Copeland, Tara Corvo, Elizabeth Cuttner, Emily Daniels, Delara Derakhshani, Matt DeTura, Ariel Diamond, Patrick Donovan, Stephen Duall, Eric Ehrenreich, Kristine Fargotstein, Lisa Fowlkes, Pamela Gallant, Jonathan Garvin, Anna Gomez, Kara Graves, Erin Griffith, Nese Guendelsberger, Russell Hanser, Kathy Harvey, Dan Henry, Kevin Holmes, Jennifer Holtz, Sherille Ismail, Jesse Jachman, Joycelyn James, Jamile Kadre, Warren Kessler, Erin Kim, Kathleen Kirby, Jason Koslofsky, Chris Koves, Adam Krinsky, Heidi Lankau, Anisa Latif, Celia Lewis, Madeleine Lottenbach, Varsha Mangal, Jonathan Markham, Patrick McFadden, Aimee Meacham, Stephanie Minnock, Genny Morelli, Brina Murray, Courtney Neville, Paul Noone, Jen Oberhausen, Julia Palermo, Lee Petro, Laura Phillips, Kevin Pittman, Jamison Prime, Radhika Raju, Greg Romano, Elana Safner, Jerita Salley, Michael Saperstein, Michelle Schaefer, Savannah Schaefer, Randy Sifers, Anjali Singh, Karen Sprung, Joan Stewart, Megan Stull, Robert Stup, Evan Swartzrauber, Danielle Thumann, Melissa Turcios, Caroline Van Wie, Brenda Villanueva, Ryan Wallach, Rachel Wolkowitz, Richard Young, and Dana Zelman.**

2018 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 1, 2018. Co-sponsored by the Foundation and the **FCBA Charity Auction Committee**, the auction raised

over \$90,500 for the beneficiaries – **New Endeavors by Women (NEW)** and the **FCBA Foundation**.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, NEW partners with homeless women in the DC area to empower them to recognize their own worth. By providing housing, fostering the development of life skills, and promoting education and employment, NEW transforms women's lives by working to break the cycle of homelessness. Nearly 30 years later, NEW's programs and services are even more vital and urgently-needed, as homeless women and children in the District face the most daunting climb out of homelessness ever seen in recent history. Funds raised from this year's Charity Auction will support NEW's Youth Enrichment Program (YEP!), which provides school help and a summer enrichment program for children.

The FCBA Foundation will use proceeds from the Charity Auction to support its annual college scholarship program. The FCBA Foundation also applied \$18,000 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 **Noah Cherry, Christine Crowe, Elizabeth Cuttner, Emilie de Lozier, Brian Indovina, April Jones, Jamile Kadre, Anisa Latif, Sarah Leggin, Lauren McCarty, Rachel Sanford Nemeth (Chair), Thom Parisi, Jessica Quinley, Katy Ross, Davina Sashkin, and Becky Schwartz**.

The Foundation thanks the following generous sponsors of the 2018 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, Google, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, Hogan Lovells US LLP, T-Mobile US, Inc., Wiley Rein LLP, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.**

VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Foundation relies on volunteers for all of its programs. All of the charitable works described above require not only generous financial giving but also the contribution of substantial amounts of time and the prodigious talents of our FCBA members. In addition to the programs described above, the Foundation partnered with the Homeland Security Committee and others this past holiday season to provide food and gift baskets to 911 dispatchers serving at local 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). This year's efforts were focused on two Northern Virginia PSAPs and DC's PSAP. At the DC PSAP, FCBA Foundation Board member Patrick Halley recognized and thanked the 911 dispatchers in attendance. The Foundation Board was honored to participate in this activity and looks forward to engaging in similar opportunities in the year to come.

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 **Karen Sprung** as Volunteer of the Year. Karen 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. Under the leadership of its fundraising committee, **Megan Brown, Darah Franklin, and Tom Power**, as well as Board of Trustees Co-Chairs **Johanna Rose Thomas** and **Rebecca Murphy Thompson**, the Foundation secured significant support for its programs this year 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 almost \$385,000. The donors for this fiscal year are listed at the end of this report.

In addition, on December 6, 2018, at the **FCBA's 32nd Annual Chairman's Dinner** featuring FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, the Foundation raised **\$46,550**.

On June 4, 2019, the FCBA Foundation hosted its **23rd Annual FCBA Foundation Robert Emmet Lee Memorial Golf Tournament**, raising over **\$5,000** for the Foundation. Special thanks go to the planning committee co-chaired by **Arturo Chang, Henry Gola, and Alex Moyer** and including **Robert Branson, Zenas Choi, Jonathan Cohen, Joe Cramer, Steve Goodman, Jesse Jachman, Lee Petro, Joy Ragsdale, Glenn Reynolds, and Larry Walke**.

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 has underscored 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!

Johanna Rose Thomas and Rebecca Murphy Thompson
Co-Chairs, 2018-2019

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)

21st Century Fox
AT&T
Comcast NBCUniversal
Consumer Technology Association (CTA)TM
Cox Enterprises, Inc.
CTIA
DISH Network
Google
National Association of Broadcasters
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)

USTelecom – The Broadband Association
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

BACHELORS OF BROADBAND

(\$2,000 - \$4,999)

Jenner & Block LLP
Latham & Watkins LLP
TracFone Wireless
Twilio
Wiley Rein TMT Group

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

Cooley Soda Fund
Competitive Carriers Association (CCA)
Lerman Senter PLLC

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)

Jackie Bacon
Clinton Frederick Beckner, III
AJ Burton
Christine M. Crowe
Seth A. Davidson
Scott D. Delacourt
Darah S. Franklin
Raymond Gifford
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David H. Solomon

Gregory Sopkin
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Megan Anne Stull & Gregory Hoobler
Bryan N. Tramont
Kathryn A. Zachem

EMERALD

(\$500 - \$999)

Kathleen Q. Abernathy
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Edgar Class
Jonathan V. Cohen
Kathleen J. Collins
Timothy J. Cooney
Kurt E. DeSoto
Anna Gomez
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William F. Maher
F. Thomas Moran
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John T. Scott, III
Michael Deuel Sullivan
Margaret L. Tobey

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(\$250 - \$499)

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Aaron J. Burstein
Cristina Chou
Patricia M. Chuh
David L. Furth
John Godfrey
Joseph A. Godles
Erin M. Griffith
David A. Gross
John J. Heitmann
Brian W. Higgins
Clete Johnson
E. Ashton Johnston
Robert B. Kelly
Steven A. Lerman
Alexander Maltas
Bruce McDonald
Ari Z. Moskowitz
Melissa E. Newman
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David D. Oxenford
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Katy Milner Ross
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Joshua S. Turner

Rebecca Murphy Thompson
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RUBY

(\$100 - \$249)

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Christopher R. Bjornson
Jonathan D. Blake
Bridget Borrelli
Sally A. Buckman
Karen David
Emilie De Lozier
Delara Derakhshani
Alina Gorokhovskiy
J.G. Harrington
John W. Hunter
Frank R. Jazzo
Derek R. Khlopin
Erin E. Kim
Katherine A. King
Stephen G. Kraskin
Stephanie L. Kuhl
David A. LaFuria
Benjamin J. Lambiotte

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Madeleine Lottenbach
Jennifer A. Manner
Aimee K. Meacham
Brian Murray
Patricia Marie O'Connell
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Melodie A. Virtue

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