

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## TOP STUDENTS RECOGNITION AND FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH



Eric Bruntmyer serves as the President of Hardin-Simmons University.

Eric came to Hardin-Simmons University in June 2016 after serving as the Vice President of Financial Affairs at Dallas Baptist University, where he worked from 2003-2016. Prior to his leadership at DBU, he was a private practice attorney.

Eric has also taught numerous doctoral, masters, and undergraduate courses for Dallas Baptist University, Tarrant County College, and Dallas County Community College. Courses that he has taught include Higher Education Law and Finance, Financial and Managerial Accounting, Business and Public Law, Texas State and Local Government, Negotiations, and Conflict Resolution Management.

Eric did undergraduate work at Texas Tech University, and earned his Juris Doctor Degree from Baylor University in 1994. In 2006, he also earned a Master of Business

Administration with a concentration in Accounting from Dallas Baptist University.

Eric and his wife Elise have been married for 24 years and have five children.



Amanda Wiskow conducted the program.



Jamilah Spears presented an inspirational address to the students.



David Mann was a guest of Faye Dodson.



Bonnie Hoyle was a guest of Faye Dodson.



Grant Seabourne was a guest of Randy Roewe.

# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

May 10th, 2017

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....Nancy Miller  
 Prayer ..... Ashley Larry  
 Music.....Randy Williams  
 Piano .....Tim Adcock  
 Pledge.....Rob Chastain  
 Guests..... Faye Dodson  
 Cup Money .....\$32.90

## In our prayers

Remember Jarrell Young, Carl and Pat Lockett. Remember Keith Garner, Monroe Nevels, Kimberley Cole's mother, and James Shields' wife. Also remember Gordon Dowell and wife Dorothy, Others: Joan, wife of George Knight, Jeannette, wife of Roy Cloud and Kirby Leeson. Remember students who are graduating this spring as they celebrate their successes and begin the next chapter of their lives.

## Guests

Guest.....Member  
 David Mann ..... Faye Dodson  
 Bonnie Hoyle..... Faye Dodson  
 Paige Sproles..... Christine Curtis-Carr  
 Grant Seabourne .....Randy Roewe

## Program

Amanda Wiskow welcomed teachers and students on May 10th. She expressed appreciation to the teachers for their dedication and congratulated all of the students for their accomplishments. She introduced the school administrators and students who were selected by their teachers as the most outstanding student in their class. MaryAnn Martin and Yelithza Morales assisted Amanda as she presented certificates to each student. In addition, Amanda announced the winners of 5 Career and Technology Scholarships. Those winners were Ashlyn Brooks, Colin Kappel, Luis Martinez, Noah Pruitt and Aaliah Rodriguez.

LaQuiera Gantt introduced Jamilah Spears as the speaker for this extraordinary day. Jamilah is a recent graduate of Abilene Christian University and a motivational speaker. She works as a facilitator with Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas hosting center orientations and employment success workshops. Jamilah encouraged students to take words of encouragement and to hang onto them. Her words of wisdom were to:

- Be Flexible- It is great to have goals; hang on to those goals and ideas but be flexible and



Outstanding Career, Technology, and Engineering award winners.

re-route if needed. She communicated that it is important to not change the goal but be willing to change the path to reach that goal.

- Don't pressure yourself to have it all figured out. Leave room for unexpected interruptions.
- Don't be afraid to fail or allow failure to keep you down. Learn to get back up.
- Open yourself to experience. Say yes to that which might be difficult or challenging and learn from it.
- Surround self with good people and find good mentors.
- She encouraged students to pursue relationships and stated that might mean getting out of our comfort zone.
- Chill Off Social Media. Often we use social media as a substitute for building relationships.

In closing, Jamilah encouraged students to enjoy life and celebrate this time in your life. She quoted Andy Bernard "I wish there were a way to know the "good old days" before we actually left them." Note that you are in the "good old days". Enjoy every moment of it!

President Nancy Miller thanked Jamilah for the wonderful program and congratulated the students for their accomplishments. She communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in their honor to help fund scholarships for high school students.

Kiwanians - Let's get busy Inviting, Informing and Involving in 2016-2017!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Project ELIMINATE Challenge

The Board on April 6th approved extending the Club's Zeller payment amount of \$250 until July 31,

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2018. Our anonymous donor who is matching the Club's payment with \$250 of his own \$250 has agreed to extend the deadline for his matching contribution as well.

