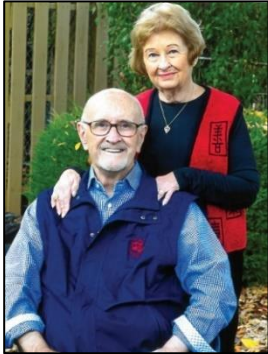


Pat and Tillie Bishop Legacy Fund – 2022/23 Highlights



The Pat and Tillie Bishop Legacy Fund was established at the Western Colorado Community Foundation (WCCF) in 2022 through a generous estate gift. The fund supports Mesa County high school students in their pursuit of extracurricular activities. Pat and Tillie Bishop were deeply invested in education and seeing students succeed. Pat taught at Central High School (CHS) for over 20 years, where she began Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) for the Western Slope. Tillie was an accomplished Colorado legislator and served as Dean of Students for decades at what is now Colorado Mesa University.

In the Fund’s inaugural year, \$100,000 was distributed between the five Mesa County Valley District 51 high schools, allocated based on student enrollment and the portion of students eligible for free and reduced price school meals. Funding ranged from \$8,000 to support R-5 High School’s student body of 274 to \$33,000 to support Central High School’s student body of 1,630.

Funding Allocated by High School in 2022/23 School Year and Impact:

High School	Students Attending	% Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch	2022/23 Grant Amount	Estimated # of Students who Benefitted from Fund	Estimated # of Clubs that Benefitted from Fund
Central High School	1,630	49%	\$33,000	450 students or 28%	18
Grand Junction High School	1,479	41%	\$25,000	300 students or 20%	7
Palisade High School	1,108	47%	\$22,000	150 students or 14%	8
Fruita Monument High School	1,382	21%	\$12,000	190 students or 14%	8
R-5 High School	274	73%	\$8,000	106 students or 39%	7
Totals:	5,873		100,000	1,196 Students	48 Clubs

Numbers based on CDE’s 2021/22 K-12 Pupil Membership Free and Reduced Lunch Eligibility by School

Collective Impact

An estimated 20% of District 51 high school students benefitted from the Bishop Legacy Fund in its inaugural year. The five high schools used the funding to support 48 different clubs, benefiting over 1,190 students.

Use and Distribution of Funds

Each high school was tasked with developing a fair and equitable process to distribute funds. Funding could be used to support individual needs to ensure participation in a student’s club of choice, along with support for clubs ranging from athletics to band to Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs), which include FBLA: Future Business Leaders of America, FCCLA: Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, and FFA: Future Farmers of America. Small clubs were also supported, such as Grand Junction High School’s meditation club and Central High School’s chess club. As needed, funds could be used for in-state travel, and funding for athletics (including uniforms and equipment) were not to exceed 20% of the grant funds.

Examples of how funding was utilized include two high schools sending a total of 12 students to ThesCon, the Colorado State Thespian Conference in Denver.

Three schools utilized funding for:

- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students to compete at the State Leadership Conference, with 29 students attending from Palisade High School and an additional 17 students attending from Central High School
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students to compete at the State Leadership Conference
- Drama needs, with Palisade allocating over 10% of the Bishop Funds to drama, and Central allocating about 14% for their production of *Newsies*

Highlights by School

- **Central High School's** Drama department's award-winning student production of *Newsies* was nominated for five Bobby G. High School Music Awards and won three of them; this annual award honors outstanding achievements in high school musical theater throughout Colorado.



CHS FBLA students at the State Leadership Conference



CHS theatre students at their production of Newsies

- **Grand Junction High School's** Academic Team utilized funding and had a tremendous year, placing 49th against over 300 teams at the Quiz Bowl High School National Championship Tournament.
- **Palisade High School's** FBLA team utilized funding for 29 students to travel to the state conference; students had their best performance ever, winning seven national qualifiers.
- **Fruita Monument High School** supported not only FBLA and FCCLA, but Future Farmers of America (FFA) also utilized funds to travel to a state competition. Athletics received 20% of the funding for uniforms, along with supporting Esports teams with player passes. Funding was also utilized by Fly Fishing and Dungeons and Dragons Clubs.
- **R-5 High School** offers an alternative education approach for students and utilized half their funds to support the mountain bike club, purchasing bikes, and teaching students about bike maintenance and trail stewardship. Clubs ranging from Climbing/Anatomy to Fishing/Ecology received funding, with many students gaining access to climbing at the local climbing gym and on the National Monument.

"We were able to sponsor athletes who would not have been able to participate in wrestling due to inability to pay. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to use this funding because I firmly believe that all students should have equal opportunity to thrive regardless of their financial status." -Clint Trujillo, CHS Head Wrestling Coach