Nicole Young is a sophomore at Baylor University, majoring in Biology on the Pre-med track.

She credits the “sacrifices and support of amazing mentors” who encouraged her and pushed her to achieve great things.

Nicole grew up in San Antonio’s West Side, and she is the first scholarship recipient of the newly created Walk by Faith Scholarship Fund, that recognizes students for their leadership, academic excellence and active participation in their faith. The scholarship has a focus on student leaders representing our city’s West Side.

“I am so grateful for this scholarship that not only recognizes my academic accomplishments, but also my faith,” said Nicole Young.

Nicole and hundreds of other students are the recipients of $2.8 million in scholarship funding that the San Antonio Area Foundation and generous donors provided in 2015.

The San Antonio Area Foundation manages more than 80 scholarship funds that are dedicated to supporting students pursuing higher education. The Area Foundation’s scholarship program began in 1969, with a $100 scholarship, which covered a full year of tuition and books. Today, more than 4,500 students have received $18 million in scholarship awards.
Dear Friends,

Thanks to you, 2015 has proven to be a tremendous year for the Area Foundation. We continue to grow our family of fundholders and increase our grant and scholarship distributions. I am proud to announce that for 2015, we have awarded 631 scholarships totaling $2.8 million.

When I pause to reflect on all that we have accomplished thus far, the word “grateful” is top of mind.

I am grateful for the generous donors who value education and choose to invest in our students, enabling them to achieve their educational dreams.

I am grateful for our dear friend, John L. Santikos, who has entrusted us with his legacy. We continue to work through this transformative gift and look forward to sharing with you the plan and process for future grant distributions by year-end. Learn more about the 2015 memorial gifts that we have distributed on page five of this newsletter.

I am grateful for you—our fundholders, donors and partners who believe in our mission. We continue to seek ways to better serve you. In response to your feedback, we have added a third investment portfolio option. More information is found on page six.

I extend a personal invitation for you to attend our investment meeting on September 15. Please join us for a quarterly update on our investment performance and an economic outlook review. Over the course of the next year, we will be surveying our donors and partners. We look forward to hearing from you.

With your help, we are making a significant difference in our community by addressing pressing needs and shaping our future.

Whether serving or leading, the San Antonio Area Foundation is dedicated to our community. It’s our mission and our privilege to serve you. Thank you for being an important part of our family.

With gratitude,
Mothers and families gain self-sufficiency with the support of nonprofit Family Endeavors

*In 2014, the Area Foundation distributed $19.9 million in grants to nonprofits.*

San Antonio Family Endeavors’ Fairweather programs received a grant in 2014 from the San Antonio Area Foundation.

**The San Antonio Area Foundation is one of our most important partners** at the Family Endeavors’ Fairweather Family Lodge and its Childcare & Learning Center.

This program provides a safe home, childcare, education, job training, and life skills to formerly homeless mothers with significant disabilities and their children. The support of the Area Foundation is vital in getting these families on the path to self-sufficiency and creating a safe, healthy, and dynamic home for their children.

Thank you for changing the lives of so many moms and their kids!"  
**Travis Pearson, CEO**  
Family Endeavors, Inc.

For a list of our grantees, visit [saafdn.org/communitygrants](http://saafdn.org/communitygrants).

Nonprofit endowment fund established, interest to provide childcare scholarships

We welcome the following new funds to our family:

- Madonna Neighborhood Centers, Inc.
- South San Antonio ISD Educational Foundation Agency Endowment Fund
- South San Antonio ISD Education Foundation Agency Investment Fund

*Funds opened from April 1-June 30, 2015.*

The Madonna Neighborhood Centers, Inc. opened an agency endowment fund with a contribution made in memory of Monsignor Larry Stuebben.

The principal will be invested as an endowment to provide for the nonprofit in perpetuity. The interest earned will provide scholarships for the children attending Madonna Neighborhood Centers’ child care programs.

**Partnering with the San Antonio Area Foundation enables a small agency like Madonna Neighborhood Centers to honor the wishes of the Stuebben family in the most efficient and profitable way.**

**Roger Caballero, Executive Director**  
Madonna Neighborhood Centers, Inc.
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San Antonio Area African American Community Fund raises support for nonprofit programs.

The San Antonio Area African American Community Fund presents Renaissance with the Stars on August 29, 2015—an evening celebrating the rich history of music and dance. Your support of this event benefits nonprofits serving African Americans in our community.

This year’s star community dancers are: Chuck Cureau, Elva Pai Adams, Lisa M. Tatum, Rita Phillip and Art Hall. They will showcase their talents in this ballroom dance competition. Your gift today casts a vote for your favorite dancer! Who will win?

Visit saafdn.org/RWTS2015 to cast your vote, attend the event or find out more.

Improving the Economic Security of Women

The women’s wealth gap has been largely overlooked in discussions of women’s economic security, yet wealth is the most comprehensive indicator of financial health.

Read the latest study, Women & Wealth: Insights for Grantmakers, at saafdn.org/wgdf, that examines the women’s wealth gap. Women have less wealth than men. Single women have 32 cents for every dollar of wealth owned by single men.