As a reminder:

When you give US\$1,250 to The Eliminate Project, you can become a Walter Zeller Fellow—and save or protect more than 690 women and their future babies. MNT is on the brink of elimination. With your gift you have the power to save lives and prevent a life-threatening disease.

Walter Zeller Fellows are recognized with a medallion, certificate and commemorative lapel pin—and, most importantly, the knowledge they helped fill more than 690 lives with unlimited possibilities.

As announced on November 9, 2016, the Kiwanis Club of Abilene board approved matching \$250.00 toward the \$1,250.00 pledge to become a Walter Zeller Fellow. In addition an anonymous donor stepped up to match the \$250.00 board amount. Thus members contributing \$750.00 will be eligible for Zeller status.

This would remain valid until either:

1. The Kiwanis Club of Abilene meets the Model Club Goal of \$71,250.00

2. By July 31, 2018, whichever occurs first

Please make checks payable to the Abilene Kiwanis Club Foundation. In addition, let Faye Dodson know if you are interested in monthly automatic debit from your checking account and contact Mark Hoover if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of this important effort and please consider joining in this effort.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

### Box Tops for Education

We continue to collect box tops for Reagan Elementary. This is something we all can do. Our box tops help Reagan provide physical education equipment.

## DIVISION 35 ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 Tx-Ok District Convention Strategic Planning Meetings are usually scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be May 23rd at 7:30am at the Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville. This team is working hard to bring a great convention to Abilene. Be ready to help them as we move closer to the date. The convention will be held August 3rd – August 5th. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend.

Division 35 Annual Prayer Breakfast - The Division 35 Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 6:45am, at Bobbie & Bernice Wolfe's Barn, 24 Avenida De Silva, Abilene TX 79602. This is a

wonderful time of fellowship and all Kiwanians are encouraged to attend. Signup sheets will be on the tables soon.

## Lay Person of the Year



Randy Williams announced Layperson of the Year 2016-2017 for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene as, LaQuiera Gantt. LaQuiera, the oldest of 9 siblings, is currently serving as Program Coordinator/College Advisor for Abilene Education Foundation.

Other important things to know about LaQuiera:  
Kiwanis Club of Abilene:

- Club Member for 5 yrs. (2 yrs. perfect attendance)
- First Club Satellite Member
- Chairs Vocational Guidance Program and Scholarship Luncheon
- Spiritual Aims Committee
- 2017 District Convention Planning Committee

Church:

- Minda Street Church of Christ
- Children's Choir Director
- High School Youth Teacher & Mentor
- Youth Ministry Team
- Co-Coordinator of the Women's Benevolence Program
- Volunteers to Participate in Youth Activities on Weekends

Community:

- Board Member for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
- Hendricks Women's Council
- Student Sponsor Lunchtime Mentoring Teen Girls at Cooper High
- Attends student events where parents are either absent or can't go
- 2015 Top 20 Most Influential Leaders in Abilene under the age of 40

Congratulations Laquiera!

## CALENDAR

- May 23 - District Convention Planning Meeting (DCON) – Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville 7:30am
- May 25 – Division 35 annual Prayer Breakfast 6:45am, Bobbie & Bernice Wolfe’s Barn, 24 Avenida De Silva, Abilene TX 79602
- June 6 - Club Satellite – 6:00 pm at Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton Street,

Abilene. Contact Gayla Mize at [gaylalgill@yahoo.com](mailto:gaylalgill@yahoo.com) for information

- June 8 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie’s Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene
- July 13-16th – 102nd Kiwanis International Convention, Paris, France
- August 3-5th Texas-Oklahoma 2017 District Convention, Abilene – Make Plans Now to Attend!

## SPIRITUAL AIMS

*Gary Poyner*

Next week is the Kiwanian Prayer Breakfast at Bobbie and Bernice Wolfe’s residence. I would like to invite you now to come to the event. There will be great food and wonderful fellowship. But that is not the reason I would like you to go. I know it requires an early start to be there by 6:30am. But I would encourage you to start preparing to go now. As you go thru this week consider, as I will; what is my expectation next Thursday morning? I know that while I expect there will be good food and much laughter, there will be more. My prayer is that God will give me the heart of compassion for the people around me who I do not know. That He will allow me the blessing of lifting up the ones that are hurting, that I can touch their lives.

