Repaid in Full: Miles Walz-Salvador

Congratulations to Miles Walz-Salvador for reaching the milestone of repaying his Scholarship Foundation loan!

In 2013, Miles began working in private environmental consulting. For several years he was with Trileaf in St. Louis, where his role culminated as Senior Project Scientist: Wetland Ecologist and Migratory Bird Specialist. Currently, Miles is Nationwide NEPA Manager, Biologist, and Tribal Consultation Coordinator with Lotis Engineering Group, of Columbia, Missouri. Among his many duties, he is pleased to be representing the firm in surveying for threatened and endangered bat species throughout the United States using hands-on and acoustic monitoring techniques.

Miles grew up in south city. His mother helped him develop his intense interest in the sciences at an early age. That interest has fueled him, providing both livelihood and fulfillment. In the process, he has repaid his interest-free loan in full and on time, making room for the next generations of students to pursue their own passions.

“These interest-free loans made it possible for me to attend college without having to obtain a full-time job. I am 100% positive that I wouldn’t have been as productive or successful if it weren’t for the funds given.”

Miles Walz-Salvador, Class of 2011
Forestry
Fisheries & Wildlife
University of Missouri–Columbia
Remarkable growth in recent years has kept The Scholarship Foundation laser-focused on students. During the 2018-2019 academic year, students have more scholarship and paid internship opportunities than ever before, as new programs have been added and existing programs have expanded. Foundation programs offer students interest-free loans, scholarship grants, paid internships, advising, and policy advocacy experiences. Deep and broad community support has enabled the creation and expansion of the following programs.

Ava’s Grace Scholarship Program
Founded independently in 2010 by Stephanie Regagnon whose mother was imprisoned in 2007, Ava’s Grace was developed with advice and support from The Scholarship Foundation staff. Ava’s Grace Scholarship Program provides scholarships to youth who have (or have had) an incarcerated parent or guardian. In 2018, Ava’s Grace became a program of The Scholarship Foundation and awarded its 40th student with a renewable $5,000 scholarship. From initially funding two new students annually, the program has grown to now fund eight new students each year, in addition to providing scholarships to renewing students. This scholarship is available to students from throughout the state of Missouri and the eight metro east counties of Illinois. In 2020, as The Scholarship Foundation celebrates 100 years of service to the community, Ava’s Grace Scholarship will mark 10 years of service as well.

BJC Scholars Fund
In its second year, the BJC Scholars Fund will support 27 new and renewing students during 2018-2019 from areas surrounding BJC HealthCare’s hospitals in Missouri and Illinois. At full implementation, the BJC Scholars Fund will support 50-60 students annually through this partnership between BJC and The Scholarship Foundation. In addition to this renewable scholarship of $10,000 annually, students are invited to apply for paid internships with BJC. The creation of this program was a response to community needs identified by the work of Dr. Jason Purnell in For the Sake of All and by the calls to action of the Ferguson Commission. At its heart, this scholarship addresses racial and economic equity through the gift of educational opportunity.
Centennial Collaboration Scholarship
Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis will be able to provide up to $1.2 million in scholarship grants annually through the Centennial Collaboration Scholarship Program. This program significantly expands the scope of a scholarship that was initiated in 2014 to improve the lives of young people, contribute to regional efforts to boost degree completion in order to boost workforce talent, and create significant change in educational outcomes for students with financial need.

For 2018-2019, the program expanded from 30 students to 70. In subsequent years, up to 100 students who are active participants in programs at selected collaborating youth development organizations will receive grants of up to $12,000 per academic year, which may be renewed for up to 10 semesters. Designated partner organizations, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri, College Bound, and Wyman Teen Leadership Program, provide robust college and career support to their participants. Students awarded scholarship grants will also receive ongoing advising and support from Scholarship Foundation student advisors and are eligible to apply for interest-free loans, paid internships, and other grant opportunities through the Foundation.

