



THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

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2020-21 Scholarship Celebration

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 | 6:00pm

Tonight's Program

WELCOME & Remarks

Dr. Nancy Butler Songer, Dean of the College of Education

Undergraduate Scholarship Spotlight

Lily Eskelson - *The Maestros para Los Ninos Endowed Scholarship*

Flor Mejia, Student Recipient for 2020-21

Graduate Scholarship Spotlight

Ted Packard, PhD and Kay Packard, PhD - *The Ted and Kay Packard Endowed Fellowship in Educational Psychology*

Erin Buttars - Student Recipient for 2020-21

Toast & Closing Remarks

Dr. Nancy Butler Songer, Dean of the College of Education

Donor & Recipient Breakout Rooms

Safia Keller, Director of Development, College of Education

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WHO HAVE MADE THIS EVENING POSSIBLE

Nancy Butler Songer, College of Education Dean



Nancy Butler Songer, PhD

Nancy joined the College of Education at the University of Utah in the summer of 2020. Before coming to the U, Songer was the dean of the School of Education at Drexel University and an international scholar in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education in the United States and internationally. As dean at Drexel, Songer increased gifts three-fold; led a team focused on recruiting, hiring, and supporting scholars of color; and expanded partnerships between the School of Education and Philadelphia schools and communities.

Songer's research focuses on creating instructional systems that emphasize pre-college students' science investigations and engineered solutions to address local socio-scientific issues on topics such as climate change and urban biodiversity. Songer has obtained more than \$78 million in external funding, published over 80 publications, and created a suite of educational innovations. Products include the design of nine original curricular units and eight professional technologies customized for pre-college students' investigations.

Songer received a Presidential Faculty Fellowship from President William Clinton and was the first science educator to receive this award (now called PECASE). More recently, Songer was co-chair of a National Academy of Sciences Committee and a recipient of two Fulbright awards. Songer is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and a board member of Gooru, an education nonprofit serving over a million students in the United States and India. Songer is also a Co-Principal Investigator in a 25M project supported by USAID to establish exemplary STEM high schools across Egypt. Additional awards include a U.S. Department of Education Promising Educational Technology Award and a Computerworld Smithsonian award for early work exploring the Internet's educational value.

Scholarship Donor Profiles



Lily Eskelsen García

Lily started her career in education as a lunch lady in a school kitchen and a teacher's assistant in a Head Start preschool. She worked her way through the University of Utah on student loans and as a starving folk singer, graduating magna cum laude in Elementary Education and later earning her Master's in Instructional Technology. After only nine years teaching, she was named Utah Teacher of the Year and expanded her service outside her classroom. She won election as president of her state education association, won her party's nomination for U.S. Congress, and served as president of the Utah State Retirement System. She was appointed a Commissioner for the White House Commission for Education Excellence for Hispanics under President Obama and served as an officer for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute. Her service continues as Vice President of the global education advocacy organization, Education International, based in Brussels. She completed her service as president of America's largest professional union, the 3-million-member National Education Association, retiring in 2020.

Lily has been recognized with the PTA Friend of Education award, the US Hispanic Leadership Institute's Dolores Huerta Woman of Courage Medallion, the Frederick Douglass 200 Award, and the University of Utah Distinguished Alumni Award.

Lily and her husband, Alberto Garcia, are author/illustrator of the bilingual book, *Rabble Rousers: Fearless Fighters for Social Justice*, which they published to raise funds to help undocumented Dreamers. They currently work and live in El Paso, Texas.

Scholarship Donor Profiles



Ted Packard, PhD & Kay Packard, PhD

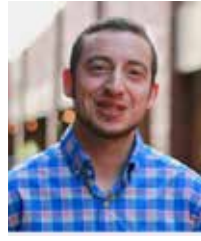
Coming from a family of 6 girls, scholarships were a significant enabler of **Kay's** completion of BA, MSW, and PhD degrees. Kay's MSW came while four young children were growing up in a busy but supportive family. Her 1974 master's degree from the U of U College of Social Work facilitated practice in relevant community agencies and also stimulated her enrollment in BYU's Marriage and Family Therapy program culminating in receipt of a PhD in 1980. After additional work in community agencies in 1983 Kay accepted a staff position in the University of Utah's Counseling Center that included significant involvement with affiliated programs in the Department of Educational Psychology. She regularly supervised student trainees from Social Work and the Department of EdPsy, taught Department courses focused on supporting students' academic success, and occasionally served on graduate student committees. As with Ted, the EdPsy Department was significant in many ways in her professional life.

