

2023-2024

The Kays Foundation

Newsletter

The Kays Foundation granted \$500,000.00 to establish “The Kays Foundation Endowment for Veterinary Excellence” for the new Veterinary School at Arkansas State University.

The Endowment is set up so that it receives \$50,000 for the next (10) years beginning in December 2024 and ending in December 2033.

The endowment is to provide funds for unbudgeted materials and supplies necessary for instructional purposes. This includes items such as livestock, feeds, medicinal supplies, diagnostic equipment, hardware and software essential to the teaching of veterinary students.

In addition to the endowment the Foundation gave an initial gift of \$34,000 in December 2023 for immediate use in the purchase of unbudgeted materials and supplies.

The Kays Foundation is proud to support the College of Veterinary Medicine on the Arkansas State University Jonesboro campus.



Pictured L-R back: Terry Carty, Leonard McDaniel, Ravan Gaston, Dr. Todd Shields, Betty Ferralasco Moad, Sharon Bishop Phillips, and Richard Carvell. L-R front: Maxine Pruitt, Betty Rousey, Lucinda McDaniel, Dr. Heidi Banse, and Dr. Len Frey.



Lucinda McDaniel receiving her Distinguished Alumni Award.

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Holidays—Office Closed

Christmas & New Years

Dec. 23, 2024—Jan. 3, 2025

Re-open: January 6, 2025

Spring Meet & Greet

On March 5, 2024 the Foundation held its first meet and greet since 2018 due to the Covid-19 Crisis. The event was held at the Foundation office in which ASU faculty, staff, and other entities were invited to an informal setting to discuss grant opportunities.

Board member honored

On August 25, 2023 The A-State Alumni Association released a news release stating that they had selected a Kays Foundation Board of Director, our very own President, Lucinda McDaniel, who was honored as a Distinguished Alumni. Lucinda was honored with a dinner on Friday, October 20, 2023 at the Cooper Alumni Center and she was presented the Distinguished Alumni award during halftime at the homecoming game on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

2023

In 2023 the Kays Foundation donated \$185,358.27 in grants. Awards included a grant to the Nursing Department to purchase equipment and supplies that will enhance the simulation experience for the Nurse Anesthesia Program by Dr. Massey; funds to Dr. Flannigan and Addie Fleming for enhancing student learning through Realism with ISimulate; funds to Dr. Walz in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CLS) program to conduct a Clinical Lab Science Boot Camp for Teachers in area high school Science classes; funds to Dr. Haran in Mechanical Engineering for his STEM outreach program for the Baja Vehicle Design and the robotics competitions he hosts with area students as well as A-State students; and funds to Dr. Alam for research on his proposals of Synthesis antibacterial characterization of novel aminothiazole derivatives.

The Foundation gave it's \$50,000 commitment pledge to the endowment "The Kays Foundation Scarlet to Black Program for Financial Independence Endowment Fund". After the 2024 \$50,000 commitment pledge the Kays Foundation will only have a remaining balance of \$100,000 which will be completed in 2026.

In December of 2023 the Foundation gave it's initial gift of \$34,000 to the newly established endowment the "Kays Foundation Endowment for Veterinary Excellence."



Dr. Tew visiting area schools to teach his Financial Wellness Program for (S2B) Scarlet to Black



Terry Carty, Dr. Stacy Walz, and Lucinda McDaniel



2024 Grants

The Kays Foundation awarded \$41,459.34 in the spring grant cycle:

the first to Matthew Mayton, archivist, in the Dean. B. Ellis Library, to digitize oral history interviews conducted from 1979 to 1995 by the Mid-South Center for Oral History;

the second to Dr. Alam, associate professor of Chemistry, to continue his research on antibacterial characterization of pyrazole compounds in find novel antibiotics to treat drug resistant bacterial infections and

the third to Dr. Webb, assistant research professor in Ecotoxicology to upgrade equipment at the Ecotoxicology Research Facility.

Happy Birthday!

Leonard celebrated his 85th birthday in April 2023

Betty Rousey celebrated her 62nd birthday in October 2023

Richard Carvell celebrated his 80th birthday in Dec. 2023

Betty Moad celebrated her 72nd birthday in March 2024

Sharon Phillips celebrated her 55th birthday in May 2024

Terry Carty celebrated his 78th birthday in June 2024

Lucinda McDaniel celebrated her 65th birthday in Aug. 2024

In Sympathy

Betty Moad: On the loss of her dad Bob Ferralasco who also served as a Board of Director for 22 years.

Congratulations!

Sharon Phillips welcomed her

1st grandchild in July 2023



Congratulations to Richard "Rich" Carvell! Rich was recognized for his many years of service to our country as a "Veteran" at the A-State football game on Sept. 7, 2024