Deaconess Nursing Fellowship
The Deaconess Nursing Scholarship Program is a collaboration between The Scholarship Foundation, The St. Louis American Foundation, and Deaconess Foundation, which initiated and provides funding for the program. The Deaconess Nursing Scholarship supports 10-12 nursing students annually with renewable grants up to $10,000 each. The Scholarship Foundation has partnered with Deaconess Foundation to administer this scholarship program since 2008, supporting 65 students since its inception. This year, the program has been expanded to include a fellowship model that pairs the scholarship with the opportunity for students to participate in paid internships focusing on policies and systems change. Selected interns will join an annual leadership development program, along with The Scholarship Foundation’s Education Policy Interns and the Equifax Finance Fellows to learn about identity, systems, policy, and advocacy. They will develop skills in research, storytelling, writing, public speaking, and organizing.

Equifax Finance Fellowship
Through a $400,000 gift commitment from Equifax, The Scholarship Foundation created a new five-year finance fellowship program which will award $60,000 annually in scholarship grants and $20,000 annually in paid internships to Foundation students studying business management, economics, and finance. The Equifax Finance Fellowship will seek to increase financial literacy, enhance economic empowerment by developing scholars who have direct experience as affected individuals, and ultimately inform and transform the finance industry to become more responsive and equitable to the growing proportion of consumers without intergenerational wealth. The fellowship supports students’ academic study through renewable scholarship grants of up to $10,000 per student for college expenses. The fellowship will also provide paid internships, in which individuals will strengthen and apply research skills, prepare pilot demonstrations of curriculum and other interventions to strengthen financial literacy among affected youth, and design plans for dissemination of learning and models for replication.

Prior related Equifax grants supported The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis and nonprofit partners in creating community-based paid internships. Finance-related internships were offered in partnership with Prosperity Connection, Kingdom House, and KIPP to develop and pilot a financial literacy and capability curriculum designed by and for youth and young adults.
Expanded Student Advising Services

The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis is pleased to announce expansion of student advising services, thanks to the support of generous donors who recognize the value of good counsel toward good decision-making among students seeking higher education. Knowing how to apply for admissions and financial aid, find colleges that fit academically and financially, and navigate all the forms and deadlines are not simple tasks. Advisors tailor support to students’ circumstances and remain in contact as needed to and through college.

Existing advising staff have had opportunities to intensify work with certain student populations. Generous support from BJC HealthCare has intensified outreach in the areas surrounding BJC hospitals in Missouri and Illinois. An ongoing financial commitment from the anonymous funder of the Centennial Collaboration Scholarship has resulted in devoting existing advising staff time specifically to participants in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri (BBBSEMO), College Bound, and Wyman Teen Leadership Program.

Thanks to generous support from the Ann and Paul Arenberg Family and the Jefferson Foundation, The Scholarship Foundation also expanded by adding two part-time Student Advisors. Amanda Samuels joined the Foundation as the Jefferson County Student Advisor, supporting students on the path to college. The new position will allow for expanded support for students in Jefferson County. In addition to continuing work with existing partner schools (Grandview, Hillsboro, and Northwest), Amanda will build new relationships with four high schools in adjoining school districts.

The Scholarship Foundation assisted Amanda with interest-free loans for her bachelor’s and first master’s degrees. She also previously worked for the Foundation as a Student Advocate and evaluated students’ renewal applications. She is currently completing a master’s in counseling at Lindenwood University and will graduate in August 2019.

Robert Sagastume joined the Foundation as Student Advisor for the Arenberg Partner Fund Advising Program, working exclusively with seniors engaged through five partner programs: Beyond Housing, Epworth Children and Family Services, Kingdom House, De La Salle, Inc., and Marian Middle School. Robert brings a wealth of personal and professional experience to the position, as well as tremendous passion and excitement. Robert will graduate in December with his MSW from Washington University’s Brown School of Social Work. His past professional experience includes advocacy work with Kansas Missouri Dream Alliance (KSMODA) and practicum work with Kingdom House. Robert’s interests in program and service delivery and in public policy are well aligned with the work of The Scholarship Foundation.