Ask for God’s blessing on our club, our city, and our nation. I am asking God to reveal His love through us. Now I know that we can do the same thing in our own home. But Jesus said in Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” So let us come together as a club, and as you arrive have an expectation to hear from God, and to receive a blessing. What a great way to start a day. We can begin the day with great food, great friends, and we can depart being spiritually blessed.

# ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



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# CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

SCHOOL	STUDENT	TEACHER	SUBJECT OF STUDY
Abilene HS	Noah Pruitt	Kay Richards	Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
Abilene HS	Mark Alvarez	Jon McAden	Architecture & Construction - Electrical Trades
Abilene HS	Kabir Bhakta	Opal Mobbs	Career Prep I&II
Abilene HS	Jalen Wright	Holly Woodard	Education & Training
Abilene HS	Brandon Garcia	Amy Allen	Finance
Abilene HS	Destini DeLa Cruz	Connie Ross	Human Services - Cosmetology
Abilene HS	Johni Renea Lopez	Amy Lai	Human Services - Child Care Guidance
Abilene HS	Kabir Bhakta	Alicia Soto	Information Technology
Abilene HS	Sabrina Staggs	Les Bruce	Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Logisti
Cooper HS	Collin Kappel	Dylan Speer	Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
Cooper HS	Coby Reynolds	Sherry Stewart	Business Mgmt. and Administration
Cooper HS	Hannah Tollison	Cheryl Barber	Education & Training
Cooper HS	Mikayla Johnson	Sherry Stewart	Finance
Cooper HS	Grace Downey	Kirby Wilkerson	Hospitality & Tourism-Culinary Arts
Cooper HS	Kevin Duong	Roger Hall	Information Technology
Cooper HS	Ashley Willet	Rick Woodard	Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
Cooper HS	Nickolas Cantu	Steve Short	Manufacturing
Holland - AHS	Ryan Santibanez	Peter Estrada	Pharmacy Technician Program
Holland - CHS	Kari Brokovich	Peter Estrada	Pharmacy Technician Program
ATEMS HS	Landon Breidenback	Ashley West	Information Technology
ATEMS HS	Nathaniel Rowlands	Ashley West	STEM

## Scholarship Recipients

Parents – Tye & A'Lisa Brooks

Ashlyn Brooks – Ashlyn attends Abilene High and plans to attend Texas Women's University in the fall majoring in Occupational Therapy. She currently works at First Bank Texas and has for the past two years. She is a FFA member and officer, and a member of both the National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. She is involved with her church, participating in mission trips and volunteering in the church nursery. Congratulations Ashlyn!

Parents – Mark & Jana Kappel

Colin Kappel - Colin attends Cooper High & plans to attend Texas A&M as a future veterinarian. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Boy Scouts of America, and the Cooper HS Orchestra. He is also the secretary for FFA and is a member of the Abilene Philharmonic. Colin was recognized as a Commended National Merit Scholar. Congratulations Colin!

Parents – Luis Martinez

Luis Martinez – Luis attends ATEMS High School & plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin as a future Biomedical Engineer. Luis is currently ranked number four in his graduating class and carries an intense course load of AP classes. He is involved in Robotics, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He was also recognized by the NMSQT, as a National Hispanic Scholar. Congratulations Luis!

Parents – Kevin & Christen Pruitt

Noah Pruitt – Noah attends Abilene High School and plans to attend Abilene Christian University as a future lawyer. He has been a member of the Abilene Eagles JV Tennis team, the Eagle Band and the Abilene High FFA. He has held various leadership offices, such as section leader in band, the AHS FFA President and the Big Country District FFA President. He is involved at his church, where he serves at Christian Homes, Love and Care Ministries and the Christian Service Center office. Congratulations Noah!

Parents – Victor & Melissa Rodriguez

Aaliah Rodriguez – Aaliah attends Cooper High School and plans to attend Cisco Junior College. She is planning to attend medical school after receiving a degree in Dentistry. She has been a member of the Cooper Band, and the Spanish Club and is an athletic trainer at Cooper. She currently works at HEB and has been there for two years. Congratulations Aaliah!

# ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250  
 Percent of Goal Met: 81.24%  
 Contributions: \$57,886.00  
 Zeller Fellows: 34  
 Pledged Zellers: 3  
 Model Club Members: 2  
 Number of lives saved: 32,159 @ \$1.80 per shot series  
 Amount remaining to Goal: \$13,364 [Amt. equals approx. 11 Zellers]

## Eliminate News!

### Texas-Oklahoma - US \$5,000,000

T-O Goal ..... \$5,000,000  
 Percent Paid..... 100%

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