Spring and summer are such beautiful seasons, blossoming with new growth....and the Shallow Ford Foundation’s past six months certainly demonstrate the vibrancy of these seasons.

The following pages contain pictures and stories of new graduates now equipped with scholarships to pursue dreams through continuing education. We feature programs that invest in and enhance lives. You’ll see the joyful faces at celebrations that honor faithful servants in public education and volunteers who dedicated time and care to the work of the Foundation.

We also introduce our new-year board officers, including Chair Bob Sipprell and Vice Chair Ronnie Willard, and two new board members – Bo Hough and Victoria Crissman. Important to note our abiding appreciation for outgoing Board Chair, Tim Bell, who served faithfully and fully in the role for two transformative years. Tim has been a model Chair with contagious energy, unwavering enthusiasm, on-point wisdom, and always present and leading during the Board’s work, many activities, and events of the Foundation. Tim will remain an officer serving in the role of immediate past chair.

Yes, we are blossoming and ever grateful for the many individuals who have given us the soil, seeds, and care to grow and flourish. As we continue to blossom, our communities benefit from the resulting fruit.

As always, we invite you to join us. Let’s see what we can grow together!

In gratitude,

Sandi Scannelli, President/CEO

BONNIE M. CHAPPELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Itzel Angel
Itzel has been accepted to the University of North Carolina Wilmington and plans to major in nursing. She chose UNCW for the research opportunities and courses it will allow her to explore. She is interested in pediatric nursing as her future profession, seeing it as a powerful way to help others and support families. She has served her community through HOSA and works part-time as a CNA. For more information about this new scholarship, go to page 11.

CLARENCE “BIG HOUSE” GAINES REYNOLDA ROTARY COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Jasmine Barrow
Jasmine graduated from Mount Tabor High School and plans to attend Forsyth Tech to study nursing. She hopes to become a travel nurse. While at Mount Tabor, she was a Teacher Cadet, working with Speas Elementary students and teachers. She attended Cook Elementary for all six years.

MARVIN'S GARAGE DOOR SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF MARVIN BROWN

Arnold Stimpson
Arnold is a Forbush High School graduate planning to attend Surry Community College to complete an associate’s degree in Electrical Systems and Technology. He has already gained experience in this field by working with a mock wall set-up, teaching younger students, and finding additional ways to practice and understand electric work where he can.
**KIM & CHRIS HENSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

**Aiden Cluskey**
Aiden is a graduate from Reagan High School who plans to attend the University of South Carolina and major in biomedical engineering. He hopes to obtain his master’s degree in the same field and use his passion for biology to help families in need. He has played on the Reagan High School baseball team all four years, reaching championships in 2021 and 2022. He was also a member of the Triad Storm A and A Hockey teams his freshman, sophomore, and junior year.

**Caroline Bostain**
Caroline is a graduate from Reagan High School planning to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to major in nursing. She hopes to pursue a career in pediatrics and more specifically, neonatal care. Caroline was team captain of the Reagan Raiderettes Dance Team which she has been an active member of since 2019 earning awards such as All-American Dancer (2021 and 2022) and All-County Dancer (selected through the National Dance Honor Society).

**Mary Elizabeth Dodson Conrad Scholarships**

**Madison McCarty**
Madison is an East Forsyth High School graduate planning to complete a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to become a nurse practitioner. She has already completed 40 hours of clinical experience at a local nursing home and is now a Certified Nursing Assistant. Madison has always dreamed of being able to help people from a medical standpoint after watching her Mom face health challenges. She hopes to positively impact the lives of others like medical professionals have impacted her Mom’s life.

**Chantel Gillis**
Chantel is pursuing certification and plans to be a Licensed Practical Nurse at GrayBrier Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She currently works as a Certified Nursing Assistant and will continue her education at Winston-Salem State University or the University Of North Carolina at Greensboro after finishing at Davidson-Davie Community College. Chantel fell in love with nursing when she started working in a hospital setting saying nursing “felt like home.” She relates to Mrs. Conrad's story and her heart for serving others.

**LESLIE MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

**OF THE JOHN E. STEWART FUND**

**Harmeni’ Jones**
Harmeni’ is a West Forsyth High School graduate who plans to attend Appalachian State University to major in Sociology. She was heavily involved in the Interact Club, working on many service projects and supporting the club in any way she could. She put great effort into relaunching Interact after the COVID-19 shutdown of extracurricular clubs. She hopes to use her intended major in Sociology to better understand and better help people through social work and philanthropy. She also has a deep interest in protecting the natural world through sustainability efforts.