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2018-2019 Advising Partner Sites*

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College Bound

Robert Elam, Advisor
College Bound

Felipe Martinez, Advisor
College Bound

Robert Sagastume, Advisor
College Bound

Amanda Samuels, Advisor
College Bound

Teresa Stock Steinkamp, Advisor
College Bound

*Five additional sites are still pending
Diego Piña: Matching Degree with Experience

When Diego Piña graduated from Pattonville High School in 2015, he knew just what he would do next. He would attend University of Missouri–St. Louis (UMSL) and become an engineer. During the summer that followed, Diego learned that policies put in place by the Missouri Legislature would make UMSL very expensive for him. No matter how many hours he and his parents worked, it did not seem possible to raise the necessary funds. Diego, supported by Immigrant Student Advisor Felipe Martínez, began researching other options. With Scholarship Foundation financial support, Diego was able to afford to attend Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE). Even better, he learned that the facilities and program at SIUE would better match his interests.

Diego has been a great student and is actively engaged in the university. He served as president of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers at SIUE. Last fall, he and vice president Rony Reyes (also a graduate of Pattonville High School and a 2017-2018 Scholarship Foundation policy intern) attended an annual career event, Ameren Power Hour.

At that event, Diego learned of a very competitive co-op position with Ameren Illinois. He submitted a résumé, spent an entire day learning about Ameren, networked with representatives of multiple departments, and completed an online application for the position. Later he was interviewed by two engineering managers at a plant in Peoria, Illinois. Diego was then told he was the top candidate for the job out of all those who had interviewed. Diego has been working at the plant since May and will continue through December 2018 before completing his senior year.

Diego is working as a mechanical engineer at the Peoria Ameren gas plant. In this position, Diego assists with design, project management, and facility operation and maintenance. He is learning a great deal about safety, reliability, and cost effectiveness. His projects are within the plant and in the field within the gas transmission system, working with contract bidders, compliance regulators, and department leadership. A recent text message Diego sent to Immigrant Student Advisor Felipe Martínez was bursting with justifiable pride, “Today I started work on the biggest propane to gas conversion project in the state of Illinois at Ameren.”

Reflecting on the opportunity, Diego says, “I am very excited to be able to do this because this is exactly my field of study. I will gain a massive amount of knowledge that can’t be gained in the classroom. I will be working with real-world engineers and learning from them.” Diego also expects this experience will further motivate him to graduate and get out into the work world. The world could not ask for more from a recent graduate than Diego has already demonstrated. When Diego Piña graduated from Pattonville High School in 2015, he knew just what he would do next. He would attend University of Missouri–St. Louis (UMSL) and become an engineer. During the summer that followed, Diego learned that policies put in place by the Missouri Legislature would make UMSL very expensive for him. No matter how many hours he and his parents worked, it did not seem possible to raise the necessary funds. Diego, supported by Immigrant Student Advisor Felipe Martínez, began researching other options. With Scholarship Foundation financial support, Diego was able to afford to attend Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE). Even better, he learned that the facilities and program at SIUE would better match his interests.

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Diego Piña, Class of 2019
Engineering
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

New Contributors
The Foundation is grateful for the following first-time gifts received through the annual giving campaign, gifts to Bravo Fund, major gifts to Designated Scholar Loans, and gifts given for special projects from September 16, 2017–June 30, 2018.

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Dr. Marita Malone had spent several years trying to resolve matters involving her estate when she saw an article about an anonymous donor having created a major new scholarship with The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis. That article inspired her to research The Scholarship Foundation and set up a meeting to discuss her vision for a scholarship program to be created through her trust.

