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# **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

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## ***A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHN ELLIS***

On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, please accept our best wishes for a Happy Holiday season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Our Fall Appeal Letter was sent to all donors and friends of the Foundation and to all who have responded a heartfelt "THANK YOU." Your generosity will allow us to achieve the funding goals for our Grants and Scholarship awards for the next year.

To those who have not responded, please consider supporting the Foundation before year end to receive a tax deduction.

We are holding our annual Celebration/Donor Appreciation event this year in Ft. Lauderdale on January 14 with three days of events. Information has been sent and details are also included in this newsletter.

A special thanks to David Andrews and Joe Pacetti for securing our special guest performer, as well as to Frank Maguire and David Andrews for their help with the logistics of the events.

During January we will begin our process of accepting applications for Grant and Scholarship awards. This project takes at least 6 months and requires many hours of work on the part of our committee chairs and the committee members who evaluate the applications.

Doug Morton and Scott Kahle (committee chairmen) will be soliciting applicants for the awards as well as recruiting evaluators of the award applications.

Being an evaluator is a very rewarding experience and gives firsthand knowledge of the caliber of grantees and scholarship winners. In addition to the insight gained, committee members are involved in the decision process of the awards and have input on the guidelines for future awards. We encourage donors to join the team for this very important process.

Please contact Grants Chairman Scott Kahle or Scholarship Chairman

Doug Morton if you are interested in becoming an evaluator.

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denverdoug@aol.com

During the past year it was determined that the Grants process needed to be updated to make the awards more focused on current needs and to facilitate the evaluation process.

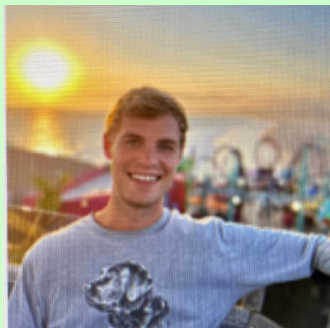
A special thanks to Chuck Kuglen for chairing the committee to update the Grant award process. These changes will be in place for the upcoming Grant cycle.

The Foundation is an all-volunteer organization. All funds donated are allocated to the future awards. There are NO salaries or corporate overhead. The Foundation is a 501c3 so all donations are fully tax deductible.

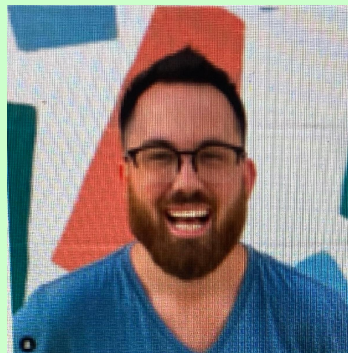
***On behalf of the Foundation Directors, please accept our "Best Wishes" for a wonderful Holiday Season and New Year. Thank you for your ongoing support of Your Foundation!***

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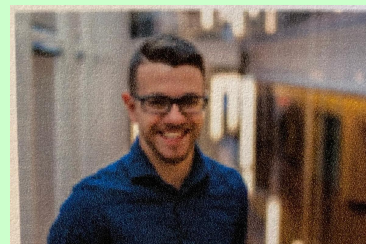
***SOME SMILING FACES OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!***



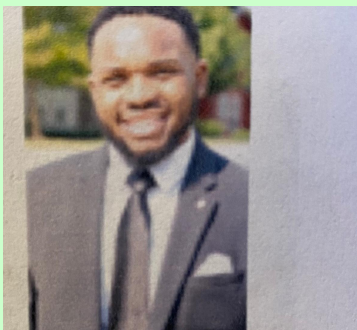
**Mitchell Beers**  
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Master of Public Health and Public  
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**Jayson Maloney**  
\$2,500  
Southern New Hampshire  
University Bachelor of  
Science in Business



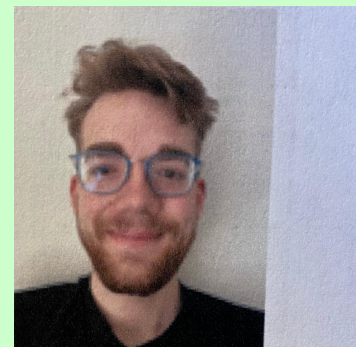
**Ian Leach**  
\$2,500  
NYU Law  
Juris Doctor.



**Dre'Quan Lee**  
\$2,500  
Ross University School of  
Medicine Doctor of  
Medicine.



**Daniel Hatcher**  
\$2,500  
Florida International  
University  
BA in Interdisciplinary  
Studies.



**Taite Griffen**  
\$5,000  
American University Washington  
College  
Juris Doctorate.  
*Phil Papel Memorial Scholarship*

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***Click below for a short video "Thank You" from Michael Solotke, a Graduate Scholarship recipient attending medical school.***



**GAMMA MU  
FOUNDATION**  
presents



# Celebration!

**JANUARY 14  
2023**

**3-Day MLK Weekend**  
in Sunny Fort Lauderdale

\$150 per person.  
100% of proceeds  
go to the work of  
The Gamma Mu  
Foundation



Featuring  
Grammy Award Winner  
Sir Earl Toon from  
**KOOL & THE GANG\***

performing many of their hits  
including "Ladies Night"  
& "Celebration!"

Main event on  
Saturday, Jan 14th  
with other events  
throughout the  
weekend >>>>>>



For more information  
or to purchase tickets to go  
**GRAMMAMUFUNDATION.ORG**

\*A gift to the foundation  
from David Andrews and  
Arnold & Joe Pacetti



## **RECIPIENTS**

**Mississippi Safe Schools  
Coalition  
Jackson MS**

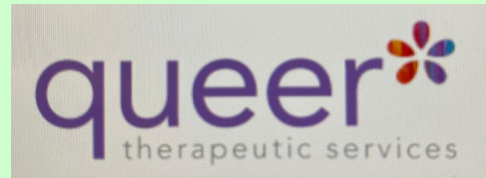
***Your Donation to the Gamma Mu Foundation at work!***

***The Richard Karpawich Award for Research and Education***

To reduce bullying and discrimination of LGBTQ+ students in Mississippi public schools and expand access to LGBTQ+ inclusive curricula, the Mississippi Safe Schools Coalition seeks to expand its professional learning engagement program through the development of the Be the Change Institute (BCI). The BCI is an eight week program that prepares education practitioners to implement evidence based strategies that create and promote safe and inclusive learning environments for LGBTQ+ students. Mississippi is one of 30 states without laws prohibiting discrimination against students based on both sexual orientation and gender identity and without comprehensive statewide policies on treatment of transgender, nonbinary and gender non-conforming students.

***QUEER ASTERISK***

***BOULDER COLORADO***



The Rural LGBTQ+ Tele-Mental Health Initiative Program is an expansion of the program that was funded by The Gamma Mu Foundation in 2020, providing the LGBTQ+ folks in rural areas with access to low-cost or no-cost professional mental health counseling and peer mentorship delivered by LGBTQIA counselors and providers as a pilot program over a period of six months. Because of the move to online services, we will now also be providing our community services.



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***PLEASE USE THE WEBSITE TO MAKE DONATIONS***

Our **Foundation** is receiving an unprecedented number of requests for Grants and Scholarships and we are only able to fund a small fraction of our requests.

Please consider making an "**Extra**" donation so that the Foundation can fulfill more of our requests.

**The Gamma Mu Foundation is an *all volunteer* organization**

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