Ted graduated in 1965 with a focus on counseling psychology from the University of Minnesota and was very fortunate in obtaining that same year his first professional position at the University of Utah. The position initially was divided between the University's Counseling Center and the Department of Educational Psychology and afforded many opportunities for significant involvement with students. For over four decades Ted worked in various related capacities including as a regular faculty member, Counseling Center Director, EdPsy Department Chair, Counseling Psychology program Director, culminating in 2006-2007 as Interim Dean of the College of Education. In all those years the most consistent and satisfying aspect of work involved his relationships with doctoral, masters, and even some undergraduate students. Upon retirement Kay and Ted resolved to continue their support of students through establishing the Packard graduate

2020-21 Student Recipients



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2020-21 Donor-Funded Scholarships

\$481,110

Scholarship
dollars

67

Students
supported

77

Scholarships
awarded

2020-21 Scholarships & Recipients

Ada Roper Memorial Scholarship

Alissa Harris

Special Education, Severe Disabilities

Grace Healy

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Dianne Asmus Bettis and Norman and Blanche Asmus Scholarship

Salote Katoa

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Secondary

Dr. Cecelia H. Foxley Endowed Scholarship Fund in Educational Psychology

Karen Stovall

Educational Psychology

2020-21 Scholarships & Recipients

Dr. D.H. Christensen and Catherine Dean Christensen Scholarship

Kayla Odom

Special Education, Mild/Moderate Disabilities

Dr. Suzanne Wade, Ed.D. Scholarship for Single Parents Earning Graduate Degrees

Brigida Deleon

Educational Leadership & Policy

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Amira Trevino

Educational Psychology

Kaitlyn Urry

Special Education, Severe Disabilities

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Special Education, Severe Disabilities

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Armando Martinez
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Porter Birchum
Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6

2020-21 Scholarships & Recipients

Marjean Larson Ballard Scholarship

Paola Sendejas

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6

Mark & Connie Woodland Scholarship Award

Faith Jackson

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6

Madeleine Kelly

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6

Mary Elizabeth Baum Hanks Endowed Scholarship in Elementary Education

Aurie Durham

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6

Bethany Brooks

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6

Luz Zamudio

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-3

Melba G. Arnesen Memorial Scholarship

Makayla Kimball

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6

Milan S. Papulak Memorial Scholarship

Rachel Ellis

Special Education, Mild/Moderate Disabilities

Milton Bennion Scholarship

Wendy Dau

Educational Leadership & Policy

Pamela C. Petuskey Endowed Scholarship

Amy Pace

Educational Psychology

2020-21 Scholarships & Recipients

Paulette O. Poudras Scholarship Fund

Samantha Loya

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6

Phyllis Allen Jex Memorial Scholarship Fund

Nile Brandt

Educational Psychology

Shane Pearson

Educational Psychology

Robert Sevy Scholarship for Math and Science Majors

Brandon Kohler

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, TE-Secondary

Mitchell Poen

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Ron McBride Foundation Play for Life Scholarship

Benjamin Ratcliff

Educational Psychology

Gabriela Gonzalez

Educational Psychology

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Brooklyn Davis

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Secondary

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Bethany Brooks

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6

2020-21 Scholarships & Recipients

Shirley L. & Kathelyne Oswald Evans Endowed Scholarship

Brigida Deleon

Educational Leadership & Policy

Shane Pearson

Educational Psychology

Sylvia Harrie Memorial Scholarship

Jared Dale

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6

Ted & Kay Packard Endowed Graduate Scholarship in the Department of Educational Psychology

Erin Buttars

Educational Psychology

The Family of Mary Jane Bosley Endowed Scholarship Fund

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Educational Leadership & Policy

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Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6

Lisa Seward

Special Education, Severe Disabilities

The Hilda Christensen Larsen Endowed Scholarship for Sensory Impairments

Tara Pursel

Special Education

The M. Lynn and Katherine S. Bennion Scholarship

Julia Triplett

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Secondary

The Maestros Para Los Niños Endowed Scholarship Fund

Flor Mejia

Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6

2020-21 Scholarships & Recipients

The Roald F. & Della J. Campbell Fellowship

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Stephanie Shin

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Dallin Higgs

Urban Institute for Teacher Education

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Urban Institute for Teacher Education

Kaitlyn King

Urban Institute for Teacher Education

Paola Sendejas

Urban Institute for Teacher Education

Flor Mejia

Urban Institute for Teacher Education

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Special Education, Mild/Moderate Disabilities

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