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THE INTERN EXPERIENCE: JCCF'S SUMMER INTERN

By Caleb Crockett

Interning at the Johnson County Community Foundation has been nothing short of a welcoming and invaluable experience. As a journalism major at Franklin College, it is a requirement to complete one off-campus internship experience, and I am more than happy that my opportunity came at the JCCF. As someone who had next to no knowledge of what a community foundation was, the largest takeaway from my summer here is how impactful the JCCF is to thousands of people. Learning the importance of the behind-the-scenes work and nuances it takes to reach all our lofty goals was a definite highlight!

I aided in conducting a video series by interviewing four different non-profit organizations that have received funds from the JCCF. I've learned that everybody has a story to share but most of the time it falls on deaf ears. It was a joy to give them, and their organization, a voice through interviewing. I even wrote several stories about various programs and initiatives the Foundation conducts throughout our community.



I completed a lot of photography work and learned more about how the JCCF supports other non-profit organizations in ways that aren't just based on monetary aid. I have made and edited multiple social media posts showing off all the amazing endeavors of the Foundation. I wrote several stories, such as this one, to help make more people aware of the Foundation's work. In between all of that I have worked on a very large filing project that will serve the Foundation well for years to come.

JCCF's philosophy is "Connecting people who care with causes that matter". Everything we do at the JCCF is for the betterment of our communities, and the ultimate goal is for all of this good to outlive us when we're gone. That is my takeaway from this summer, and I am more than thankful for the opportunity to have been a part of it.

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THE JOHNSON COUNTY **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S** 2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

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The Johnson County Community Foundation successfully hosted the Scholarship Reception at the Greenwood Fieldhouse, June 13th from 5:45 PM to 7 PM. More than 150 individuals attended the event and over 80 students received a total of \$370,000 in scholarships from the Foundation.

Scholarship recipients began to arrive at 5:30 PM to receive their certificates and name tags.

Communications Manager, Mallory Carnes, and Intern, Caleb Crockett, took photos of all scholarship fund representatives with their respective scholarship attendees. In between collecting certificates and taking photos, all attendants enjoyed a meal consisting of sliders, meatballs, and fruit from Grafton Peak Catering.

JCCF Vice President of Development, Stephanie Marten, gave her opening remarks and thanked the Mayor of Greenwood, Mark Myers, for allowing us to host the event in the city of Greenwood. Myers spoke briefly about the city and congratulated the students.

Marten handed off the microphone to JCCF Board Member, Evan Meade, who hosted a panel of three former scholarship recipients. Nicholas Coy (senior), Jenna Kelsay (sophomore), and Ethan Vance (junior) answered several questions about college life. The three students shared tips, tricks, and helpful hints to this year's aspiring college students.

To cap off the night, Board member, Anne Young, gave a sentimental address to the parents in which she stressed the importance of allowing their children to take their first steps into adulthood without an over-dependence on their parents. Young compared this situation to a baby chick in its egg, and how one must allow the chick to hatch with its' own strength or else you risk the chick dying because it never learned how to help itself.

The speech was met with a hearty round of applause and cheers as the Scholarship Reception came to its conclusion at 7 PM. On their way out, parents were encouraged to take complimentary yard signs that exclaimed their student was a JCCF scholarship recipient. The JCCF highly anticipates the opportunity to host next year's Scholarship Reception for future recipients.

> The 2025 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship application is now available! Go to jccf.org for more info or contact Stephanie Fox at stephanief@jccf.org.

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