

2021-2022 FCBA Foundation Annual Report

This Annual Report summarizes the activities of the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) Foundation during the recently completed 2021-2022 fiscal year.

OVERVIEW

The FCBA Foundation, celebrating 31 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.

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: **Anisa Latif Green (Co-Chair)**, **Erin Griffith (Co-Chair)**, **Michael Saperstein (Treasurer)**, **Rachel Wolkowitz (Deputy Treasurer)**, **Rizwan Chowdhry (Secretary)**, **Meagan (Sunn) Bolton (Deputy Secretary)**, **Avonne Bell**, **Delara Derakhshani**, **Maureen Ohlhausen**, **Roger Sherman**, **Edward "Smitty" Smith**, and **Brenda Villanueva**. **Natalie Roisman** served as the FCBA Executive Committee's liaison to the Foundation Board of Trustees.

As of June 30, 2022, four Trustees completed their three-year terms on the Foundation Board: **Delara Derakhshani**, **Maureen Ohlhausen**, **Roger Sherman**, and **Edward "Smitty" Smith**. Four new members have been elected to serve three-year terms as Trustees, effective July 1, 2022: **Angela Y. Ball**, **David Grossman**, **Karen R. Sprung**, and **Dr. Nicol Turner Lee**.

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, **Rizwan Chowdhry**, **Delara Derakhshani**, **Erin Griffith**, and **Roger Sherman**, 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 28 of these were chosen to receive FCBA Foundation scholarship assistance funded over four years. Our scholarship recipients this year came from 14 local public high schools: Bell Multicultural, Benjamin Banneker, Capital City, Cardozo Education Campus, District of Columbia International, Duke Ellington, Dunbar, Eastern, E.L. Haynes, Jackson-Reed, McKinley Technology, School Without Walls, Thurgood Marshall Academy, and Washington Latin. All 36 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** (\$10,000); **CTIA** (\$10,000); **DLA Piper LLP** (\$10,000); **Fox Corporation** (\$20,000); **Google** (\$10,000); **Karen Kincaid Fund sponsored by Wiley Rein and Karen's Friends** (\$10,000); **Lumen** (\$10,000); **Mark Van Bergh Fund sponsored by Mark's Family and Friends** (\$20,000); **NCTA – The Internet & Television Association** (\$10,000); **T-Mobile US, Inc.** (\$15,000); **USTelecom – The Broadband**

Association (\$10,000); **Verizon** (\$15,000); **Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP** (\$10,000); and **Young Lawyers and Charity Auction** (\$20,000).

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, **Avonne Bell, Edward "Smitty" Smith, Meagan Sunn, and Brenda Villanueva**, the Foundation reviewed applications from students at law schools across the country. The Foundation awarded stipends ranging from \$200 to \$7,000 to 21 students who have accepted public service positions for the summer.

LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation's law school scholarship committee, **Avonne Bell, Anisa Latif Green, and Maureen Ohlhausen** 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 \$5,000 scholarships.

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: **Yasmine Abdillahi, Dennis Amari, Jeremy Berkowitz, Laura Berman, Ann West Bobeck, Angela Campbell, Jessica Cohen, Marjorie Conner, Tara Corvo, Elizabeth Cuttner, Emily Daniels, Sekoia Rogers Diggs, Diana Eisner, Justin Faulb, Connor Ferraro, Chris Frascella, Anna Gomez, Nese Guendelsberger, Patrick Halley,**

Kathy Harvey, John Heflin, John Hunter, Joycelyn James, Kathleen Kirby, Grace Koh, Christopher Koves, Adam Krinsky, Irene Ly, Patrick McFadden, Kasey McGee, Aimee Meacham, Joel Miller, Karen Milne, Lynne Montgomery, Courtney Neville, Adam Peters, Lee Petro, Laura Phillips, Ronnie Raju, Tamber Ray, Morgan Reeds, Adam Sandler, Michelle Schaefer, Morgan Schick, Karen Sprung, Megan Anne Stull, Thaila Sundaresan, Jamel Vinson, Rachel Wehr, Romanda Williams, Sanford Williams, and Richard Young.

2021 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 virtually on November 10, 2021. Co-sponsored by the Foundation and the **FCBA Charity Auction Committee**, the auction raised over \$100,000 for the beneficiaries – **Rosie Riveters** and the **FCBA Foundation**.

Rosie Riveters works to engage and inspire preschool to middle-school girls in STEM and equip them with an enduring growth mindset. Their hands-on and interactive programs provide girls from diverse backgrounds with a fun space to imagine, learn, and play. While programs focus on the joy of STEM, they also emphasize productive struggle to build participants' critical thinking and overall confidence in themselves. Since its founding in 2015, Rosie Riveters has become one of the leading providers of early-education STEM services for young women in the DC-metro area, serving more than 3,000 young women to date. Funds raised through the FCBA Charity Auction will support Rosie Riveters' newest program, Rosie Innovators, which extends its reach through high school. The program will enable Rosie Riveters to continue to build

upon the trust and long-term relationships it has established with young women and their families, creating the organization's very own, highly effective STEM pipeline that runs from preschool to college.