**Xander Patton**
Xander is a West Forsyth High School graduate and will be attending the Georgia Institute of Technology to major in biomedical engineering. In addition to involvement in Interact, Xander has been involved in Scouting, The Winston-Salem Youth Advisory Council, volunteer work with his church, and other efforts to improve his community. He was also a member of West Forsyth’s Wind Ensemble, the National Honor Society, and the marching band.

**MARY ELIZABETH DODSON CONRAD SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Braden Gay**
Braden has an appreciation for music and a curiosity for what makes one piece of music stand out over the other—both the musical theory and the recording production techniques used. As a student, his list of musical participation includes All-State Concert Band in 2023 (second chair), West Forsyth High School Advanced Jazz Ensemble, Advanced Concert Band, Western Region Jazz Band (top band alto saxophone), and attending the John Coltrane Jazz Workshop.

**Joseph Burns**
Joseph is a West Forsyth High School graduate and student wrestler at Belmont Abbey College majoring in mathematics and minoring in computer science. Joseph wrestled at West Forsyth High School during his freshman through senior years. He qualified for the state championship his junior year (2021) and was the state runner-up at 106 4A in 2022. Timothy Dunn coached Joseph during his freshman and sophomore years and greatly influenced Joseph’s life through his work ethic and love of wrestling.

**REBECCA & DANNY GREEN MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP OF THE JOHN E. STEWART FUND**
THAD & MARY BINGHAM EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AWARDS

Avery Strickland
Avery was a member of the West Forsyth High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheer leading teams where she was Co-Captain and Captain, respectively. She was awarded as the North Carolina Cheer leading State champion in 2021 and took 5th place in the Universal Cheer leading Association’s Nationals. She has been active with her youth group at Warner’s Chapel Church of Christ with bible study and service projects, and held a part-time job. She plans to attend Forsyth Tech.

Harmeni’ Jones
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COACH MURPH SCHOLARSHIP OF THE WALL FAMILY FUND

Hank Ballard
Hank Ballard is a West Forsyth High School graduate attending Clemson University pursuing a degree in engineering. He played football all four years of high school and was team captain his senior year. He played for the offensive line where he was able to spend time with Coach Murph. He also participated in track and field for three seasons, was captain of the throwing team (shot put and discus), and has maintained straight-A's throughout middle school and high school.

SHARROD PATTERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dorian Sweeper
Dorian is a Quality Education Academy graduate who plans to attend Elizabeth City State University to begin work towards a career in drone technology and Unmanned Aerial Systems. He has been on the Dean’s list, is a chess team member, and is the marching band’s first chair. He has also assisted his father in providing summer camps focused on drone technology to middle and high school students. In his interview, he spoke with compassion for Sharrod Patterson and their friendship, referring to Sharrod as something of a “second father.”

MAISON H. HUNTER VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OF THE LEWISVILLE-CLEMMONS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

William Siceloff
William is a graduate from West Forsyth High School planning to become a certified welder. He will be attending the Universal Technical Institute. He has previously taken dual enrollment courses at Forsyth Tech to explore welding and is now dedicated and passionate about pursuing this career. After UTI, he plans to obtain a commercial diving certificate and train in underwater welding, hoping to travel to provide this high-demand service. While at WFHS, he played baseball and was a member of the West Wackos student fan section club, serving as the club leader his senior year.

To all of the 2023 scholarship review committee members:
Shore Scholars Events

SIGNING DAY

On May 20, 2023, the Foundation welcomed nine students to the Shore Scholars program. The students, joined by their families, celebrated this accomplishment at the Signing Day ceremony held at the Willingham Theater at the Yadkin Cultural Arts Center. Each student, with their family members, was invited on stage to sign a document committing to the list of expectations for Shore Scholars, which includes participation and GPA requirements. Comments were given by Dr. Todd Martin, Yadkin County Schools Superintendent, and Wayne A. Shore’s daughters, Karen Hopper and Debrah Blase. Tim Bell, Chair of the Shallow Ford Foundation Board, served as MC for the event.

New Forbush Shore Scholars: Rose Evans, Angel Marion, Hannah Shore, and Landon Sizemore. The Shore Scholars Mentor at Forbush High School is Mrs. Natalie Vestal.

New Starmount Shore Scholars: Chelsea Brickey, Payton Howell, Aydan Parks, Maggie Ray, and Angeles Salazar. The Shore Scholars Mentor at Starmount is Mr. Samuel Stone.

