

## 2022-2023 FCBA Foundation Annual Report

This Annual Report summarizes the activities of the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) Foundation during the recently completed 2022-2023 fiscal year.

### OVERVIEW

The FCBA Foundation, celebrating 32 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: **Erin Griffith (Co-Chair)**, **Avonne Bell (Co-Chair)**, **Rachel Wolkowitz (Treasurer)**, **Karen Sprung (Deputy Treasurer)**, **Rizwan Chowdhry (Secretary)**, **Meagan Bolton (Deputy Secretary)**, **Angela Ball**, **Anisa Green**, **David Grossman**, **Michael Saperstein**, **Dr. Nicol Turner Lee**, and **Brenda Villanueva**. **Megan Anne Stull** served as the FCBA Executive Committee's liaison to the Foundation Board of Trustees.

As of June 30, 2023, four Trustees completed their three-year terms on the Foundation Board: **Meagan Bolton**, **Anisa Green**, **Erin Griffith**, and **Mike Saperstein**. Four new members have been elected to serve three-year terms as Trustees, effective July 1, 2023: **Van Bloys**, **Kayla Gardner**, **Angela Kung**, and **Danielle Thumann**.

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**, **Erin Griffith**, **Karen Sprung**, and **Dr. Nicol Turner Lee**, 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. Our scholarship recipients this year came from 14 local public high schools: Basis DC, Bell Multicultural, Benjamin Banneker, Cardozo Education Campus, Duke Ellington, Dunbar, Eastern, E.L. Haynes, Jackson-Reed, McKinley Technology, School Without Walls, Theodore Roosevelt, Thurgood Marshall Academy, and Washington Latin. All 24 of the recipients will be provided with new laptop computers.

The Foundation thanks **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: **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); **Mark Van Bergh Fund sponsored by Mark's Family and Friends** (\$20,000); **NCTA – The Internet & Television Association** (\$10,000); **Qualcomm Incorporated** (\$10,000); **T-Mobile US, Inc.** (\$15,000); **USTelecom – The Broadband Association** (\$10,000); **Verizon** (\$20,000); **Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP** (\$12,000); **Wireless Infrastructure Association** (\$10,000); and **Young Lawyers and Charity Auction** (\$18,700).

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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, Anisa Green, David Grossman, and Brenda Villanueva**, the Foundation reviewed applications from students at law schools across the country. The Foundation awarded stipends ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 to 10 students who have accepted public service positions for the summer.

## LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation's law school scholarship committee, **Angela Ball, Avonne Bell, Meagan Bolton, and Mike Saperstein** 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 \$4,000 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, Eliya Bernstein, Ann Bobeck, Elizabeth Chernow, Marjorie Conner, Adam Copeland, Sara Crifasi, Emily Daniels, Justin Faulb, Nese Guendelsberger, Endeliza Hampton, Kathy Harvey, John Heflin, Diane Griffin Holland, John Hunter, Virgie Ingram, Christopher Koves, Adam Krinsky, Heidi Lankau, Caitlin League, Kasey McGee, Georgia McLean, Aimee Meacham, Joel Miller, Stephanie Minnock, Lynne Montgomery, Jake Nash,**

**Courtney Neville, Nicholas Page, Adam Peters, Lee Petro, Ronnie Raju, Tamber Ray, Morgan Reeds, Michelle Schaefer, Savannah Schaefer, Morgan Schick, Jennifer Schneider, Randy Sifers, Anjali Singh, Madeline Sorg, Megan Stull, Johanna Thomas, Danielle Thumann, Hannah Wigger, Erin Williams, and Richard Young.**

## 2022 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 3, 2022. Co-sponsored by the Foundation and the **FCBA Charity Auction Committee**, the auction raised over \$93,500 for the beneficiaries – **Inspired Child** and the **FCBA Foundation**.

Inspired Child's mission is to improve the quality of early childhood education for children ages birth to five living in Washington, DC's most economically disadvantaged communities through arts-based literacy programs. Funds raised through the FCBA Charity Auction will help Inspired Child expand its classroom residencies that support children's cognitive, physical, and social-emotional development, purchase the books that all children in its programs receive, and also support the launch later this year of its Inspired Child Teaching Artist Fellowship, which will support early career artists of color with a background in education to train as teaching artists.

The FCBA Foundation used proceeds from the Charity Auction to support its annual college scholarship program. The FCBA Foundation applied \$18,700 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, Annick Banoun, Tyler Bridegan, Noah Cherry, Christine Crowe, Crystal Evans, Bianca Glenn, Anisa Green, Jamile Kadre, Chris Laughlin, Sarah Leggin, Madi Lottenbach, Jonathan Mark, Kasey McGee, Kim Miller, Morgan Schick, Kiara Ortiz, Jaclyn Rosen, and Josh Woodbridge.**

The Foundation thanks the following generous sponsors of the 2022 Charity Auction: **platinum sponsors Covington & Burling LLP; Crown Castle; HWG LLP; and Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP; gold sponsors: AT&T Services, Inc.; Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP; Consumer Technology Association (CTA); Cooley LLP; Cox Enterprises; CTIA; Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; DLA Piper LLP (US); Hogan Lovells; Mintz; Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP; Somos, Inc.; TIA; T-Mobile; Wiley; and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP; and silver sponsors: DISH; US Telecom – The Broadband Association; Verizon; 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 \$320,000. The donors for this fiscal year are listed at the end of this report.

