

Scholarship Committee Year End Report

April 1, 2017

Teri Wiechart, Chair

Richard Emch, Member

Cheryl Johnson, Member

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Committee Activities

1. Updated Scholarship Policies with Richard Emch. Approved at August Retreat.
2. Updated Scholarship descriptions and forms. August, 2016
3. Advertised scholarships via various social media. September-November, 2016
4. Accepted applications via JotForm online. September-November, 2016
5. Communicated with applicants regarding completeness of applications. November, 2016
6. Presented completed applications to committee for approval.
7. Presented approved applications to OFLA Board at January Meeting.
8. Notified winners and losers, January 9, 2017.
9. Communicated with Conference Scholarship winners as to expectations and responsibilities.
10. Prepared and presented a conference session for first-time attendees and scholarship winners.
11. Updated policies for CAMP OFLA with Richard Emch. Approved at February Board Meeting.
12. Prepared online scholarship application and recommendation forms for CAMP OFLA. February, 2017
13. Accepted and reviewed scholarship applications for CAMP OFLA. March-April, 2017

NEW TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: (for \$300 each)

Arbogast, Angela	Edison High School
Carrasquillo, Ashlyann	Arts & College Preparatory Academy
Davis, Amelia	Eastern Local School District
Fencil, Marc	Marysville Early College High School
Forgie, Ashley	Bay High School
Hunt, Leah	Sycamore High School
Kryc, Valerie	Oberlin High School/Langston Middle School
Murphy, Megan	Valley Forge High School
Robbins, Lauren	Delaware City Schools
Starczak, Nathalie	Horizon Science Academy, Cincinnati
Thomas, Julia	Prospect Elementary, Oberlin
Vandersommers, Julie	Roswell Kent
Ward, Marcy	Central College Christian Academy

UNIVERSITY STUDENT CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS WINNERS: (for \$300)

Anthony, Tyler	Bowling Green State University
Armstrong, Rosa	Ohio University
Bishop, Blair	Bowling Green State University
Blasy, Debralynn	Wright State University
Campbell, Brooke	Ohio University (Withdrawn due to schedule conflict.)
Frank, Nicholas	Bowling Green State University
Lamoureux, Sarah	Wright State University
Langsdon, Hannah	Miami University
Misra, Michelle	Wright State University
Schmitz, Jaclyn	Wright State University
Schneider, Hanna	Ohio University
Seigley, Klaryssa	Ohio University
Shirley, Katherine	Miami University
Smith, Kirsten	Wright State University

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP:

Fraulini, Maria	Xavier University	(\$1000)
Peru Study Abroad Program: Service, Solidarity, Sustainability		

OFLA TEACHER GRANT:

Blackmore, Meredith Sycamore Schools (\$400)

I am requesting an OFLA Grant in order to create bilingual biographical booklets of undocumented, Spanish-speaking immigrants in our community. The booklets will be the result of a collaboration between upper level Spanish and photography students, working with the immigrants. This project will also be the culmination of a year-long study of undocumented immigration from Latin America to the United States, as well as an effort to help build real-life connections between my students and others in our community they might not otherwise interact with. Following is a description of the year-long vision.

*I am currently a candidate for the National Boards for Professional Teaching Standards. As part of this process, I am tasked with building real-life connections for my students with our community. To begin this process, last year I wrote a grant proposal from the National Education Association (NEA) for \$5,000 to bring a Pulitzer Prize winning speaker, Sonia Nazario, to Sycamore High School. Our Spanish students read her book, *La Travesía de Enrique (Enrique's Journey)*, which documents the true story of the odyssey of a boy from Honduras who rode on the tops of freight trains to reunite with his mother in the US. To help cover costs, I partnered with Miami University. The grant was awarded and Ms. Nazario spoke at our high school on September 22, 2016. It was a wonderful event for our students, as well as other area high schools that were invited to attend.*

To deepen the impact of her presentation and immerse our students in this topic here in Cincinnati, I will be pairing advanced Spanish students with advanced photography students (Ms. Nazario had a photographer with her when she herself rode on the trains, in order to help convey the story). I have made contacts with a local organization, Su Casa, where the students will be paired with undocumented immigrants from Latin America who are currently living in Cincinnati.

CEMANAHUAC EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP (chosen by the OFLA committee, but administered and awarded by the Cemanahuac Community.

Bils, Tina Cory-Rawson High School

CAMP OFLA Scholarships are still pending at the time of this report. To date there are 6 completed applications and 3 pending applications. Deadline was March 31.

Respectfully Submitted

Teri Wiechart