WORKSHOPS & OUTINGS

The Shore Scholars wrapped up the school year with their final workshop, the Cultural Explorations program. The group met at May Way Dumplings in Winston-Salem to sample dumplings, Korean chicken, noodles, steamed buns, and other assorted Asian cuisine. From there, the group, our three mentors, and SFF Program Officer Greg Keener strolled through Art Crush, a block party hosted by The Arts District of Winston-Salem on Trade Street. The event featured an eclectic selection of local artists making and selling their work, and opened doors to local galleries. Students were encouraged to explore their surroundings and keep their eyes and minds open to new experiences.

Some of the Shore Scholars made their own chalk art at the hands-on section of the Art Crush event.

The Cultural Explorations was a nice conclusion to a series of monthly events throughout the year which included Interview Skills, Cooking and Nutrition for College Students (pictured above), Financial Aid and the FAFSA process, a service project with Compassion Care, and tours of UNC and NC State. Up next, the Scholars will meet in August for the annual retreat (team building at an escape room) and planning session to kick off another year of fun.
Shore Scholars Updates

Behind every scholarship is an inspiring life story which is the case of the new Bonnie M. Chappell Memorial Scholarships. Bonnie M. Chappell passed away at 93, having lived a full life that didn’t start out on the most uplifting note. Born in Wilkes County, she was the last of five births. Her mother was struck by lightning when Bonnie was less than a week old, and her mother died within the year. Her grandmother, who was of limited means, agreed to take her in and raise her.

When her grandmother died, Bonnie moved in with one of her sisters. Despite a childhood of loss and several moves, Bonnie was faithful in attending school and graduated from West Yadkin School, which then had all grades. After graduation, she learned that Hanes Hosiery was offering housing with employment. Wanting to spare the burden on her sister, she accepted a job and moved to Winston-Salem, working there until she turned 40.

During that time, she met the love of her life, Cecil Chappell. After several years of saving their dollars, they bought a 100-acre farm in Hamptonville. Cecil worked the farm, and Bonnie continued with Hanes Hosiery, helping Cecil on the farm after work and on weekends. They were an inseparable couple and always seen together. They were faithful members of Swaim’s Baptist Church for 50+ years. Cecil passed away in 2011 after 61 years of marriage to Bonnie.

After turning 40, Bonnie decided she wanted to go back to school to earn better pay, choosing to become a nurse to care for others. She returned to school, earning her LPN degree at Wilkes Community College. Bonnie worked in nursing until retirement. She was always concerned for others and wanting to help those less fortunate.

The annual two-year scholarships she now leaves behind are focused on high school seniors and adults with her same characteristics and who want to pursue a career in nursing. Read about the 2023 high school recipient of the Bonnie M. Chappell Memorial Scholarship, Itzel Angel, on page 3. Another scholarship award will be given in the fall to an adult student.

Bonnie’s story is a story of overcoming early-life hardship, hard work, perseverance in never giving up on a dream, and an unwavering faith and spirit that spilled over into helping others.

This year, seven students who graduated high school in 2021 completed their time in the Shore Scholars program finishing their second year of college. Djuna Gallion (College Mentor) met with the students one final time to discuss their overall program experience. The students talked about what they enjoyed most about the program, including building friendships, help navigating application processes, and having extra support from mentors who made their concerns feel heard and validated. We are excited to see these students take the next step in their academic journey. Check out their plans below:

**Hayden Reavis:**
Surry Community College, received associate’s degree and plans to continue on for a degree in radiology

**Tanna Sagraves:**
UNC Wilmington, continuing towards Bachelor of Science

**Kadee Sizemore:**
Campbell University, continuing towards Bachelor of Science

**Sarah Widenhoft:**
UNC Wilmington, continuing towards Bachelor of Science

**Justin Najera:**
UNC Charlotte, continuing towards a bachelor’s degree

**Reagan Wooten:**
Lenior Rhyne University, continuing towards a bachelor’s degree

**Ameisha Long:**
NC A&T University, continuing towards a bachelor’s degree
The Foundation hosted an appreciation breakfast at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center to recognize and thank scholarship review committee members and celebrate another successful scholarship season. John Golden, Mary Elizabeth Dodson Conrad’s son-in-law, shared about Mary Elizabeth’s (Liz) life and legacy that lives on and benefits others because of the annual scholarship in her name.

Melissa Celedon, a previous recipient of the Mary Elizabeth Dodson Conrad scholarship, also spoke about what receiving the scholarship has meant to her and the impact it’s had on her career. Melissa recently graduated from Forsyth Tech and is now pursuing a career in nursing.

