

## 2024-2025 FCBA Foundation Annual Report

This Annual Report summarizes the activities of the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) Foundation during the recently completed 2024-2025 fiscal year.

### OVERVIEW

The FCBA Foundation, celebrating 34 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 and other community service projects, particularly those directed towards children and students, through financial contributions and 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;
- 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: **Van Bloys (Co-Chair)**, **Karen Sprung (Co-Chair)**, **Danielle Thumann (Treasurer)**, **Angela Dais (Deputy Treasurer)**, **Jacqui Clary (Secretary)**, **Kristine Hackman (Deputy Secretary)**, **Angela Ball**, **Crystal Evans**, **David Grossman**, **Jamile Kadre**, **Angela Kung**, and **Dr. Nicol Turner Lee**. **Diane Holland** served as the FCBA Executive Committee's liaison to the Foundation Board of Trustees.

As of June 30, 2025, four Trustees completed their three-year terms on the Foundation Board: **Angela Ball**, **David Grossman**, **Karen Sprung**, and **Dr. Nicol Turner Lee**. Four new members have been elected to serve three-year terms as Trustees, effective July 1, 2025: **Traci Biswese**, **Pamela Gallant**, **Daudeline Meme**, and **Stephanie Power**.

Many of the Foundation's activities, including the scholarship and internship 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 **Stephanie Budaker**, Bookkeeper **Wendy Parish**, and Member Services Administrator **Elina Gross**, also provided invaluable support to the Foundation.

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Under the leadership of the Foundation's college scholarship committee, **Van Bloys**, **Jacqui Clary**, **Karen Sprung**, and **Nicol Turner Lee**, the Foundation reviewed applications from local public high school students. The scholarship recipients this year came from: Anacostia, Ballou, Bell Multicultural, Benjamin Banneker, Cardozo Education Campus, Columbia Heights Educational Campus, Duke Ellington, Dunbar, E.L. Haynes PCS, Eastern, IDEA PCS, Jackson-Reed, McKinley Technology, Paul PCS, Richard Wright PCS, School Without Walls, and Washington Leadership Academy PCS. All 22 of the recipients will be provided with new laptop computers.

The Foundation thanks **Comcast NBCUniversal** for sponsoring the production of the video, and a special thank you to **Crown Castle** for hosting and sponsoring the College Scholarship Program interviews this year.

Special thanks go to the following companies, law firms, and associations for endowing individual, named scholarships to high school students: **AT&T Services, Inc.** (\$15,000); **Comcast NBCUniversal** (\$15,000); **Cox Enterprises** (\$10,000); **CTIA** (\$10,000); **DLA Piper LLP** (\$20,000); **Entertainment Software Association** (\$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); **National Association of Broadcasters** (\$10,000); **NCTA – The Internet & Television Association** (\$10,000); **Qualcomm Incorporated** (\$10,000); **Somos, Inc.** (\$20,000); **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).

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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, **Angela Dais, Crystal Evans Greenberg, David Grossman, and Jamile Kadre**, the Foundation reviewed applications from students at law schools across the country. The Foundation awarded stipends ranging from \$500 to \$6,000 to six students who have accepted public service positions for the summer.

## LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation's law school scholarship committee, **Angela Ball, Kristine Hackman, Angela Kung, and Danielle Thumann**, 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 a total of \$20,000 in scholarships to seven law school students.

The Foundation also thanks the following volunteers for their time and talent reviewing college and law school scholarship/stipend applications and interviewing high school students: **Ashley Alvarado, Dennis Amari, Leslie Barnes, Avonne Bell, Logan Bennett, Madeline Sorg, Helen Marie Berg, Jeremy Berkowitz, Ann West Bobeck, Karina Bohorquez, Jessica Campbell, Tyra Carroll, Steve Conley, Peter Connolly, Adam Copeland, Tara Corvo, Matt Diaz, Justin Faulb, Chris Frascella, Pam Gallant, Jonathan Garvin, Charlene Goldfield, Anisa Green, Peter Gregory, David Grossman, Brett**

