

Foundation Focus

Newsletter of the Bearden High School Foundation

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Making a difference in the classroom and across the campus

The Bearden High School Foundation helps provide the best education and experience possible for students, teachers and staff. School materials, training, teaching tools, and opportunities in and out of the classroom are supported by funds raised by the Foundation.

Consisting of alumni, parents of current and former students, and community members, the Bearden Foundation has raised nearly \$850,000 for Bearden since 1997. This newsletter offers a closer look at the wide variety of gifts made to classrooms, projects, teams and clubs on campus as well as the scholarships supported by the Foundation. Please make a taxdeductible contribution to help support the work of the Bearden Foundation. Every dollar makes a difference at Bearden High School!



Go Dawgs: Bearden needs your support!

Great Leadership + Great Community = Great School!



As we enter a new school year, the Bearden community finds itself welcoming a new leader at Bearden for the first time in ten years. My family feels so blessed that our oldest daughter began Bearden the same year that Dr. John Bartlett became principal.

Buddy Pelot

We were not certain what that meant then, but now we know we could not have asked for a better leader at Bearden while our three daughters were there. Dr. Bartlett consistently improved Bearden throughout his tenure, making it one of the top 20 schools in Tennessee and nationally ranked as a school of excellence. Thank you for all your tireless and consistent leadership, Dr. B!

Now as our youngest daughter enters her senior year, Bearden once again welcomes new leadership as Jason Meyers begins his role as Bearden's next principal. We are excited to see how he will continue to build on the solid foundation in place at Bearden High School. He has already shared that he is committed to supporting Bearden's teachers in every way he can to ensure they have the resources needed to deliver our students the great education they deserve. The Bearden Foundation, with the support of the Bearden community, stands ready to assist in that endeavor.

Thank you to every supporter of the Bearden High School Foundation who helps make it possible to provide that support for the ultimate benefit of the students at Bearden. Bearden has the best alumni and most supportive community, and because of that, I fully expect that the best is yet to come for the next generation of students to walk the halls of Bearden High School.

> By Buddy Pelot, BHS Foundation President Bearden HS Class of 1982

Bartlett accepts new position with Knox County schools

Wow, where has time gone? Ten years ago, I was honored to be named principal at Bearden High School. Since then, I never once "had" to go to work. Every day I was at Bearden I was living out my dream. I had the privilege of working with and leading some of the finest educators in the world, great people that love students and challenge them to be their very best. Getting to know so many fantastic young people was also a privilege. It makes me proud to see BHS graduates impacting the world around them in their chosen occupations and working to improve their communities.

The Bearden community has become my home and it was a very difficult decision to accept the position as Secondary Supervisor for Knox County Schools. However, I am passionate about developing educational leaders, enabling principals and teachers to positively impact students by developing outstanding school culture, developing student leadership, and empowering students through purposeful and intentional learning activities. The Secondary Supervisor position will be an opportunity for me to take the lessons learned at Bearden over the past 10 years and help influence the work being done on campuses across Knox County.

I want to express my deep, sincere appreciation to all of the parents who supported Bearden High School during my time as principal. You volunteered at BHS, served on the BHS Foundation Board, PTSO Board, led community events for BHS, attended athletic events, attended choral and band concerts, or showed support by making sure your student was in school and engaged in the learning process. Thank you to the students who made a personal difference in my life. I learned many lessons from them about life, faith, love and our culture.

I am pleased to say this is not good-bye; I'm just moving to a different office. I will continue to serve the students and families of Knox County and I know there are great things ahead for Bearden High School.

Dr. John Bartlett



Top Dog: Both in and out of school, Principal Bartlett led and encouraged his Bearden students.

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Bearden named among state's top high schools

Bearden was named among Tennessee's top public high schools according to a study released in May 2018 by U.S. News and World Report. Ranked 20th in the state and in the top 2,500 out of more than 20,000 public high schools nationally, Bearden had a reported graduation rate of 94%, a 66% passing rate on AP scores and a college readiness index of 27.8. Bearden is one of 16 high schools in Knox County. Only Farragut High School and L&N STEM Academy were also ranked in the top 20.



FOCUS ON: Baseball

The safety of players, students and fans at Bearden baseball games is critically important. The protective netting behind home plate had deteriorated and developed holes. In 2017-18, the Foundation provided funds to replace the netting, purchase 25 new batting helmets plus "L" screens to protect players and coaches during batting practice on the field and in the batting cages.

