

A multigenerational effect



Kathy Anderson, Library Director
Bachelor's and two Master's Degrees

One scholarship made education within reach for an entire family.

Every weekday, Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund alumna Kathy Anderson goes to work at her dream job as the Library Director for Philander Smith University. She loves her staff and students.

But 20 years ago, Kathy almost didn't finish her bachelor's degree. Her car was damaged, and without it, she couldn't make it to her classes at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Plus, she had four kids to feed!

Kathy didn't know what to do. College was a goal she had put on hold for 17 years after dropping out of high school when she became pregnant. Yet she couldn't afford both a car repair and food for her family.

Then, Kathy learned about the single parent scholarship. She applied, interviewed, received her check, fixed her car, bought groceries, and continued her studies.

Thanks to ASPSF, Kathy graduated with her bachelor's degree and became a librarian at the UAM Library, which jump-started her career.

"The scholarship was a blessing," she said. "I knew education was the key to making a better life for my children and me."

No one in Kathy's family had graduated from college before. Her success paved the way for two of her children and her grandson to pursue higher education.

Experiencing firsthand the multigenerational effects of higher education, Kathy gives back by volunteering and donating monthly to help single parent students.

"Any little bit you can give is a blessing to a single parent," she said. "Some people think, 'I don't have the money,' but any amount makes a difference."



Calvin, son
Assistant Manager
Associate, Bachelor's, and Master's Degrees



Erica, daughter
Special Education
Paraprofessional
Associate Degree



Marquis, grandson, UAPB Freshman

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Why we give



“As a first-generation college graduate raised by a single mother, I am committed to ensuring that the next generations of Arkansans have access to education and opportunities to succeed.”

- Sunshine Bartlett of Fort Smith

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ASPSF recipient Katrine (left) has inspired her 17-year-old daughter, Kaneisha, who is now planning for her own higher education to become a registered nurse and cosmetologist.

‘She sets a great example’

Kaneisha has watched her mom, Katrine, work hard to become an elementary school teacher. Last year, Katrine graduated with her associate degree from Texarkana College and now is working on her bachelor's. Below, Kaneisha shares what it means to see her mom reach her goals.

“Watching my mom succeed in something she wanted for so long makes me smile because I know all the hard work she put into this.

From the long stressful nights to waking up early to study for a test, she sets a great example and shows us every day that anything CAN be achieved, no matter what.

As I watch her set high goals and reach them every time and get closer and closer to the career she's been striving for, it makes me feel inspired, and I know that through hard work I can accomplish anything.”

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT



Charles A. Frueauff Foundation

Philanthropist Sue Frueauff, a retired elementary school educator and single mom, knew there was something special about a non-profit helping single parent students.

She along with Bonnie Nickol, Marge Schueck, Ellen Ingram, and others organized the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Pulaski County during the 1990s.

Sue's passion for the ASPSF mission started a decades-long partnership with the Charles A. Frueauff Foundation (CAFF), where she was a trustee and chief administrative officer. Both Sue and her son, David, have served on SPSF Pulaski Board of Directors.

"Her background, beliefs, and values are what led her to become actively involved with Single Parent Scholarship Fund," said Anna Kay, Sue's daughter.

Since those early days, ASPSF has benefited from an annual grant from the foundation. Plus, the Frueauff family and Program Assistant/Office Manager Alma Willett donates personally and attends many ASPSF events.

There's also the Sue Frueauff Endowed Scholarship. In 2019, when SPSF Pulaski voted to merge with ASPSF, the Pulaski Board elected to honor Sue with a scholarship for recipients majoring in education.

But just like ASPSF, the foundation is more than a check.



Sue Frueauff
(Former) Trustee & Chief Administrative Officer



David Frueauff
Trustee, President, & Chief Executive Officer



Anna Kay Frueauff
Trustee & Vice President of Comms and Programs



Since 1950, Frueauff Foundation Trustees have awarded 10,269 grants totaling over \$202.4 million in 29 states.

The Frueauff Foundation was established by David and Anna Kay's great-great-uncle. The foundation is committed to supporting organizations working on the front lines of education, human services, health, and hospitals.

"They are huge advocates for us," said Keisha Smith, ASPSF Central Region Program Manager. "They connect our nonprofit with bigger organizations such as the Museum of Discovery, where our students can receive free memberships thanks to CAFF."

The foundation has also offered ASPSF discounted office space since 2007. Between phone calls

and meetings, Keisha and ASPSF Program Director LaCresha Newton chat around the water cooler with the Frueauffs about nonprofit trends and their families.

"Sue, David, Anna Kay, and Alma are the best partners we could ask for," LaCresha said. "They not only invest in single parent success but also our staff and organization as a whole."

Meet 10 grads from the ASPSF Class of '23

Your gifts helped 237 single parents graduate from schools across the state last year. They're now working at better-paying jobs, and some are continuing their education! Here's what a few are doing now.



Ebony, Phillips County
Degree: Associate
Major: Nursing
School: PCCUA
Now: Studying for a bachelor's degree in nursing and working at a local hospital.



Jennifer, Garland County
Degree: Bachelor's
Major: Criminal Justice
School: UAFS
Now: Working as a case manager and soon to graduate with two additional health care degrees.



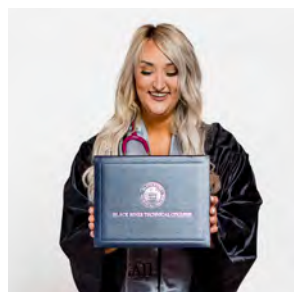
Suzanne, Pulaski County
Degree: Associate
Majors: Culinary Arts; Hospitality Management; & Baking and Pastry
School: UA-PTC
Now: Working in catering.



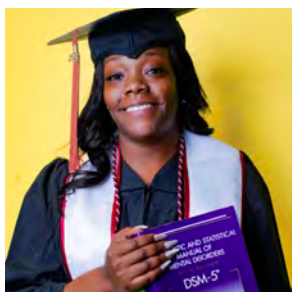
Elizabeth, Sebastian County
Degree: Bachelor's
Major: Organizational Leadership
School: UAFS
Now: Working toward a promotion with her current employer.



Alana, Faulkner County
Degree: Bachelor's
Major: Nursing
School: UALR
Now: Working at a dialysis clinic.



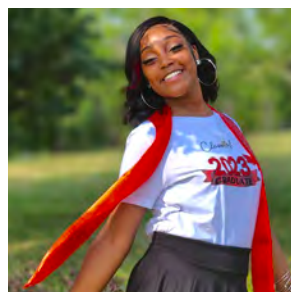
Brooke, Greene County
Degree: Associate
Major: Nursing
School: BRTC
Now: Working as a registered nurse in a neuroscience intensive care unit.



Tiffany, Pulaski County
Degree: Bachelor's
Major: Social Work
School: UALR
Now: Working as a behavior modification specialist and licensed social worker.



Christina, Crittenden County
Degree: Bachelor's
Major: Early Childhood Education
School: ASU
Now: Working as an elementary school teacher.



Asombra, Garland County
Degree: Associate
Major: Health Care Admin.
School: UA-Grantham
Now: Working on a bachelor's and received a promotion from her employer.



Victoria, Little River County
Degree: License
Major: Practical Nursing
School: Texarkana College
Now: Working as a nurse at a local clinic in internal medicine.

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