**Hallagan, K.C. Halm, Endeliza Hampton, Julian Harrison, Daniel Havivi, Ryan Johnston, Chris Koves, Adam Krinsky, Angie Kronenberg, Heidi Lankau, Serena Lau, Jaime McCoy, Kasey McGee, Aimee Meacham, Jennifer Mensah, John Eagle Miles, Karen Milne, Lynne Montgomery, John Nelson, Kimia Nikseresht, Molly O'Connor, Conor O'Donovan, Theresa Oliver, Nick Page, Lee Petro, Ronnie Raju, Dan Reing, Logan Samuels, Negheen Sanjar, Marina Sansom, Mike Saperstein, Michelle Schaefer, Morgan Schick, Jennifer Schneider, Iris Spero, Charlyn Stanberry, Kyle Stewart, Susan Stith, Shannon Sylvester, Johanna Thomas, Matthew Uvas, Cassie Vangellow, Brenda Villanueva, Michelle Weiner, Hannah Wigger, Erin Williams, Romanda Williams, and Rachel Wolkowitz.**

## 2024 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 October 23, 2024. Co-sponsored by the Foundation and the **FCBA Charity Auction Committee**, the auction raised over \$121,000 for the beneficiaries – the **Washington Jesuit Academy (WJA)** and the **FCBA Foundation**.

WJA plans to use the proceeds from this year's Auction to construct a new classroom and provide additional tuition awards and scholarships to students. These endeavors support WJA's mission to offer not only a rigorous educational experience but also provide social, emotional, and financial support for its students. WJA fosters a learning community extending beyond the traditional school day and striving to prepare students for future educational aspirations. 99% of its alumni graduate from high school, and 90% go on to college, trade school, or enter

the workforce, well above the national averages.

The FCBA Foundation used 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 **Kim Alli, Cait Barbas, Logan Bennett, Tyra Carroll, Steve Conley, Matt Diaz, Sophie Galleher, Anisa Green, Warren Kessler, Lauren Lerman, Andrew Longhi, Colleen McCroskey, Justin McCuen, Raymond Navarro, Kimia Nikseresht, Kiara Ortiz, Anthony Patrone, Sherry Ross, Negheen Sanjar, Graham Stevenson, Shannon Sylvester, Matt Uvas, Cassie Vangellow, and Stacy Weber.**

The Foundation thanks the following generous sponsors of the 2024 Charity Auction: **platinum sponsors Covington & Burling LLP; HWG LLP; Somos, Inc.; Wiley Rein LLP; Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP. gold sponsors: AT&T; Barnes and Thornburg LLP; Cooley LLP; CTIA; Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; DLA Piper; Entertainment Software Association; Mintz; T-Mobile; The Walt Disney Company; Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP and silver sponsors: Cox Enterprises; DISH Network; Fiber Broadband Association; Goldberg Godles Wiener & Wright LLP; Hogan Lovells; Iridium; NCTA–The Internet & Television Association; Verizon; Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA).**

## FUNDRAISING

Thanks to the continuing generosity of our individual members, law firms, companies, and associations, the FCBA Foundation's fundraising efforts continue to reach amazing levels each year. Thanks to the contributions of many, we've awarded over \$331,000! The donors for this fiscal year are listed at the end of this report.

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### CONCLUSION – A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

We just wrapped another successful year for the FCBA Foundation programs with a substantial amount of funding in the form of scholarships and stipends to be awarded to talented, promising students to help advance their college and law school journeys. We want to convey our sincere appreciation to the many people that continue to donate time and energy to make sure the Foundation is able to achieve its vital mission, this, and every year. First, the contributions of the FCBA membership and our donors, particularly our corporate donors, whose generosity of time and resources are critical to sustaining the Foundation and make it possible to provide the scholarship awards. Next, we are extremely grateful to the FCBA's remarkable team – **Kerry Loughney, Stephanie Budaker, Wendy Parish, and Elina Gross**. The Foundation simply could not run without the staff's 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 in ensuring the programs of the Foundation were executed effectively and efficiently. The Foundation has an ambitious agenda each year, which we could not accomplish without an engaged and devoted Board comprised of individuals willing to

volunteer their time and talents, over and above the demands of their day jobs and other personal commitments.