The FCBA Foundation will use proceeds from the Charity Auction to support its annual college scholarship program. The FCBA Foundation applied \$20,000 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 **Colin Andrews, Valerie Barrish, Van Bloys (Chair), Noah Cherry, Christine Crowe, Crystal Evans, Kelsey Guyselman, Jamile Kadre, Chris Laughlin, Anisa Latif Green, Sarah Leggin, Madi Lottenbach, Jonathan Mark, Kasey McGee, Kim Miller, Savannah Schaefer, and Josh Woodbridge.**

The Foundation thanks the following generous sponsors of the 2021 Charity Auction: **platinum sponsors Covington & Burling LLP; Crown Castle; and Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP; gold sponsors: AT&T Services, Inc.; Cahill, Gordon & Reindel LLP; Cooley LLP; Cox Enterprises; Consumer Technology Association (CTA); CTIA; Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; DISH; Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP; Hogan Lovells; Kelley Drye & Warren LLP; Somos, Inc.; Telecommunications Industry Association; T-Mobile; Wiley; and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP; and silver sponsors: Mintz; US Telecom – The Broadband Association; and WIA.**

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 almost \$373,000. The donors for this fiscal year are listed at the end of this report.

CONCLUSION – A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

What a year this has been! We extend our heartfelt appreciation to so many people this year for making sure the Foundation could continue its vital mission. First, we thank the FCBA membership and corporate donors whose generosity sustained the Foundation and made it possible to provide scholarship awards to deserving students. Next, we are extremely grateful to the FCBA's remarkable team – **Kerry Loughney, Janeen Wynn, Wendy Parish, and Elizabeth Hagerty**. The Foundation simply could not run without their support and hard work. This year has been a remarkable one and we are so grateful for their attention to detail and commitment to the mission. They go above and beyond to keep things moving graciously and consistently.

Both of us owe immense gratitude to this year's Board of Trustees for their commitment to promoting the programs of the Foundation. Without exception, each was dedicated to our fundraising, ongoing improvement of our online applications, evaluating and making our outreach to potential applicants more expansive, and serving as stewards of the funds entrusted to us. 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.

Each Trustee is elected by you, the members, for 3 years. Four Trustees are “graduating” this year: **Delara Derakhshani, Maureen Ohlhausen, Roger Sherman, and Edward “Smitty” Smith**. Each of these Trustees has played an instrumental role in running the College Scholarship, Law School Scholarship, and Law School Stipend/Internship programs over the last three years. We thank them for their leadership and dedication during their years on the Board.

We, along with Trustees **Mike Saperstein, Meagan Bolton, Avonne Bell, Rizwan Chowdry, Brenda Villanueva, and Rachel Wolkowitz** look forward to continuing our work on the Foundation this coming year. We also look forward to welcoming our newly elected members from among an exceptional set of candidates. Thanks to all the FCBA members who ran for election to the Board—we deeply appreciate your desire to be involved and it is a testament to the generosity of the FCBA community that we have an abundance of individuals that seek to join the Board each year. We hope you will stay involved with the Foundation and help us carry out the mission.

Thanks, too, to former FCBA President **Natalie Roisman**, whose ex-officio duties were invaluable to the Foundation. This year's FCBA President **Megan Anne Stull** prioritized collaboration between the Foundation and the FCBA; we are grateful for her leadership and look forward to working with her as our new ex-officio board member.

Again, thanks to you all, the FCBA members for your 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 help the Foundation reach its ambitious goals. It is very special to see how many FCBA members are willing to take time out to review scholarship applications or to interview applicants, as well as how many are willing to help persuade an employer to support a named scholarship or to make generous monetary contributions themselves. This year has served to underscore not only what a very special bar we have, but also how, together, we will ensure that the FCBA continues to positively impact our community.

Anisa Latif Green and Erin Griffith
Co-Chairs, 2021-2022

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)[®]
Cox Enterprises
CTIA
DLA Piper LLP
Fox Corporation
Google
Karen Kincaid: Sponsored by Wiley
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Lumen
Mark Van Bergh: Sponsored by Mark's
Family and Friends
NCTA – The Internet & Television
Association
T-Mobile US, Inc.
USTelecom – The Broadband
Association
Verizon
Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP
Young Lawyers and Charity Auction

BACHELORS OF BROADBAND

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

Jenner & Block LLP

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

Cooley Soda Fund

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)

TJ Atkinson
Robert E. Branson
Timothy J. Cooney
Christine M. Crowe
Seth A. Davidson
Scott D. Delacourt
Margaret A. Flinner
Kathleen A. Kirby
Elinor Kopmar
Adam D. Krinsky
Lynne Milne
Sarah Morgan
Barry J. Ohlson
Mark D. Schneider
Roger C. Sherman
Megan Anne Stull
Jennifer B. Tatel
Margaret L. Tobey
James Van Bergh
Ryan G. Wallach

EMERALD

(\$500 - \$999)

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(\$250 - \$499)

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Richard R. Zaragoza

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