What she learned in that meeting inspired her confidence. Dr. Malone has established a trust that will create a very generous fund for full scholarships (covering tuition, room, board, and incidentals) for students of color from the City of St. Louis. The scholarship will be awarded to students who meet the Foundation’s selection criteria, attend a school at least 135 miles away from St. Louis, and live in university housing while they are in school. All these stipulations are responsive to Dr. Malone’s view that students will be best able to focus on their studies and succeed in their goals if they are fully supported financially and able to be fully immersed in the college experience.

Marita Malone was born in Germany and spent the first years of her life in an orphanage after the end of World War II. She was adopted by a family from Ferguson, Missouri and came to the United States at the age of four. Dr. Malone is an accomplished author, having described her experiences in a memoir entitled *My Mother, My Daughter*. Dr. Malone explains that she understands first-hand the power of education, having received a scholarship that allowed her to progress in her studies. Her work in criminal justice and her teaching at the postsecondary level have made her well familiar with the challenges young people face navigating their way beyond high school.

Dr. Malone is a retired Special Agent and Supervisory Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After her retirement from the FBI, she was a lecturer at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and University of Virginia–Charlottesville and an assistant professor at Saint Louis University.

At the close of her meeting with Scholarship Foundation staff, Dr. Malone decided it might be useful to select the first scholar this year, so that the concepts underlying this scholarship could be tested and improved with her involvement and during her lifetime. She has committed to fund four years in a scholarship for one student from the City of St. Louis. The scholarship, in addition to any other grant aid the student is awarded from state and federal sources, will be “full ride.” The legacy of Dr. Malone and the opportunities provided will translate “full ride” as an opportunity to work hard and learn much, certainly not just a coast to the finish.

The Scholarship Foundation extends deep gratitude to Dr. Marita Malone for her creativity and trust. What a remarkable gift!

**The First Marita Malone Scholar**

Chloe Cherry was selected as the first Marita Malone Scholar. Chloe graduated high school in May 2018 with high honors from the Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience, a St. Louis Public School. Chloe is passionate about learning and has decided to major in cognitive and behavioral neuroscience (with a minor within the field of social science) at Villanova University. Chloe’s interest in neuroscience and psychology stem from her belief that “our society is ultimately built and maintained by a collective consciousness that all begins with the brain.” With this in mind, she plans to impact society by pursuing a career in mental health. Chloe believes that psychology is the gateway for uplifting marginalized communities. Using multiple mediums, she hopes to inspire and empower.

Chloe says, “A higher education means more to me than just an opportunity for a career. It is the chance to positively impact my community and family for generations to come.”
On Dreaming: The Pratter Family Designated Scholar Loan

Solomon Booke is a family hero. He made it his personal mission to save his sister’s family from the pogroms which were sweeping Poland after World War I. After fleeing to Scotland, he made his way to the United States and settled in Buffalo, New York. Solomon wrote often to his sister and brother-in-law, Regina and Alex Ogradowski. He strongly encouraged them to leave their Polish village and emigrate to America. Having made a good life in Buffalo as a barber, Solomon offered to sponsor his family and sent them steamship tickets from Danzig to New York City.

By then, Poland was occupied by the Germans and anti-Semitic propaganda had increased. Their village was threatened. Solomon pleaded with his family to leave. In 1922, the village was attacked, and the Hebrew school burned. Regina, Alex, and their six daughters fled in a hay wagon to Danzig. They survived a trans-Atlantic trip, and Solomon met them at Ellis Island. He helped them get settled on the path to the American dream.

Helen, one of the six daughters of Regina and Alex Ogradowski, later earned a degree from the University of Buffalo, thanks to a scholarship from the Jewish Federation of Buffalo. She married Carl Pratter, a Ukrainian immigrant who was a pharmacist with his own drug store in Buffalo. The inspiring story of Helen and Carl Pratter appeared in The Scholarship Foundation’s newsletter in the fall of 2015 after their son Sherwood Jerome (Jerry) Pratter created a Designated Scholar Loan in their memory. In doing so, Jerry honored his parents’ deep understanding of the importance of educational opportunity.

