



Annual Report 2011

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Message from the Executive Director



Dr. Heather Aidala, BPSF Executive Director

Looking back to the inception of the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund (BPSF) in 2010, I reflect on our achievements in these two years with great pride. Like a new recipe, we started from scratch and experimented with various ingredients until finding a process that works. With a solid foundation established, we continue to assess and improve our efforts to better serve and support our LGBTQ Bobcats.

The idea of BPSF was created during conversations with Texas State friends, Allies and LGBTQ community members. Their valuable contributions and belief in our mission were the initial ingredients.

About Us

Our Mission

Our mission is to support LGBTQ Texas State students by providing educational and leadership scholarships in order to promote retention of an underrepresented community.

Through the hard work of our volunteer Executive Board, our biggest achievement this year was achieving our 501(c)3 status, allowing the fund to rise. The generous donations from Texas State staff, faculty, alumni, and friends near and far, combined with community support from business owners and LGBTQ affirming organizations, made our first annual fall Soirée, the Drag Out Funny show, and our Love is Love social savory treats. The outcome of this successful recipe was providing Academic Achievement Scholarships to five deserving LGBTQ Bobcats the past four semesters and sending the first Leadership Development Scholarship recipient to Camp Pride. The icing will be the introduction of our newly formed Legacy Circle. These added giving levels allow us to create a community of donors who will ensure LGBTQ Texas State students know their academic and leadership goals are valued and supported.

In closing, a quote from an executive board member that has become a motto for the BPSF Executive Board comes to mind, "Where there was nothing, now there is something". Thank you for being a part of the successful recipe we know as the Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund.

Our Vision

Through social advocacy, Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund aspires to:

- * Support a culturally diverse society
- * Be accessible to all LGBTQ students
- * Assist scholarship recipients in fulfilling their educational goals
- * Foster leadership development opportunities

Highlights of Events

We had an amazing year full of entertainment, laughter, and new friendships. Our events create the opportunity to strengthen the LGBTQ community, while generating valuable scholarship monies.

Spring 2011

- ◆ Spring Fund Raising Social - Held at Palmer's Restaurant, Bar, & Courtyard

Fall 2011

- ◆ Fall Soiree - Hosted by Dr. Joey Martin
- ◆ 1st Annual Drag Out Funny - Held at Root Cellar, Hosted by Chitah Daniels Kennedy, Headlined by Comedienne Kelly Stone

Spring 2012

- ◆ Love is Love Spring Social - Held at Wake the Dead Coffee House



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Your Donations in Action!

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we were able to meet some amazing goals this past year. Starting in the fall semester we were able to increase our Academic Achievement Scholarship award from \$200 to \$500. Our fall and spring recipients, along with their exciting accomplishments are featured within this report.

The success of our fall events helped make one of our greatest goals up to date come true. This summer we will be awarding the first Leadership Development Scholarship for one deserving LGBTQ Bobcat to attend Camp Pride at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

None of this could have happened without the greatest achievement of all. On August 4, 2011 the BPSF was officially recognized as a federal 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Fall 2011 Recipient - Shaun Bryan Ford

The faculty, staff, and friends who attended the first annual Fall Soiree had the pleasure of meeting our Fall 2011 Academic Achievement Scholarship recipient, Shaun Bryan Ford, who received a \$500 award. Shaun is an Applied Sociology major with a double minor in English and Honors Studies. As an experienced speaker on the topics of homophobic bullying, gender studies, and invisible disabilities he is an exceptional representative of the BPSF. A recurring member of the Texas State Dean's List, Shaun maintains a 3.9 GPA amongst his other accomplishments. He has served as a Trevor Project ambassador for the Central Texas area and organized a candlelight vigil on campus for suicide victims of bullying. Perhaps most noteworthy, Shaun was a key player in the proposal of the newly approved LGBTQ Studies course within the Honors College.



FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

For this fiscal year (FY '11), 28% of our incoming revenue was used to cover expenses. This being our first full year of existence, we were presented with many initial one-time set-up costs such as our 501(c)3 application, computer software, and website domain. We anticipate that our future expenses will comprise a smaller percentage of incoming revenue.

Starting Balance for FY '11= \$1135.63

Monetary Donations = \$7757.24

In-Kind Donations = \$2285.00

501(c)3 Application = \$400.00

Marketing = \$638.91

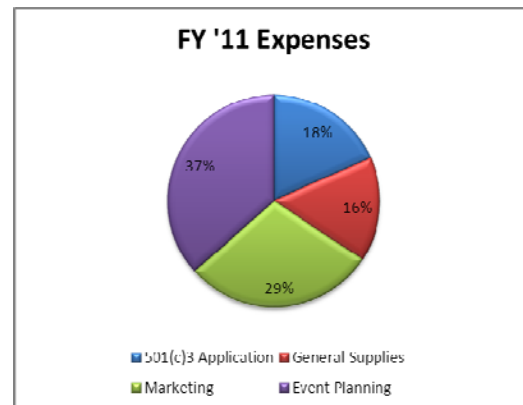
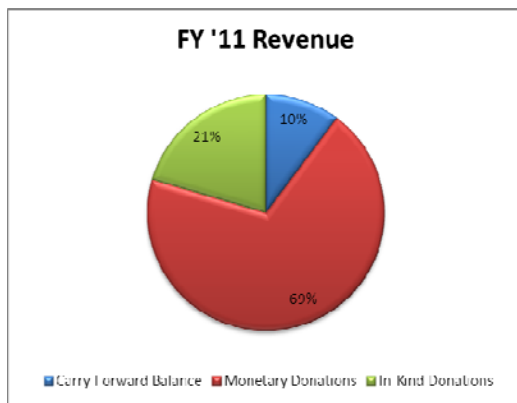
General Supplies = \$350.18

Event Planning = \$799.23

Total Expenses = \$2188.32

Net Balance for End of FY '11 = \$5704.55

In an ongoing commitment to our LGBTQ Bobcats, the BPSF vows to maintain a balance of funds that will cover the entire following year's amount of scholarship awards.



Spring 2012 Recipient - Shantel Swierc



Shantel Swierc, Animal Science junior, was awarded the BPSF Academic Achievement Scholarship for Spring 2012 in the amount of \$500. Her application stood out as a shining example of a dedicated student who strives to be a leader in her academic cohort, as well as a positive example for the LGBTQ community. Shantel's experience includes serving as a veterinary assistant and the western team captain of the Texas State University-San Marcos equestrian team. She is a lifetime member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and has served multiple leadership roles in both the Pre-Veterinary Society of Texas State and the Agriculture Ambassadors. Later in that same spring semester Shantel was also awarded the "Outstanding Undergraduate Service Award" from the Department of Agriculture at the College of Applied Arts.

2011 Donor List

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