Investing in strategies that promote women’s wealth not only improves women’s financial status, but also the financial status of subsequent generations and improves our nation’s economy.

For the full report, visit saafdn.org/wgdf.

At-Risk Students Experience Robotics Program

Community Initiative Spotlight: High School Completion

The Area Foundation is helping to increase high school graduation rates through our High School Completion Initiative. The focus is on engaging middle school students in out-of-school time programs.

Studies show that students who are engaged throughout middle school are more likely to complete high school. Since inception, the Area Foundation has awarded nearly $1.5 million to 31 nonprofits that provide out-of-school time programs to Bexar County students in sixth through ninth grades.

Pictured right: Northside ISD students experience the joy of a job well done following an interactive robotics program focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The Northside Educational Foundation received a High School Completion grant in support of this program.
John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation Makes First Gifts

$1.6 million distributed in memory of the late theater businessman and philanthropist.

Since January 2015, the Area Foundation has contributed $1.6 million to honor the legacy of John L. Santikos, supporting the following organizations:

- **$255K** in matching gifts to The Big Give S.A.
- **$200K** to United Way initiatives
- **$100K** to the American Red Cross for Texas Spring Storms
- **$500K** to International Orthodox Christian Charities
- **$500K** to Doctors Without Borders

More than $2 million will be added to the Area Foundation’s 2015 annual competitive grants program. We will distribute more than $6 million throughout 2015 from the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation.

Mr. Santikos specified a wide range of charitable programs to benefit people in need (seniors, individuals with special needs, victims of child abuse and disaster relief). The fund also supports youth and education, public libraries, parks and museums, arts and culture and health and wellness initiatives. International Orthodox Christian Charities and Doctors Without Borders were the two organizations specifically named to receive annual support.

Discover Planned Giving

What is planned giving? How can it benefit you?

Planned giving is a way for you to make a gift to your favorite charitable causes. The right planned gift can provide you and your loved ones with tax and income benefits.

- Are you looking for a way to avoid capital gains tax on the sale of your home or investments?
- Are you thinking about how to build your income for retirement?
- Would you like to create an inheritance for your children and also benefit charity?
- Would you like to receive high fixed payments for life and even some tax-free income?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, a planned gift can help you achieve your goals. To learn more, contact Kathleen Finck, Esq., Director of Gift Planning, 210.242.4744, kfinck@saafdn.org.

Visit our planned giving center at saafdn.org
60/40 Index Portfolio Available

Third investment portfolio added as new option for our fundholders.

With recent market volatility and economic uncertainty on the horizon, we remain committed to the defensive investment strategy adopted in 2013. We do, however, recognize the global trend toward index investing and have partnered with our investment consultant, Shepherd Kaplan, to create an index-based portfolio as a new option for our fundholders.

The objective of the new 60/40 Index Portfolio is to more closely track widely accepted market indices. This fund is susceptible to market volatility, and it makes no attempt to mitigate market fluctuations. Fundholders are able to move their fund’s investment to this third option, if they desire.

Full details and the change form can be found on the homepage of the “Access My Fund” donor login section of our website, or by calling your designated relationship manager, listed on the top of your most recent fund statement and in your donor handbook.

You may also contact David Holmes, 210.904.2746, dholmes@saafdn.org or Carrie A. Gray at 210.228.3760, cgray@saafdn.org for questions.

Area Foundation Happenings

The Big Give S.A.

On May 5, 882 nonprofits participated in a 24-hour online giving day. The community raised $4.3 million from more than 39,000 gifts. Let’s do it again next year! Save the date for May 3, 2016.

Scholarship Receptions

We have hosted several receptions honoring the 2015 scholarship recipients. For 2015, we have awarded 631 scholarships totaling $2.8 million. Students are achieving their educational dreams thanks to generous donors committed to education.

Nonprofit Certification Graduations

Congratulations to 32 nonprofit leaders who graduated from Our Lady of the Lake University’s nonprofit management certification and St. Mary’s University nonprofit management certification courses.
Important Reminders

Quick Connections Phone Call Update

Join us for Quick Connections, a 20-minute conversation covering our impact in the community. All Quick Connections phone calls will take place from 8 - 8:20 a.m. CST. To join these calls, please dial 1-712-775-7031. Our meeting ID is 979-500-399. You do not have to R.S.V.P. to join the calls.

- Charitable Gift Planning - Which Assets are Best? Wednesday, September 23, 2015
- San Antonio Area Foundation’s Nonprofit Certification Programs Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Listen to past calls by visiting saafdn.org/QuickConnections

Watch Investment Video Part 2: Challenges/Opportunities in the Bond and Credit Markets

Watch our second investment video by visiting saafdn.org/investments or our donor login section, via the “Access My Fund,” button on our homepage.

Important Events to Note

- September 15 - Investment Performance Review and Economic Outlook
- September 21 - The 23rd Annual Estate & Charitable Gift Planning Institute, “Tailoring the Estate Planning Wardrobe”, will be presented as a live video session at our office.
- March 2, 2016 - Mark your calendar for next year’s annual meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!
# Calendar of Events

All events are held at the Area Foundation’s Wells Center unless otherwise noted.

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