S. Jerome Pratter recently discovered that all of the sisters who safely emigrated agreed that, if they had children born in America, each would name her first child with a first name beginning with “S” in honor of Solomon and all he did for their family. As former legal counsel and a loyal supporter of the Foundation, Jerry wanted to do something to counter the unjust treatment of DREAMers and other young undocumented immigrants. Jerry’s understanding of the struggles immigrants must overcome moved him to establish a second Designated Scholar Loan in honor of his great uncle Solomon Booke.

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The Pratter Family Designated Scholar Loan recognizes the strength and sacrifice that families made to escape terror and start anew together. Solomon’s story is carried on by his great nieces and nephews as well as by the current and future students of The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis.
Passion for the Arts: 
Rick Simoncelli DSLs established

Claudia Moran has decided to honor her husband’s memory by creating two Designated Scholar Loans (DSLs) in his name.

Rick Simoncelli loved the arts, both visual and performing, especially music. He began playing piano as a young child, formed a band in high school, and continued to perform throughout his life, playing instruments from the cello to the ukulele. His passion for both the arts and learning never wavered. Rick died in April 2016 at age 64 following a 19-month battle with brain cancer.

Rick grew up in New Eagle, Pennsylvania, a small town south of Pittsburgh where he learned the meaning of hard work by helping at his father’s gas station. With assistance from scholarships and a job in the school cafeteria, Rick attended Allegheny College in Meadville, PA. While Rick began as a psychology major, he ultimately earned a degree in music. He also performed in a dance troupe in college and interned with the Pittsburgh Ballet.

Claudia also attended Allegheny College, studying psychology and art. Rick and Claudia met while volunteering at a nearby school for children with special needs. They married and moved to St. Louis in 1974 so Rick could pursue a doctorate in musicology at Washington University in St. Louis. After his studies, Rick made a lasting impact on the St. Louis community through his leadership positions and innovative programming at Missouri Arts Council, the St. Louis Art Museum, and the St. Louis Public Library Foundation. His nearly 40-year career was marked by significant milestones such as creation of Art in Bloom and the successful renovation of Central Library, yet Rick’s overarching desire was to make these establishments more accessible to all people in the community. He was most proud of bringing school groups to the art museum and helping children access resources through the library’s Homework Helpers program.

Claudia spent 39 years as a graphic designer and partner at Obata Design, with expertise in package design. She now does freelance design work, while also watching her grandsons and traveling. Claudia spent many years volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, and was recently matched as a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Claudia and Rick never questioned that their two daughters, Jessica and Amelia, would go to college, and both have since earned advanced degrees. Visual and performing arts played a formative role for their family. As a reflection of his life’s work and his personal passions, the Rick Simoncelli DSLs will be awarded to two students in music, visual or performing arts, or culinary arts (as Rick was also an amazing cook and baker).

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Claudia, Jessica, Amelia, and Rick with Jessica’s beagle, Louis

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**Honoring a Talented Man:**

**Martin I. Axelbaum DSL**

Gerald Axelbaum and Ellen Schapiro, former Scholarship Foundation board member, have established the **Martin I. Axelbaum Designated Scholar Loan** in loving memory of Gerald’s father, honoring his passion for education.

Gerald describes his father as “a kind and gentle man. He was an only child whose immigrant parents depended on him and were very devoted to him.”

Martin was a gifted violinist, playing with the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra as a teen. He was concertmaster of both the Soldan High School Orchestra and the All St. Louis High School Orchestra, and winner of a city-wide music competition. He was featured many times on the KSD Sunday afternoon radio production, *Stars of Tomorrow*, and studied under a nationally-known violinist who saw Martin’s potential.

At the age of 19 while in college at Washington University, Martin was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, a disease that would affect many aspects of his life and his studies, as too much stress aggravated his condition. After earning a bachelor’s degree in engineering, he worked for a firm in rural Missouri, taking time off to recover from bouts of illness. He soon realized he would need a flexible work schedule to recuperate, so he returned to St. Louis to work at his parents’ business, **Axelbaum Loan and Mercantile**.