Myers called to principal's office



I am humbled and honored to be joining your community as the principal of Bearden High School and I'd like to share a few things so you can get to know me better personally and professionally.

I have always been passionate about teaching and learning. While my career path led me into

administration, I will always feel most at home when working directly with students. My pledge to you is that I will always treat your children as I expect my own children to be treated at school.

During my time in education, I've worked in many capacities, but most of my career has been spent working with high school students. My career began at Lenoir City High School in 2004, working with the inschool suspension program and coaching football and track and field. In 2008, I moved to Fulton High School to be a special education teacher while continuing coaching. I was appointed to a lead teacher position at Fulton in 2011, and my focus shifted to working with both teachers and students.

I became assistant principal at West High School in 2012 and focused on freshman transition supports before serving as curriculum principal in 2015. I was appointed principal of Knoxville Adaptive Education Center in 2016 and learned how schools could serve the whole child. Each position I have held has taught me countless lessons related to serving students and school communities.

I believe that family is a blessing and should always be a priority. I have been married to my wife, Christie, for 15 years and have three daughters. I look forward to learning all about you, your school, and your community. I am truly excited to say...Go Bulldogs!

> Jason Myers Principal, Bearden High School

Where your money was invested at Bearden in 2017-18

Thanks to generous donations from you and the Bearden community, the Foundation was able to fulfill the following requests made during the last academic year:

- **Band** Funds to purchase a new synthesizer, mouthpieces for clarinets and saxophones, and new training manuals.
- **Baseball** Funds to replace safety netting behind home plate plus new batting practice screens and helmets.
- **Business** Funds for trade show registration fees for Bearden's Virtual Enterprise teams.
- **Faculty** Funds to support teacher training and professional development.
- **Golf** Funds to purchase equipment for a new indoor practice facility.
- **PTSO** Funds to support Grad Night Celebration.
- Science Funds to purchase new tables & chairs.
- Senior Class Funds to help complete the Senior Committee's improvements to Memorial Garden.
- **Social Studies** Funds to help Bearden host the 3rd Annual Medieval History Fair.
- **Softball** Funds to help improve and maintain the softball field.
- **Theater** Funds to purchase microphones and sound equipment for school productions.
- **Track & Field** Funds for new equipment including a pole vault cover and training hurdles.
- Visual Arts Funds to purchase new computer printers for art and photos.
- Web Design Funds to purchase student design training kits and exams.
- World Languages Funds to purchase new sets of books to create a more comprehensive library.



FOCUS ON: Business

Virtual Enterprise is designed to provide students a simulated business experience through project-based, collaborative learning. The BHS team Elysium qualified for nationals by winning state and regional competitions for best business plan. In 2017-18, the Foundation awarded funds to cover registration fees to help the team attend the 2018 Youth Business Summit in New York.

Foundation Phone-A-Thon a ringing success for Bearden

The annual Phone-A-Thon is one of the Foundation's primary fundraisers, involving dozens of volunteers reaching out to the school community at large. The Fall 2017 campaign raised more than \$31,000, money essential to the Foundation's work supporting Bearden High School.

This event would not have succeeded without the generous spirit and hard work of volunteers, including many students. The Foundation thanks Texas Roadhouse and Soccer Taco for providing food during the campaign.

The next Phone-A-Thon is scheduled for October 1-2, 2018. Please consider volunteering to make calls, stuff envelopes, prepare refreshments, collect door prizes and a host of other helpful tasks essential to the operation.



Answering the call: Volunteers gather in the cafeteria before contacting potential donors. The 2018 Phone-A-Thon raised more than \$31,000 for the school.

FOCUS ON: Golf

The Bearden Golf team doesn't have its own practice space at school and scheduling time at an area golf course can be challenging. The team believed a facility would allow members to work on skills and become more competitive. In 2017-18, the Foundation awarded funds to help cover the costs of an indoor putting green and training equipment as part of the program's campaign to construct a new on-campus golf facility.

Bearden students and staff rely on your support



Every dollar makes a difference at Bearden High School and there are several ways to contribute:

- Use the envelope accompanying this newsletter to mail your check to the BHS Foundation.
- Make a contribution when called during our Phone-A-Thon in October.
- Donate online at <u>www.BHSFoundation.org</u>.
- Participate in the Bearden Foundation Golf Tournament in May.

