

Key Hosts 6th Annual Deborah Feldstein Bartfeld Memorial Scholarship (DFB) Event

On August 26, 2015, Key and Key's Alternative's for Youth Foundation (AYF) held its sixth Annual Deborah Feldstein Bartfeld Memorial (DFB) Scholarship Event at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Natick, MA.

The Deborah Feldstein Bartfeld Memorial Scholarship fund is designed to award scholarships to individuals enrolled in a formal MSW or other graduate mental health counseling program and who have demonstrated commitment to the field of social work/child welfare; specifically with "multi-stressed youth and families."

The goals of the clinical scholarship program are:

- To provide a monetary award that makes a meaningful contribution to the recipient's education;
- To establish a long-term relationship with the recipients; and
- To enhance Key's clinical resources.

Since the inception of the DFB Memorial Scholarship in 2004, AYF has awarded 294 graduate school scholarships totaling over \$1 million. For the 2015-2016 academic year, AYF granted \$135,000 to 38 new recipients and \$40,100 to 11 second year recipients.

Our **non-Key scholarship recipients** for the **2015-2016** academic year joined President **William Lyttle**; one of our AYF Scholarship Subcommittee Board Members, **Hope Haslam Straughan**; Key's Management Team and some of Key's clinical staff for a luncheon. The primary purpose of this annual event is to share information about Key's history, mission, programs, clinical services and future clinical needs. Additionally; recipients were able to network with other graduate students and Key staff to discuss their own career plans, internships, field placements and volunteer opportunities. Graduate-level internship opportunities are reviewed in the *Internship* tab on Key's website.

Our Clinical Panel was once again the highlight of the event. The panel was made up of five clinical staff from across the Agency; **Nancy Fillio**, LICSW, Boston University (*Regional Clinical Director*, Northeast Region), **Michael Murray**, CAGS Mental Health Counseling, Springfield College (*Regional Clinical Supervisor*, Western Region), **Lynn Meehan**, LICSW, Boston University, (*Regional Program Supervisor*, Southeast Region), **Kelley Ryan**, LMHC, CAGS Mental Health Counseling, Rhode Island College (*Clinical Supervisor/Triple P Manager*, Rhode Island Region) and **Jessie Gadd**, LICSW, MSW, University of New Hampshire (*Clinician*, CBHI, Northeast Region). The panelists spoke about their own clinical careers, roles and experiences at Key and then took questions from the audience.

Thank you to all our Key staff who helped to make the event a success!

2015-2016 New Scholarship Recipients (Non-Key):

<i>Jaleesa Bell</i>	<i>MSW Boston University</i>
<i>Nancy Bisceglia</i>	<i>MSW Bridgewater State University</i>
<i>Celeste Brown</i>	<i>MSW Boston University</i>
<i>Rebecca Chernek</i>	<i>MSW Boston University</i>
<i>Scott Clark</i>	<i>MSW Boston University</i>
<i>Claire Comeau</i>	<i>MSW Simmons University</i>
<i>Carlie Currier</i>	<i>MSW Boston University</i>
<i>Sara Edwards</i>	<i>MS Counseling Psychology, Assumption College</i>
<i>Jane Farrell</i>	<i>MSW Simmons College</i>
<i>Kelsey Gilbert</i>	<i>MSW Bridgewater State University</i>
<i>Nichole Gomes</i>	<i>MSW Bridgewater State University</i>
<i>Jenna Halloran</i>	<i>MSW Simmons University</i>
<i>Laura Heller</i>	<i>MSW Boston University</i>
<i>Alexandra Iani</i>	<i>MSW Simmons University</i>
<i>Susannah Matthews</i>	<i>MSW Simmons University</i>
<i>Silvia Mendez</i>	<i>MSW Simmons University</i>
<i>Brookeita Payne</i>	<i>MSW Wheelock College</i>
<i>Justine Podurgiel</i>	<i>MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling Springfield College</i>
<i>Brittany Suprenard Orlandi</i>	<i>MSW Salem State University</i>
<i>Sedale Williams</i>	<i>Doctor of Psychology Springfield College</i>

The DFB scholarship is also available to Key's supervisory and direct care staff (both former and current). The following Key employees received awards:

2015 -2016 New Scholarship Recipients (current and former Key employees)

<i>JeanPaul Ahearn, Central Region</i>	<i>MS Mental Health Counseling Fitchburg State University</i>
<i>Natalie Balletta, Northeast Region</i>	<i>MSW Boston University</i>
<i>Alixandra Boucher, Northeast Region</i>	<i>MS Mental Health Counseling University of Pennsylvania</i>
<i>Courtney Flanagan, RI Region</i>	<i>MSW Rhode Island College</i>
<i>Daritza Francisco, Northeast Region</i>	<i>MS Mental Health Counseling University of Pennsylvania</i>
<i>Allison Hajjar, Northeast Region</i>	<i>MSW Boston College</i>
<i>Jacy Howard, Northeast Region</i>	<i>MS Mental Health & School Adjustment Counseling Cambridge College</i>

<i>Julian Lind, Northeast Region</i>	<i>MSW Salem State University</i>
<i>Amanda Muise, Northeast Region</i>	<i>MSW Simmons College</i>
<i>Stacey Miner, Southeast Region</i>	<i>MS Mental Health Counseling UMASS Dartmouth</i>
<i>Amanda Robbins, Northeast Region</i>	<i>MSW Boston University</i>
<i>Keith Stanley, Northeast Region</i>	<i>MSW Salem State University</i>
<i>Katherine Wadsworth, Berkshire Region</i>	<i>MS Clinical Mental Health Counseling Springfield College</i>
<i>Kristin White, Southeast Region</i>	<i>MSW Bridgewater State University</i>
<i>Joshua Ziolo, Central Region</i>	<i>MS Mental Health Counseling Lesley University</i>

Congratulations to all our scholarship recipients. Wishing you all a successful academic year!