In 1943, Martin married **Maurine Rothman**. They had three children, Stewart, Gail, and Gerald, whom they encouraged to work hard and get as much education as possible, “academically, musically, and religiously.” Their home was always filled with books, music, and encouragement, and there were frequent visits to the symphony.

In 1959, Martin was diagnosed with colon cancer at the age of 41. Over the next four years he had a series of surgeries and radiation treatments to address the colitis and cancer. He began night school, working toward a master’s degree in accounting, so he could “better himself,” and save as much for the family as possible in case he did not survive.

Prior to major surgeries, he wrote letters to his parents, wife, children, and best friend, thanking them for their love, telling them how much he loved them and would miss them, and insisting that the children go to college. In several letters, he entreated, “Please see that each of the children get a college education; there are funds to help them see it through and they may have to do some work on their own. Do not let my not being here change the pattern of their lives in any way.”

In November 1963, Martin died. Gerald was 10, Gail was 15, and Stewart was 18. They remember him as humble, intelligent, hard-working, kind, considerate, and devoted, with a fine sense of humor.

Martin’s love of education came full circle, as Stewart had a career as a radiologist, Gail as a teacher, and Gerald as an engineer, and then science and math teacher. Now, his legacy—his belief in the importance and value of education—will continue in the students who are awarded the Martin I. Axelbaum DSL.
New Foundation Officers and Board Members

Jacqueline Meaders Booth is manager of career and employment services for St. Louis Community College-Meramec. Jacqueline has worked in higher education for 22 years, holding positions in student services at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Mississippi State University, and University of Arkansas–Monticello. She is a member of many professional associations in higher education and is active in her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. Jacqueline’s doctorate in higher education leadership is from Maryville University. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Mississippi State University.

Maria Vergara is president of NAHREP Consulting, a firm working with financial institutions seeking to reach Hispanic and other market segments. Prior to becoming a consultant, Maria held senior sales and management positions at Citibank, Edward Jones, and Prudential. She serves on several boards that promote financial empowerment and has actively engaged in civic affairs as commissioner of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Hispanic Affairs, past executive director of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis, and board member of the Hispanic Alliance of Career Enhancement. Her bachelor’s degree is from University of Wisconsin-Madison and she holds a master’s degree in marketing from Webster University.

April Mickens Jolly is the director of strategic planning for St. Louis Regional Health Commission. April has worked in health care administration for 11 years, most recently at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. She serves as a member of both the Elcick Society and the Alumni Board of Governors for Washington University, and is active in several national health services professional organizations. April holds an MBA and MAH from Georgia State University. She earned her bachelor’s degree from the Olin School of Business at Washington University in St. Louis.

Heidi Veron is self-employed as a facilitator and planner and contributes her time and expertise to several area nonprofits. Heidi has more than 25 years of experience in program design, development, implementation, and monitoring. She has worked with governmental agencies and major corporations in information and program management, designing and managing information systems and related communications processes. Her prior positions were with Calyx Consulting (Austin, TX), Lockheed Martin, Transactive Corporation and GITECH. Heidi is a co-trustee with The Saigh Foundation. Heidi studied marketing at University of Missouri–Columbia.

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**Kim Abel** Remarkable Service to The Scholarship Foundation

After 17 years as Deputy Director of The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis, Kim Abel retired this year. Kim brought vast expertise to the Foundation and Scholarship Foundation, championing the mission and business model. She grew the organization’s capacities in all business and management functions-accounting, insurance, human resources, facilities, investments, Scholarship Foundation and supported her colleagues with a smile, an infectious laugh, accuracy, and thorough work products. Kim’s deep commitment to The Scholarship Foundation was evident every day and well into the night. While everyone at the Foundation misses her, this retirement is definitely well-earned!

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Daron Fleischmann
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