



## 2021 Scholarship Recipients

**Owen E. Hodgson Scholarship**  
Diana Geist  
Rosie Ginn

**Class of 1940 Scholarship**  
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**Class of 1933 Scholarship**  
Emily Redding

**Reuben Montoy Scholarship**  
Lauren Davison  
Rosie Ginn

**Miss N. Scholarship**  
Rebekah Franklin

**Judy Wright Scholarship**  
Autumn Dunshie

**Loan T. Nguyen Scholarship**  
Andrew Lagerman

**James and Helen Maupin Scholarship**  
Madalyn Crow

**Millennium Scholarship**  
Devina Madera

## 2021 LIFT Recipients (LOAN INITIATIVE FOR FUTURE TEACHERS)

Salina Education Foundation is delighted to announce the LIFT Recipients for 2021. The LIFT program awards up to \$5,000 in forgivable loans for each year a student is working towards a teaching degree. For each year the recipient teaches in a USD 305 school, \$5,000 of the loan is forgiven. This program is funded by the past and current generosity of people in our community and helps us grow our own teachers!

### Lexi Doherty –

Lexi will graduate from Salina South High School this May. She will major in Elementary Education at Kansas State University beginning in the fall. Lexi shared the following in her application and interview, “As a three year old, I knew my dream was to be a teacher. I used my dad’s shed as a classroom and used to teach my parents, my dogs and pretend students what I’d learned earlier in the day at preschool.”



### Melissa Gates –

Melissa is a graduate of Tescott High School and Kansas State University. She will complete her teacher education from Fort Hays State University beginning



in the summer of 2021. Melissa currently works at Salina South High as the JAG Coordinator and previously worked for six years as a paraprofessional. Melissa shared in her interview, “I feel that helping to guide young people through their personal challenges in life is what I was meant to do; and I pride myself on building relationships with all of my students.”

### Reagan Stein –

Reagan will graduate from Salina Central High School this May. She will major in Secondary Education at the University of Kansas beginning in the fall. Reagan shared in her application essay, “In the 8th grade I had a teacher who completely changed my outlook on math, that is when I decided I wanted to be a teacher. I want to give kids the opportunities they need to succeed and find themselves.”



## From The Director

It is spring time and things are blooming all around us. Spring is all about beginnings and looking forward to what is next. Each scholarship, grant and LIFT loan featured in this



edition marks the beginning of something great. This edition of our newsletter also celebrates our Business Partners. When you support our Business Partners, you support Salina's Public School students. Our Business Partners give generously to help fund the featured grant programs and make great things happen for our school children.

LIFT awards and scholarships mean that students are moving forward in their lives. The recipients are advancing their education so that they may continue to learn and make a bigger impact in our community. Grant recipients are committed to trying something new and providing enhanced learning opportunity for students. Preparing for what is to come is like planting seeds and sprinkling them with water. Your generosity is the seed for all of these new beginnings. Your continued support is the sprinkling of water that helps germinate the seeds and keeps things growing. You make an important difference for Salina's school children. Thank you!

### Thank You!

Your support creates opportunities and memories that last forever!



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2021 **MATCH MADNE\$\$** 100th Anniversary

## 2021 Teacher Scholarship Recipients

**Mary and A. Jay Andersen  
Teacher Scholarship**  
Kerry Ingram



**Pam McIntyre  
Teacher Scholarship**  
Orlando Carmona



**NEA Salina Educator Scholarship**  
Tina Donnelly, Secondary Teacher  
April Nelson, Elementary Teacher



**Jett Family  
Excellence in Teaching Award**  
Elizabeth Burke



**Miss N. Teacher  
Scholarship**  
Sheryl Hedlund



**Nancy Whitehair Ribble  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Jayson Emig



## The Lenkiewicz Teacher Scholarship

The family of Len Lenkiewicz has established the Lenkiewicz Teacher scholarship to honor the late Len Lenkiewicz, who taught in USD 305 for 30 years. During his tenure Len taught history at Roosevelt-Lincoln Junior High. Throughout his career Len coached a variety of sports including football, track and field, and softball. The Lenkiewicz Teacher scholarship will be awarded to a current USD 305

teacher to further his or her education in either a master's program or continuing education hours. The scholarship was created to honor a man who didn't view teaching as a job, but as a way to share his love of history with others.

