



# NOSF Turns 20!

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The 2018-2019 school year is a very special one for the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund. What makes it so special is that this year marks the 20th year of awarding scholarships. The first school year NOSF started awarding scholarships was 1999-2000. That year there were 836 scholarships awarded worth \$553,794. More than 6,600 children from Wood, Lucas and Fulton Counties applied that year for the random drawing.

There were 836 students selected to receive a scholarship worth 25%, 50%, or 75% of their tuition to attend a private school.

The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund was formed when a group of local philanthropists raised pledges totaling \$1 million. This secured local participation for matching funds from the

Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF). The Children's Scholarship Fund was founded by John Forstmann and John Walton in 1998 who shared a passion for helping low-income children escape poverty by providing educational opportunities. CSF was officially launched in 1998 by offering 40,000 K-8 scholarships worth almost \$200 million to families across America. Since 1998:

- 166,000 CSF scholarships worth \$741 million have been awarded nationwide
- 15,400 NOSF scholarships worth \$13.2 million have been awarded in Northwest Ohio
- CSF has matched \$4.5 million in funds for scholarships locally

Today NOSF is one of 27 partners along with the Children's Scholarship Fund that work together to maximize educational opportunities for those in need by offering tuition assistance.



## 2018-2019 NOSF Scholarship Statistics:

- 750 scholarships awarded to students
- 471 returning students received scholarships
- 265 new students were awarded scholarships
- \$1,088 was the average scholarship awarded
- Students attend 72 different private schools or are homeschooled



# NOSF Graduates Making an Impact

This school year, NOSF will feature stories in its newsletter about NOSF graduates making an impact. Graduates range in ages from 14 to 32. Many of them are in school continuing the foundation that started with NOSF and others are working in Northwest Ohio to make the community a better place. If you are a NOSF alumna or alumnus or know a NOSF graduate, be sure to contact us so we can learn about all the fantastic things our alumni are doing. **You can go to <https://tinyurl.com/NOSFALUMNI>**

## Playgrounds are Her Passion –

### NOSF Graduate Mylicia Rangel, Queen of Apostles Class 2011

Mylicia Rangel is a senior Recreational Therapy major at The University of Toledo. She is also a NOSF alumna. Along with her four siblings, Mylicia attended Queen of Apostles School with a NOSF scholarship. Her path to Recreational Therapy started while she was attending Central Catholic High School and volunteering at Sunshine Children's Home. She always knew that she wanted to do some type of therapy with people. She started as a Physical Therapy major at The University of Toledo and then decided to switch to Recreational Therapy.

The study of Recreational Therapy also known as Therapeutic Recreation is defined as *a systematic process that utilizes recreation and other activity-based interventions to address the assessed needs of individuals with illnesses and or disabling conditions.*

While taking an Inclusive Recreation class at UT, she had an opportunity to visit an inclusive playground in Port Clinton. An inclusive playground is designed for children of all abilities to have a safe place to play and is developmentally appropriate.

Ms. Rangel is working on a project called the **Inclusive Playground Project** for the City of Toledo. The playground is in the design phase and her hope is that it will be located at Ottawa Park. Ms. Rangel said, "This project was started to create and build an accessible and inclusive playground within the Toledo community because all kids should be able to play."

When Ms. Rangel is not working on developing the playground, she is going to classes, mentoring freshmen as a Mentor for Students for first generation college students, serving as the Community Service Chair of the Latino Student Union, and working as a Recreation Assistant. She also just recently accepted a paid internship with the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry department for the City of Toledo. And will be working to improve inclusivity and accessibility in their parks and playgrounds while also moving forward on her playground project for the city.

Sr. Joselyn Weeman from Queen of Apostles School said this about Ms. Rangel, "It was a joy to have Mylicia Rangel in my 3rd Grade classroom at Queen of Apostles. She was the kind of 3rd grader that all teachers want. Mylicia was so responsible, hardworking, bright, and happy and was an angel helping out wherever she could. She came back to visit last year and I am so proud of her now! God is blessing her with a happy future!"



Playgrounds originated in Germany with the intent of teaching children how to play correctly. They first started appearing in the United States in 1907 thanks to President Theodore Roosevelt who did not think that streets were a safe place for kids to play.



## NOSF Alumni Get Connected

If you want to learn more about what is happening at NOSF, be sure to like our Facebook page at Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund, Inc., and join the alumni page.

**All alumni who join the *Alumni of Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund Inc. Group* on Facebook by November 15, 2018, will be entered in a drawing to Win one of five \$25 Amazon Gift Certificates.** You can also follow NOSF on Twitter @NOSFOhio and follow Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund, Inc. on LinkedIn. It is a great way to stay connected as an alum.



## A Special Anniversary Celebration at St. Benedict Catholic School

In September, friends of NOSF were invited to celebrate its 20th anniversary. The breakfast celebration hosted at St. Benedict Catholic School brought friends, current students, past scholarship parents and alumni together. The morning began with a wonderful performance of a Reader's Theatre presentation of *The Betsy Ross Story* by middle school students.

*"Just as I am removing the barriers on the playground, NOSF's support removes the financial barriers for families to receive a quality education."*

— Mylicia Rangel

Drew Nitschke, the Vice Chair of the NOSF Board, thanked the NOSF friends present at the event for their support. He shared some of the scholarship statistics for this year and then introduced 2011 NOSF graduate Mylicia Rangel, a first generation college student, who is on track to graduate from The University of Toledo in May with a degree in Recreational Therapy.

She said, "Just as I am removing the barriers on the playground, NOSF's support removes the financial barriers for families to receive a quality education."

NOSF Executive Director, Ann Riddle, thanked Mylicia for coming and sharing her story at the breakfast.



*Drew Nitschke, Vice Chair of the NOSF Board, Nick Vargas, NOSF Class of 2002, Bill Chapman and Ann Riddle, NOSF Executive Director*



*St. Benedict students perform The Betsy Ross Story*

Ms. Riddle reminded the guests that NOSF students are changing the world because they changed their future by supporting the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund.

*Principal Martha Hartman and St. Benedict students greet the breakfast attendees.*



### My Favorite Books About Home Education

Long-time homeschooling parent Christine Scarlett spent over 20 years homeschooling her seven children including 12 of those years using the NOSF scholarship. She has been active in the homeschooling community and has compiled a list of her favorite books. **If you would like an electronic copy of her list, please email [info@nosf.org](mailto:info@nosf.org) and we will forward the entire list to you.**

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