The Foundation is always looking for new members willing to serve. For more information, please contact Buddy Pelot at <u>rpelot@emlaw.com</u> or 865-414-0359.

Bertelkamp Center a lasting example of Bearden alumni giving back

When Bert Bertelkamp, broadcaster for UT men's basketball and a 1976 Bearden graduate, wanted to fund a scholarship of some type for Bearden students, he met with school officials to brainstorm options. The resulting idea was to create a place at Bearden to give academic assistance to student athletes like the Thornton Center at the University of Tennessee.

Opening in 2011, the Bertelkamp Center for Academic Excellence is funded by an annual gift by the Bertelkamp family including Bert's dad, Hank, and his sister, Lori (BHS Class of '77). Its original focus was support for student-athletes struggling with their grades. As time passes, the center is evolving to offer tutoring, academic support and ACT preparation for all students at the school.

"We have tutors in the center for almost any subject," former principal Dr. John Bartlett said. "If a kid needs tutoring and we can get them scheduled to come in the morning before school, then that's what we do."

Bearden is the first school in Knox County to implement such a center for their students and it demonstrates the kind of impact possible through creative thinking and the generosity of the Bearden community. The Foundation concluded its 2017-18 Bearden Alumni Giving campaign in the winter with more than \$6,000 raised for the school. Thank you to the many Bulldog alumni who contributed! If you are a Bearden alum and open to the idea of making a lasting difference in the lives of Bearden students, please contact Bearden Foundation President Buddy Pelot.



Voicing support: Announcing soccer games is just one of the many ways Dr. David Harris gives back to his alma mater.

Dr. David Harris, Jr. named Bearden Alumnus of the Year

Dr. David Harris, Jr, class of 1971, was recognized as the Bearden High School Alumnus of the Year for 2018 at Bearden's graduation ceremonies in May at Thompson-Boling Arena.

Harris was his class Salutatorian, an Eagle Scout, and a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. After obtaining BA and MD degrees from the University of Tennessee, he served on active duty in the United States Navy from 1979 to 1989, culminating with research on high altitude eye disease on Mount Everest. He returned to Knoxville and transferred to the Navy Reserve, retiring as a Captain in 1999. During his military career, he was awarded the Navy Commendation, Achievement, Expeditionary, and Expert Rifle Medals.

Harris is now Clinical Professor and Chief of Ophthalmology at UT Medical Center and Medical Director of the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank. He frequently volunteers with Knoxville Interfaith Clinic and Remote Area Medical. He is a Charter Member of the Bearden High School Foundation Board, serving since 1997, and since 1999 has been heard throughout the year as PA announcer for the Bearden boys and girls soccer teams.

FOCUS ON: Languages

Bearden's Language Department is working to create a Comprehensible World Language Library to help students acquire deeper language skills rather than just learning the mechanics of a language. In 2017-18, the Foundation awarded funds to purchase sets of German, French, Spanish and Latin novellas so students can experience language in a natural yet comprehensible way.

Foundation scholarship winners to continue their education

The Bearden Foundation offers scholarships to graduating seniors to reward achievement in a variety of endeavors. Additionally, a scholarship named in honor of former BHS Principal Dr. John Bartlett provides new laptop computers to deserving students. Winners were selected by a scholarship committee and presented during Senior Celebration activities at the high school. For next year's Foundation scholarships, interested students can learn more and pick up a Nomination Request Form in the College & Career Center. All applications must be turned into the College & Career Center by April 2019.

Creative Arts Scholarship



Awarded to a senior planning to pursue education in theatre, music or visual arts who has exhibited a strong work ethic and dedication to an area of expertise. The winner is **Madison Tenney**. Madison will attend Appalachian State

University and study art history and museum management.

Achiever Scholarship



Awarded to a senior who has overcome a physical and mental disability, displayed an exemplary work ethic and plans to pursue additional education or training. The winner is **Alexandra Blue**. Alexandra will attend UT-Knoxville

and study biochemistry with plans for medical school.

Technical Scholarship



Awarded to a senior who has demonstrated a high degree of aptitude in a particular area of technical study and plans to pursue additional education or training. The winner is **Chandler Rosecrance**. Chandler will attend UT-Knoxville

and study kinesiology.



FOCUS ON: Science

Andrew Hinkle Memorial Soccer Scholarship



Awarded to a senior who has exemplified the spirit of true sportsmanship on and off the soccer field. The winner is **Ashtyn Glover**. Ashtyn will attend UT-Knoxville and pursue her passion for children and teaching.