As we close our elections and welcome four new trustees to the Foundation board, we want to recognize those who are coming to the end of their three-year term. The four Trustees moving on from the trustee board this year are: **Angela Ball, David Grossman, Karen Sprung, and Nicol Turner-Lee**. 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 dedicated Co-Chairs will be rotating off the Board, Co-Chair **Van Bloys** will continue on with **Kristine Hackman**, who will serve as a Co-Chair beginning in the 2025-2026 term. Van and Kristine, along with Trustees **Jacqui Clary, Angela Dais, Crystal Evans Greenberg, Jamile Kadre, Angela Kung, and Danielle Thumann**, look forward to 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 **Diane Holland** for her insights and contributions as the ex-officio liaison

between the Executive Committee and Foundation this year. This year's FCBA President **Kathy Kirby** continued to emphasize the collaboration between the Foundation and the FCBA and FCBA initiatives like the TMT Pipeline Program, which is a program with interests and goals that align with those of the Foundation. The Board looks forward to Kathy'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 an incredibly special bar we have, but also how, together, we will ensure that the FCBA continues to positively impact our community. We continue to demonstrate why the DC Bar awarded the FCBA the distinction of 2023 Voluntary Bar of the Year. FCBA members step up and provide support whenever needed and we, on behalf of the Foundation and program awardees, celebrate and thank you for it.

**Van Bloys and Karen Sprung**  
Co-Chairs, 2024-2025

## 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 Services, Inc.  
Comcast NBCUniversal  
Cox Enterprises  
CTIA  
DLA Piper LLP (US)  
Entertainment Software Association  
Fox Corporation  
Google  
Karen Kincaid: Sponsored by Wiley  
Rein and Karen's Friends

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

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

Davis Wright Tremaine  
Latham & Watkins LLP  
Mintz  
Paul Hastings LLP  
WIA Foundation  
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

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

Jenner & Block 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)

Valerie Barrish  
Ann Bobeck  
Matt Botwin  
Mary Brannock  
Diana Courson  
Christine Crowe  
Seth and Diane Davidson  
Scott Delacourt  
Margaret Flinner  
Diane Holland  
Wayne Johnsen  
Elinor Kopmar  
Adam Krinsky  
Barry Ohlson  
Lisa M Russell  
Michael Senkowski  
The Mariana and Roger  
Sherman Charitable Trust  
Megan Stull

Jennifer Tatel  
James and Agnieszka Van  
Bergh  
Ryan Wallach

### EMERALD (\$500 - \$999)

Dennis Amari  
Timothy J Cooney  
Anna Gomez  
Kristin Jacobson  
Peter Karanjia  
Julie Kearney  
Patrick McFadden  
Charla M Rath  
Zachary Rosenbaum  
Karen Sprung  
Telecom, Media &  
Technology Group,  
Wiley Rein LLP  
Rachel Wolkowitz

### PEARL (\$250 - \$499)

American Tower Corporation  
Mitsuko Herrera  
Nancy Liebermann  
Phillip Marchesiello  
Jennifer Schneider  
John Scott  
C. Sean Spivey

### RUBY (\$100 - \$249)

Jim Blitz  
Van Bloys  
Christopher Bjornson  
David Furth  
Kara Graves  
J.G. Harrington  
Kathy Harris  
Michael Hazzard

Slate & Abbie Herman  
Rona Kohen  
Jennifer Kostyu  
Ronnie Raju  
Davina Sashkin  
Morgan Schick  
Dave Thomas  
Scott Tollefsen  
Stacy Weber

### SAPPHIRE (\$99 and below)

Utpal Bhattacharya  
Alexis Gurganious  
Patrick Halley  
Kerry Loughney  
Haran Rashes  
Kevin Rupy  
Jeffrey Steinberg  
K. Michele Walters