College of Education

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

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR DONORS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS WHO HAVE MADE THIS EVENING POSSIBLE
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.
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.

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
**Ada Roper Memorial Scholarship**  
Alissa Harris  
*Special Education, Severe Disabilities*

Grace Healy  
*Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6*

**Brian W. Campbell and Susan L. Morrow Scholarship for Research in LGBTQ+ Studies**  
Halleh Hashtpari  
*Educational Psychology*

**C. Kay Allen Endowed Scholarship**  
Nile Brandt  
*Educational Psychology*

**C. Verl Benzley, Jr. Endowed Teaching Scholarship Fund in the College of Education**  
Brett Smith  
*Special Education, Severe Disabilities*

**Council for Investment in Education Scholarship**  
Madeleine Kelly  
*Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6*

**David Snow Bennion Memorial Endowed Scholarship**  
Michelle Wilde  
*Educational Leadership & Policy*

**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*
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*

Edith E. Myers Endowed Scholarship
Amira Trevino
*Educational Psychology*

Kaitlyn Urry
*Special Education, Severe Disabilities*

Elmo R. & Frances Bennion Morgan Endowed Fellowship
Adebimpe Deji-Olatunde
*Educational Leadership & Policy*

Etta Lou Cowles/Rose Scholarship
Kortney Arveseth
*Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6*

Faye and Charlotte Bryner Scholarship Fund
Tamara Haddad
*Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6*

Geneve C. Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Hailey Dansie
*Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6*

George C. Bolon Committee Scholarship
Mariana Ramiro-Gomez
*Educational Leadership & Policy*
Grayson and Seth Jenson Memorial Scholarship
Paige Dubrow
*Educational Psychology*

Harker-Ferguson Endowed Scholarship Fund
Lisa Seward
*Special Education, Severe Disabilities*

Herbert I. and Elsa B. Michael Foundation Graduate Student Scholarship
Baraa Arkawazi
*Special Education, Mild/Moderate Disabilities*

Hermelinda B. Pompa Endowed Scholarship In School Psychology
Armando Martinez
*Educational Psychology*

J. George Jones, Jr. & Velma Rife Jones Memorial Fund
Amanda Shepard
*Educational Psychology*

J. George Jones, Jr. & Velma Rife Jones Memorial Fund
Elizabeth Samann
*Special Education, Severe Disabilities*

John Vernon Harry & Shizuko Nakagawa Harry Scholarship Fund
Meghan Allen
*Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Secondary*

Joseph and Evelyn B. Rosenblatt Scholarship
Tyler Davneport
*Educational Leadership & Policy*

Lydia Anna Soeffner Memorial Scholarship Fund
Porter Birchum
*Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6*
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  
*Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Secondary*

**Ron McBride Foundation Play for Life Scholarship**
Benjamin Ratcliff  
*Educational Psychology*

Gabriela Gonzalez  
*Educational Psychology*

**Rulon M. and Golda L. Richards Endowed Scholarship**
Brooklyn Davis  
*Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Secondary*

**Ruth H. Lundgren Endowed Scholarship**
Bethany Brooks  
*Urban Institute for Teacher Education, Elementary K-6*
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
Emily Epstein
Educational Leadership & Policy

Juliette Ainsworth
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
The Roald F. & Della J. Campbell Fellowship
Sean Edwards
Educational Leadership & Policy

Thomas D. Dee III & Candace Cartwright Dee Endowed Teaching Assistantship Fund
Victoria Wills
Educational Psychology

Armando Martinez
Educational Psychology

Lauren Martone
Educational Psychology

Mackenzie Schueler
Educational Psychology

Teacher Recruitment Scholars Award
Stephanie Shin
Urban Institute for Teacher Education

Dallin Higgs
Urban Institute for Teacher Education

Shakira Mosqueda
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
William C. Nutting Scholarship
Elsa Cuellar
*Special Education, Mild/Moderate Disabilities*

Gladys Sang
*Special Education, Mild/Moderate Disabilities*

William M. Stewart Graduate School Scholarship
Jack Collum
*Education, Culture & Society*

Winifred H. Dyer Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Stephanie Morgan
*Educational Leadership & Policy*

Zua Neff Endowed Scholarship Fund in the College of Education
Jessica Ogden
*Special Education, Severe Disabilities*

Valerie Corder
*Special Education, Severe Disabilities*
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