To donate to this, or any scholarship, or to create your own, please contact the Salina Education Foundation.

# Salina Education Foundation Grants for 2021-2022

Salina Education Foundation's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce \$28,000 in grants for the next school year. Your generosity brings these project-based initiatives to fruition. Your gifts create opportunities for students to be active and engaged in taking deeper dives into content while developing critical problem solving skills. Because of you, students have enhanced opportunities to work collaboratively, discuss ideas and express their creativity. Thank you for making these project happen.

## Outside-the-Box Grants

**Reward creativity aimed at expanding students' understanding of their community and the world.**

### Recipients:

#### Gina Turner, Meadowlark Ridge

Students who read a required number of books will travel to Emporia to meet the authors who win the William Allen White Children's Book Award. While in Emporia, students will visit the White home (Red Rocks), see the Emporia Gazette, which White owned, and visit Peter Pan Park, the land White donated to the city of Emporia.

#### Elizabeth Burke, South High School

High School students who participate in Book Club receive their own copy of each book being discussed. Students then lead a discussion about the book, engage in activities such as magnetic poetry, civil discourse, and field trips to expand upon the themes in the books they read.

## 21st Century Advantage Grants

**Support creative and innovative classroom projects.**

### Recipients:

#### Eddie Creer, South High School

Students in Mr. Creer's music classes will utilize "Musicfirst" software through any electronic device which connects to the internet. "Musicfirst" consists of three components: Sightreading Factory, PracticeFirst, and Classroom, which give students immediate feedback and allows the teacher to upload content relevant to classroom work.

#### Michelle Ramsey, Cottonwood

Each third grade classroom will receive a set of pre-made manipulative kits designed to allow students to discover and engineer. Bins include task cards and a teacher guide which encourages students to create structures, problem solve and think divergently to accomplish tasks.

#### Lisa Hall, Meadowlark Ridge

Instructional materials will be provided to support instruction in phonological awareness, language comprehension, decoding and phonemic awareness. Reading is a cornerstone skill. These tools are utilized to implement early interventions to prevent dyslexia and reduce some special education placements.

#### Margy Hogarty, Meadowlark Ridge

Instructional materials will be provided to ignite student's imagination and creativity while fostering technology, science,

engineering and math skills in early elementary grades. Students will become lifelong problem solvers and increase their analysis skills. Students will report on projects and describe their problem solving strategies.

#### Karla Arpin & Lisa Ochs, CKCIE

Physical Therapy Department staff will purchase vertical stander conversion kits to assist students who cannot stand on their own or walk independently. Students will utilize the equipment to gain control of their own mobility in an upright position and develop the freedom to move about their learning environments independently.

#### Shelly Parks, CKCIE

Preschool-aged students will receive puzzles to utilize upon arrival in their classrooms each day. Puzzles allow the children to utilize their innate curiosity and desire to work independently and achieve success.

#### Samantha Moran, CKCIE

The Assistive Technology Department will purchase a 3D printer to design and create adaptive and modified learning aids to benefit students with unique physical needs.

#### Elementary School Libraries

Each elementary school library in the district will receive \$400 to purchase new books for students to check out and enjoy in their free time.

#### Secondary School STUCOs

Each secondary school's STUCO will receive a \$400 grant to fund student activities.

## Match Madness

Thank you! You helped raise \$4,228 for our endowed fund at the Greater Salina Community Foundation. Matching funds make great things happen today, while our endowment impacts school children's lives FOREVER! Thank you!



Salina Education Foundation trustee Jeff Norris helped raise an additional \$80 by shooting free throws.

## Our Mission

*To promote and support educational excellence by providing resources to enhance opportunities for the students and staff of Salina's public schools.*

As part of this mission, the trustees of the Salina Education Foundation:

Manage and grow endowment funds, grants, and gifts for specific schools, programs, and scholarships

Award grants to teachers seeking to enhance instruction

Identify and support, through forgivable loans, outstanding Saline County residents seeking to become teachers in USD 305

Build community awareness and support of the Salina Education Foundation

## Our Vision

*Uniting the community to support excellent public schools*

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