This year, the Foundation had the honor of presenting 13 scholarship awards at awards day ceremonies in high schools across the area including West Forsyth, Mount Tabor, Reagan, East Forsyth, and Forbush High School. Again, congratulations to all of our scholarship recipients!
Pack the Park: A Yadkin County Schools End-of-Year Appreciation Event

For the third year in a row, the Shallow Ford Foundation (SFF), along with local organizations and churches, came together to celebrate Yadkin County Schools (YCS) personnel at the annual "Pack the Park" end-of-year appreciation event held on June 9th. This year, on the menu was BBQ from Benjamin June's Whole Life BBQ, frozen custard sandwiches from Abbott's Frozen Custard, and side dishes provided by area churches. This year was the best yet, with roughly 400 attending, more door prizes, a corn hole tournament, and golf cart transportation courtesy of Ray's golf carts. The weather was perfect (sunny and 80 degrees), and local favorite NOTA (None of the Above) kept the mood lively with their unique bluegrass sound.

Planning Committee:
Mick Bowman (SFF)
Abby Catoe (Yadkin Rotary)
Rev. Joanthan Gaylord (Yadkinville UMC)
Lisa Hughes (Yadkin Rotary and County Manager)
Tammy Miller (YCS)
Scott Spillman (Yadkin Family YMCA)
Dennis Shaw (Yadkin Baptist Assoc.)
Sandi Scannelli (SFF)
Karen Stutzman (Love Out Loud Yadkin)

Thanks to the many event volunteers from:
Yadkin County Rotary Club,
Yadkin Family YMCA, Yadkin County School Board and Central Office Staff, Boonville UMC, Center Methodist, Charity Baptist, Collide, East Bend Baptist, Longtown UMC, Mitchell's Chapel Methodist, Mountain Grove UMC, Mountain View Baptist, Saint Paul UMC, South Oak Ridge Baptist, Yadkin Baptist Association, and Yadkinville UMC
Other Community Events

SHOWCASE YADKIN
In March, the Yadkin County Chamber of Commerce hosted "Showcase Yadkin," a business expo showcasing Yadkin County businesses and industries to the public at the Yadkin County Agricultural & Educational Building. It was a full day for staff and board members as they shared the Foundation's work with Yadkin County residents and networked with other businesses present.

CLEMMONS COMMUNITY DAY
The Clemmons-Lewisville Chamber of Commerce held another successful Clemmons Community Day in April. Hundreds of vendors participated, and families came through to learn more about organizations in the Clemmons area. The Foundation's booth centered around planting tree seeds, symbolizing the patient but rewarding process of a charitable fund. With tremendous help from board members along with staff, we planted and gave away hundreds of seeds in peat pots for individuals to take home and nurture.

High Point Community Foundation Emily Millis-Hiatt DAF Grant for MAWCC Programming
The Foundation is excited to announce that it is a recipient of a generous grant from the Emily Millis-Hiatt Donor Advised Fund of the High Point Community Foundation. This award provides a new grant application cycle for high-quality programming at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center (MAWCC) in Lewisville.

Additionally, the Emily Millis-Hiatt Fund grant offers the Foundation an opportunity to establish a permanent fund for future programming by providing dollars to match funds raised. Since the start-up grants awarded last year for the MAWCC, more than 500 individuals have participated in the Center's programming. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue these grants. We also invite those who share the vision of annual high-quality programming to help us meet the matching fund challenge!

For more information about how you can help, call Sandi at 336-407-3460.
Childcare Updates

North Carolina General Assembly Joint Early Childhood Caucus Leaders Visit Yadkin County

Superintendent of YCS, cited that high-quality child care significantly helps school readiness. Carolyn Choplin, Executive Director of SmartStart of Yadkin County shared the status of local childcare and the reduction in licensed providers over the last 10 years. Childcare providers face many costly challenges in maintaining a license. Sandi Scannelli, CEO of the Shallow Ford Foundation, presented Yadkin County’s solution – the EarlyEd FlexPlex and the many characteristics of the model that encourage the start-up of new child care providers by addressing the challenges. Tim Bell, Chair of the Shallow Ford Foundation board of directors and Director of Facilities Management at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist, was also in attendance to help support the Foundation and its role in the initiative. Kevin Austin, VP and Manufacturing Manager, Austin Electronic Enclosures; John Willingham, President, Indera Mills; and H. Smith “Smitty” Williams, Operations Human Resource Manager, UNIFI, expressed their support because the lack of child care has been evident in workforce recruitment and retention. Lisa Hughes, County Manager, and Sandi shared an update on the project. Legislators expressed strong enthusiasm for the plans and especially the community’s leadership working together to solve an important community challenge.