Buddy Heins Servant Leader Scholarship



Awarded to a senior who has demonstrated the ability to effectively lead and empower others to achieve and lead through selfless service. The winner is **Meredith Jefferies**. Meredith will attend Carson-Newman and study nursing.

Awesome Adam Adventures Summer Program Scholarship



Awarded to a Bearden student who wishes to pursue their passion and dreams by enrolling in a summer program. Given by the Wise and Thompson families in memory of former student Adam Wise who loved travel and adventure. The

winner is rising senior **Lilly Sitver** who attended a three-week international leadership seminar in Israel.

Science courses often need tables rather than traditional desks in order to complete labs in the classroom and some of the current tables and chairs were falling apart. In 2017-18, the Foundation awarded funds so the Science department could purchase more than 15 new tables and more than 30 new chairs. The new furniture is not only better suited for science classes, it's sturdier, quieter and more comfortable.

Dr. John Bartlett **Striver Scholarship**

Awarded to seniors who strove for excellence at school while also holding down a job to help themselves or their family make ends meet. This year's recipients all displayed a strong work ethic and a desire to continue their education.







Vanessa Garcia



Thomas

Samantha Moore

Major Houbler Boys & Girls State Scholarships

Awarded to rising seniors attending the American Legion Tennessee Boys State and the American Legion Auxiliary Volunteer Girls State programs which focus on leadership, citizenship and government. Given by the Houbler family and honoring their daughter Jenny, a former Bearden student, the scholarships help cover the cost of attendance.

Boys State Winners: Maurice Guber, Patrick Harb, Daniel Labrador, Dane Morgan, and Alex Payne. Girls State Winners: Emily Barnes, Sandra Gutierrez, Shekinah McLaughlin, Marianna Natour, Linh Nguyen, Maggie Price, Eva Karnowski, Katherine Bailes, and Alissa Nam.

How the BHS community helped one student strive for success

In the fall of 2017, Bearden senior Vanessa Garcia needed to get to school to take the ACT test. It was Saturday, her mother had to work and good options were few.

"Principal Bartlett called and asked me if I could give a student a ride," said Michelle McIntyre, parent of two Bearden students. "I picked up Vanessa and the two of us got along immediately. I was impressed by her and made a point to stay in touch."

McIntyre was happy to help Vanessa and her mother navigate the complicated college admissions and financial aid process. Other BHS parents stepped in to help as well, taking Vanessa on college visits, offering encouragement and additional financial support.

Vanessa was encouraged to apply for the Bearden Foundation's John C. Bartlett Striver Scholarship, which awards laptop computers to college-bound seniors who worked at a job while attending high school. Thanks to a compelling scholarship essay, Vanessa received a MacBook Pro at Bearden Senior Awards Night.

This support from the BHS community made a difference for Vanessa. In the fall, she plans to enroll at Pellissippi State to complete her first two years of classes through the Tennessee Promise scholarship program. She then plans to transfer to a four-year university to complete a nursing degree, which has been her long-time goal.

Each of us can impact the lives of students at BHS. Please consider making a donation to the Bearden Foundation - your donation will be used to help more students like Vanessa fulfill their dreams.



FOCUS ON: Softball

Lady Bulldogs Softball is working hard to rebuild its program including improvements and repairs to the softball field. The Foundation awarded funds to help the team apply dirt to the infield, edge and landscape the playing surface, and offset the labor and material costs required to maintain the field. The goal is to create a field players can take pride in and a quality facility suitable for hosting the district tournament in 2020.

Arboretum named in honor of Bearden teacher

The Bearden Arboretum was named in honor of retiring teacher Bob Savery. Savery was an educator for 36 years, the last 24 at Bearden, and he developed the popular Wildlife Principles class and wrote the curriculum.

Savery has long been interested in the trees on the campus which has a number of older hardwoods including red and white oak, ash, poplar and an enormous American Holly. All 30 species are now labeled with signage, and the school plans to build a website with mapped images of each tree.

"My goal was to honor the legacy that is and always will be Mr. Savery," said science teacher Tonya Henke. "I can't possibly duplicate the job he's done with the Wildlife Principles class, but I promise to put as much heart, passion and love into teaching the students about the natural world as he did."