## CONCLUSION – A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

We are thrilled to have completed another successful round of FCBA Foundation programs that award scholarships and stipends to talented, deserving students both starting their college journeys and

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pursuing legal education. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many people that donated time and energy to make sure the Foundation was able to continue its vital mission this year. First, 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. Their continued attention to detail and commitment to the mission is invaluable. They go above and beyond, and words cannot fully express our appreciation.

Of course, we must extend acknowledgement and gratitude to this year's Board of Trustees for their commitment and hard work to ensuring the programs of the Foundation were executed effectively and efficiently. 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 a three-year term. Four Trustees are “graduating” this year: **Meagan Bolton, Anisa Green, Erin Griffith, and Michael Saperstein**. 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.

While one of the intrepid Co-Chairs will be rolling off, Co-Chair **Avonne Bell**, along with Trustees, **Rizwan Chowdry, Brenda Villanueva, Rachel Wolkowitz, Angela Ball, David Grossman, Dr. Nicol Turner Lee, and Karen Sprung** look forward continuing their work on the Foundation this coming year. We look forward to welcoming the 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.

Thanks, too, to former FCBA President **Megan Anne Stull**, whose ex-officio duties were invaluable to the Foundation this year. This year's FCBA President

**Barry Ohlson** prioritized collaboration between the Foundation and the FCBA and FCBA initiatives like the Diversity Pipeline Program, which is a program with interests and goals that align with those of the Foundation. We look forward to Barry's participation as an ex-officio member of the Foundation over the coming year.

We reiterate our sincere thanks to the FCBA membership for your continued support. 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 and it is impressive every time how many people raise their hands without reservation 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 was no exception and really 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 on our community.

**Erin Griffith and Avonne Bell**  
Co-Chairs, 2022-2023

## 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 Rein and Karen's Friends

Mark Van Bergh: Sponsored by Mark's Family and Friends  
NCTA – The Internet & Television Association  
Qualcomm Incorporated  
T-Mobile US, Inc.  
USTelecom – The Broadband Association  
Verizon  
Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP  
Wireless Infrastructure Association  
Young Lawyers and Charity Auction

### MASTERS OF MEDIA

(\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

### 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  
Wiley TMT

## 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)

Christine Crowe  
Seth Davidson  
Scott Delacourt  
Margaret Flinger  
Henry Gola  
Wayne Johnsen  
Elinor Kopmar  
Adam Krinsky  
Angela Kronenberg  
Sarah Morgan  
Barry Ohlson  
Jane Robinson  
Roger Sherman  
Jennifer Tatal  
James Van Bergh  
Josh Waldman

### EMERALD

(\$500 - \$999)

Megan Brown  
Edgar Class  
Timothy Cooney  
Yaron Dori

Anna Gomez  
Jack Goodman  
David Grossman  
Jennifer Hindin  
Diane Holland  
Kathleen Kirby  
Charla Rath  
Davina Sashkin  
Jennifer Schneider  
Rachel Wolkowitz

### PEARL

(\$250 - \$499)

Sara Baxenberg  
Robert Beizer  
Daniel Brooks  
Sally Buckman  
Jonathan Cohen  
Timothy Cooney  
Kurt DeSoto  
David Furth  
Patrick Halley  
Mitsuko Herrera  
Brian Higgins  
Charles Keller

Nancy Liebermann  
Madeleine Lottenbach  
Phillip Marchesiello  
Ari Meltzer  
Hap Rigby  
Craig & Carleen Russell  
Meredith Singer  
Laura Stefani  
Anne Swanson  
Rebecca Troth  
Bryan Tramont  
Joshua Turner

### RUBY

(\$100 - \$249)

Janet Barsy  
Utpal Kumar Bhattacharya  
John Burgett  
Megan Chavez  
Richard Engelman  
Jeffrey Gee  
Craig Gilmore  
Kara Graves  
Erin Griffith  
J.G. Harrington

Jeffrey Jacobs  
Randolph May  
Brian Murray  
Radhika Raju  
Eve Klindera Reed  
Blake Reid  
Christopher Reynolds  
Jessica Rosenthal  
Jacquelynn Ruff  
Kathleen Scott  
Thomas Sugrue  
Scott Tollefsen  
S. Jenell Trigg

### SAPPHIRE

(\$99 and below)

Stephen Conley  
Carol Gregoire  
Katherine Harris  
Daniel Kahn  
Maury Mechanick  
Evelyn Remaley  
Mark Rubin  
Jeffrey Steinberg  
Michele Walters