FLEX PLEX UPDATE

As many know, the Foundation has been working on expanding child care in our service area since 2021. Our research found the greatest need in Yadkin County was child care after losing 2/3 of its licensed child care over the past ten years. Alongside a coalition of Yadkin County leaders, we are pursuing a unique and innovative facility model called the FlexPlex, which will be the first in NC and possibly the country, when built. The planning team filed a petition with the NC Child Care Commission to change the state rules so that the model could be licensed. The petition was approved and is now under review.

Simply described, the FlexPlex is a multi-unit facility with six turnkey, fully equipped and furnished spaces available for rent to six new child care business owners. The facility will have shared common areas such as a playground, indoor children’s gym, and office spaces for children receiving special services. Such shared spaces reduced the cost of operations. The model was designed by Business of Child Care, a Minnesota firm. Yadkin County Economic Development Partnership will construct and own the facility, renting it to SmartStart of Yadkin County, who will operate the building and shepherd the cohort of new businesses.

Ideally-located land has been generously pledged by Marion and Jewell Welborn on Progress Lane near several major industries in Yadkinville. Yadkin County Economic Development Partnership has engaged the Business of Child Care for the Discovery Phase through a grant from the Foundation. The Discovery Phase will result in final architectural drawings and construction cost estimates. This exciting project is being watched by many other communities struggling to find viable solutions to the child care shortage.

To view the 2021 Expanding Childcare Report, visit www.sff.gives/childcare2021
New Officers 2023-2024

CHAIR
Robert D. Sipprell, Jr. (Bob)
Community Volunteer

Bob Sipprell is a retired Human Resource Executive, having spent his career in Winston-Salem with Integon and Wachovia. He has lived in Clemmons 40+ years. Bob graduated with a BA in Economics from Bethany College and an MBA from Michigan State. He has been an active volunteer in the community, serving on the boards of the YMCA and March of Dimes and volunteering with the Clemmons Food Pantry and Clemmons Methodist Men’s Club disaster relief teams. Bob and his wife Drinda have two grown sons and six grandchildren.

VICE CHAIR
Ronnie Willard (Ron)
Community Volunteer

A SPECIAL THANKS

Two board members completed their terms this year, Maria Vernon and Robin Hinshaw. Maria served two terms plus one year as immediate past chair. She brought positive energy and enthusiasm through her leadership. Robin's wisdom and practical advice were impactful contributions to board discussions. Both will be greatly missed. They both have committed to continuing to advocate for the work of the Foundation.

TREASURER
Bradley O. Gray
Managing Principal
Gray Callison Jones CPA, PC

SECRETARY
Holly M. Groce, JD
Attorney and Partner
Clemmons Family Law

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR
Tim Bell
Director of Facilities Management
Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist

It's been very rewarding working with the Foundation the past few years. I have big shoes to fill as past Board Chairs have led us through so many impactful programs and projects that are still under way. We have an awesome group of energetic and compassionate Board members and I am humbled and honored to serve as Chair in the Foundation’s continuing support of our donors and contributions to our community.”

- Bob Sipprell
New Board Members

**Victoria Crissman**

**NC Property & Casualty Agent and Operations Manager**
**CMS Insurance and Financial**

Victoria Crissman works with CMS Insurance and Financial in Yadkinville as an NC Property & Casualty Agent and Operations Manager. Born and raised in Boonville, NC, she currently resides in Winston-Salem. Victoria graduated with a B.S.B.A. in Finance with a Concentration in Risk Management and Insurance from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. There she also interned as their Risk Management Program's Coordinator and was an active member of Gamma Iota Sigma. Victoria served on the Review Teams for Shore Scholars and Shore Community Grants. Passionate about her industry, family, and agency, she is eager to learn and serve her community.

**Bowen Houff (Bo)**

**Community Volunteer**

Bo retired in 2022 as a partner and shareholder with Blanco Tackabery, where he practiced law for more than 34 years. Before going to law school (UNC JD, 1988), Bo graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a degree in education (1980). He lived in France for a year before teaching in Martinsville, VA and Southern Pines, NC. After getting his JD in 1988, Bo entered private practice with Blanco Tackabery. While there, he was a civil litigator, representing banks, businesses, and individuals. Bo also served as Town Attorney for Lewisville for more than 25 years and as Town Attorney for Walkertown for 20 years. He continues to serve as Guardian ad Litem for injured minors. A resident of Lewisville, he also serves on the Board of the Lewisville Civic Club and is the Church Council Chair at Lewisville United Methodist Church, where he has taught Sunday School for more than 25 years. Bo has been married to his wife, Beth, since 1983. They have grown twin children, Samuel and Hannah, and two grandchildren, Lillian and Marshall.

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