Deep roots: Bearden wildlife principles teachers Bob Savery and Tonya Henke at the Arboretum dedication.

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Sounds Sweet: The new Yamaha synthesizer gives the Bearden band a boost.



FOCUS ON: Band

Students in Bearden's marching band and indoor drum line play keyboard synthesizers at performances, but their current instruments lacked important capabilities. In 2017-18, the Foundation awarded funds for the program to upgrade to a Yamaha MX61 synthesizer that will help improve practice and performances. Additionally, the Foundation awarded funds for the purchase of new clarinet and saxophone mouthpieces along with new band training manuals.



Bulldog billiards: Friends and fellow graduates rack 'em up at The Main Event after graduation.



After graduation ceremonies, Grad Night for the Class of 2018 was an all-night party at The Main Event. More than 240 seniors participated and enjoyed activities that included bowling, laser tag, a casino, video games, games, fabulous prizes and food all night long. In 2017-18, the Foundation awarded funds to help cover costs for this safe, fun event organized by the BHS PTSO.



Ready to roll: The tournament featured a \$10,000 Hole in One contest sponsored by Phil Guthe Insurance, but alas... no aces this year.



Golf gift: Bearden golf coach Tyler Lane (right) and Foundation president Buddy Pelot (center) stand with Buddy Heins, John Heins and Margaret Heins-Laning.



Bring it on: Bearden golfer Bryson Morrell eager to face any would-be challengers at the Bearden Golf Classic.

Teeing it up to support Bearden students and staff

The 16th annual Bearden Foundation Golf Classic, held in May at Willow Creek Golf Club, raised more than \$25,000 for the school. **University Eye Specialists** and **Cherokee Distributing** sponsored the four-person scramble event while **Bert Bertelkamp** and **Dawson Halliday** served as hosts.



High resolution: Art students print out projects and portfolios in crisp, clear colors.



FOCUS ON: Visual Art

Higher quality computer printers are frequently needed in the art department to print art projects, reports, reference images and other color copies. The ability to reproduce larger images is also important for art shows, competitions and college portfolios. In 2017-18, the Foundation awarded funds to purchase a Dell S3840 Color Laser printer and a Canon PIXMA Pro-100 printer to help make the work of our Bearden students look its colorful best.



The 3rd Annual Medieval History Fair at Bearden brings together hundreds of middle school and high school students to celebrate the ways Medieval History intersects and relates to today's world with guest speakers, interactive displays, demonstrations, games and more. In 2017-18, the Foundation awarded funds to help organizers offset event costs including custodial fees, decorations, and food for volunteers.

At the tournament, it was announced that **Margaret Heins-Laning**, first president of the Foundation when it began in 1997, had made a substantial contribution for the construction of a new on-campus indoor practice facility for the Bearden golf program. Please consider playing in the next Bearden Golf Classic!



Honing skills: Bearden students work to master form and function with interactive design.



Students who complete three years of Web Design can work towards industry certification as a Certified Web Design Specialist. An interactive online course is an important part of preparing for the certification test. In 2017-18, the Foundation awarded funds to purchase online student training kits and instructor curriculum to help improve class capabilities and increase our students' chances for success.

Donations and grants in the 2017-2018 school year

The Bearden High School Foundation would like to thank the following for their Phone-a-thon, Golf Tournament, and Alumni donations and grants.

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FOCUS ON: Theater

Sound technology is essential to any theatrical, dance or musical production, enriching both the audience's experience and the capabilities of students. In 2017-18, the Foundation awarded funds to the Bearden theater program to purchase body microphones for the entire cast of its fall musical and spring play. The new microphones not only fill all 32 channels of the theater soundboard, but they'll reduce future costs by eliminating the need to rent this equipment.



Center stage: The cast of "Oklahoma" sounds better than ever.

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New gear: Equipment upgrades help Bearden athletes improve performance.



FOCUS ON: Track & Field

The Bearden Track & Field program wants to offer student athletes the opportunity to compete in all of the various running, jumping and throwing events the sport includes and meeting that goal requires the proper equipment. In 2017-18, the Foundation awarded funds for a new pole vault pit cover, carts for carrying hurdles, a higher quality shotput and discus, and their own megaphone for the coaching staff to use when hosting events at the school.

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Note – Early Donors will not be called during the Phone-A-Thon.

Our Mission: The Bearden High School Foundation exists to assist students and staff in making Bearden High School a place of academic, athletic and artistic excellence.