

2025-2026 FCBA Foundation Annual Report

This Annual Report summarizes the activities of the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) Foundation during the recently completed 2025-2026 fiscal year.

OVERVIEW

The FCBA Foundation, celebrating 35 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)**, **Kristine Hackman (Co-Chair)**, **Danielle Thumann (Treasurer)**, **Angela Dais (Deputy Treasurer)**, **Pamela Gallant (Secretary)**, **Jacqui Clary (Deputy Secretary)**, **Traci Biswese**, **Crystal Evans Greenberg**, **Jamile Kadre**, **Angela Kung**, **Daudeline Meme**, and **Stephanie Power**. **Kathleen Kirby** served as the FCBA Executive Committee's liaison to the Foundation Board of Trustees.

As of June 30, 2026, four Trustees completed their three-year terms on the Foundation Board: **Van Bloys**, **Jamile Kadre**, **Angela Kung**, and **Danielle Thumann**. Four new members have been elected to serve three-year terms as Trustees, effective July 1, 2026: **Heather Hendrickson**, **Carolyn Mahoney**, **Kimia Nikseresht**, and **Stephanie Weiner**.

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**, **Traci Biswese**, **Jacqui Clary**, and **Pamela Gallant**, the Foundation reviewed over 100 applications from local high school students. Our scholarship recipients this year came from 12 public high schools: BASIS, Bell Multicultural, Benjamin Banneker, D.C. International School, Duke Ellington, Eastern, Jackson-Reed, MacArthur, McKinley Technology, Richard Wright PCS, Ron Brown College Preparatory, and School Without Walls. All 18 of the recipients were 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** (\$10,000); **Cox Enterprises** (\$10,000); **CTIA** (\$10,000); **DLA Piper LLP** (\$20,000); **Fox Corporation** (\$20,000); **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); **USTelecom – The Broadband Association** (\$10,000); **Verizon** (\$15,000); **Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP** (\$13,000); 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.

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INTERNSHIP STIPEND PROGRAM

Under the leadership of the Foundation's internship committee, **Angela Dais**, **Crystal Evans Greenberg**, **Jamile Kadre**, and **Daudeline Meme**, the Foundation reviewed applications from students at law schools across the country. The Foundation awarded stipends ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,500 to seven students who have accepted public service positions for the summer.

LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation's law school scholarship committee, **Kristine Hackman**, **Angela Kung**, **Stephanie Power**, 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 TMT law and public service. The Foundation 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**, **Avonne Bell**, **Ann Bobeck**, **Karina Bohorquez**, **Xelef Botan**, **Rich Boyd**, **Jessica Campbell**, **Jon Cohen**, **Peter Connolly**, **Tara Corvo**, **Jamie Dancer**, **Alexandrine De Bianchi**, **Lianna Dumeng**, **Saleshia Ellis**, **Justin Faulb**, **Jon Garvin**, **Anisa Green**, **Peter Gregory**, **Erin Griffith**, **Brett Hallagan**, **Daniel Havivi**, **Lisa Higginbotham**, **Lisa Hone**, **Amanda Jesteadt**, **Chris Koves**, **Angie Kronenberg**, **Heidi Lankau**, **Serena Lau**, **Vanessa Lemme**, **Matt McCormick**, **Jaime McCoy**, **Kasey McGee**, **Jennifer Mensah**, **John Miles**, **Kris Monteith**, **Evan Morris**, **Megan Mullin**, **Kimia Nikseresht**, **Molly O'Connor**, **Conor O'Donovan**, **Brandon**

Padgett, **Nick Page**, **Lee Petro**, **Dan Reing**, **Stephanie Rigizadeh**, **Logan Samuels**, **Negheen Sanjar**, **Marina Sansom**, **Michelle Schaefer**, **Madeline Sorg**, **Iris Spero**, **Karen Sprung**, **Daniel Stepanicich**, **Kyle Stewart**, **Megan Stull**, **Johanna Thomas**, **Matthew Uvas**, and **Brenda Villanueva**.

2026 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 30, 2025. Co-sponsored by the Foundation and the **FCBA Charity Auction Committee**, the auction raised over \$92,000 for the beneficiaries – **Pathways to Housing DC** and the **FCBA Foundation**.

With proceeds from the FCBA Charity Auction, **Pathways to Housing DC** will expand its targeted programming for Transition Age Youth (18–24) experiencing homelessness, reaching nearly 400 young people during the grant period. Auction proceeds will help bridge critical gaps in academic, vocational, and basic-needs resources by funding GED materials, tutoring, college and vocational application support, and essential school supplies. The funds will also strengthen career pathways through coaching, interview attire, leadership development, and financial literacy education. Additionally, contributions will increase youth access to technology, such as cell phones, chargers, and computers and provide vital necessities including culturally responsive hygiene products, transportation assistance, food support, and community-building activities. Together, these investments will help **Pathways** deliver comprehensive support

that empowers youth to pursue stability, education, and long-term success.

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**, **Steve Conley**, **Matt Diaz**, **Sophie Galleher**, **B'anca Glenn**, **Anisa Green**, **Peter Gregory**, **Brett Halligan**, **Warren Kessler**, **Lauren Lerman**, **Andrew Longhi**, **Jaime McCoy**, **Colleen McCroskey**, **Justin McCuen**, **Kimia Nikseresht**, **Conor O'Donovan**, **Kiara Ortiz**, **Anthony Patrone**, **Sherry Ross**, **Negheen Sanjar**, **Shannon Sylvester**, **Graham Stevenson**, **Matt Uvas**, **Cassie Vangellow**, and **Stacey Weber**.

The Foundation thanks the following generous sponsors of the 2025 Charity Auction: **Platinum sponsors Covington & Burling LLP; HWG LLP; Somos, Inc.; Wiley Rein LLP; Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP. Gold sponsors: AT&T; Cahill; DLA Piper; Mintz; Paul Hastings; Southern Linc; T-Mobile; Verizon; Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP and Silver sponsors: American Tower Corporation; Cooley LLP; Cox Enterprises; CTIA; Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; EchoStar Corporation; Hogan Lovells; Lerman Senter PLLC; Wilson Sonsini.**

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 nearly \$290,000! 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 who continue to donate time and energy to make sure the Foundation can 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: **Van Bloys, Jamile Kadre, Angela Kung, and Danielle Thumann**. 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 **Kristine Hackman**, along with Trustees **Traci Biswese, Jacqui Clary, Angela Dais, Pam Gallant, Crystal Evans Greenberg, Daudeline Meme, and Stephanie Power**, look forward to continuing their work on the Foundation this coming year. We look forward to welcoming the newly elected members from 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 **Kathy Kirby** for her insights and contributions as the ex-officio liaison

between the Executive Committee and Foundation this year. This year's FCBA President **Matt DelNero** 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 Matt'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 Kristine Hackman
Co-Chairs, 2025-2026

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

Cox Enterprises

CTIA

DLA Piper LLP (US)

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Karen Kincaid: Sponsored by Wiley Rein
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National Association of Broadcasters

NCTA – The Internet & Television Association

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USTelecom – The Broadband Association

Verizon

Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

Young Lawyers and Charity Auction

MASTERS OF MEDIA

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

Davis Wright Tremaine

HWG LLP

Mintz

BACHELORS OF BROADBAND

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

The Colinvault Zamore Family

Crown Castle

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Gems

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)

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 Angela F. Collins
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(\$250 - \$499)

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