



Annual Newsletter
Summer 2016

Foundation FOCUS

Mission Statement

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

President's Message...

By: Buddy Heins

BHS Foundation President 2016-2017
Bearden High School Class of 1978



The prestigious news magazine, *U.S. News & World Report* annually ranks Bearden High School one of America's Best High Schools. An integral part of the success of any school is the support and encouragement received from outside the classroom. Bearden serves as a model in our region for parent and community involvement. From organized support organizations that support theater, band, dance, football, baseball and soccer to the Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO), to the Foundation, community and family support at Bearden is tremendous.

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As much as we have done, we still have work to do. Bearden is one of the largest high schools in the region, and we need to continue to help Bearden be the best school it can be. I hope you will join the effort. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Bearden Foundation. There is an envelope included with this newsletter that you can use for a donation.

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WHAT IS THE BEARDEN FOUNDATION?

The Bearden High School Foundation was founded in 1998 to help provide the best academic education and experience it can for students, teachers, and staff. The plan was to do this by supporting them with additional educational material and/or tools they need to create an exciting and thriving learning environment. The foundation has raised over \$750,000 to date, which has been invested in both the physical and educational needs of the school and its staff. In addition to supporting a wide variety of gifts, the foundation is actively involved in development efforts for all activities for virtually every program at Bearden High School.

We are always looking for new members, as well as individuals who would like to serve on the various committees that exist within the Foundation. To volunteer or donate, contact Buddy Heins at 300-4100.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 5, August 8** – “Dawg Day”
- August 8** – First Day of School, 1/2 Day Students
- September 5** – Labor Day / Holiday
- September 15** – Open House
- September 30** – Homecoming
- October 10-14** – Fall Break
- October 17, 18** – Foundation Phone-A-Thon
- November 8** – Student Holiday
- November 23 - 25** – Thanksgiving Holidays
- December 23 - January 5** – Winter Holidays
- January 6** – Inservice Day / Student Holiday
- January 16** – MLK Holiday / Holiday
- January 19** – Open House
- February 20** – Inservice Day / Student Holiday
- March 10** – Inservice Day / Student Holiday
- March 13-17** – Spring Break
- April 14** – Good Friday / Holiday
- May 5** – Foundation Golf Tournament
- May 6** – Prom
- May 18** – Graduation, 8:00 P.M.
- May 23** – Last Day of School, 1/2 Day Students

Bearden High School FOUNDATION

The Principal's Perspective Dr. John Bartlett



A few years ago, I was asked to write an introduction to the BHS Foundation Newsletter. In that letter, I discussed the importance of the Foundation and the support the Foundation provides for all of the students and teachers at Bearden High School. The truth is, I am not sure I can say it better than I did in the previous letter. However, I want to very personally and emphatically say how appreciative I am for Buddy Heins and his leadership along with the truly dedicated members of the Foundation Board of Directors. Many of those members no longer have a student at Bearden High School, but remained engaged because of their love for this school and community. Their guidance and immense wisdom is the foundation for a very successful school support organization.

Every October parents, alumnae, and members of the Bearden community receive a letter and a phone call from the Bearden High School Foundation requesting support for the students and staff at BHS. These phone calls result in generous members of our community supporting the instructional needs of all of our students and staff to further the mission of Bearden High School. Another outcome of these phone calls is the reoccurring question, "Why a Foundation?"

To have a great American High School some things must be in place:

1.) A feeder program that is preparing students to do very well at the high school level. At Bearden High School, we are extremely blessed to have one of the best feeder systems in the state. The vast majority of our students come from Bearden Middle and West Valley Middle Schools. These two schools along with the multiple feeder elementary schools have done and continue to do a great job preparing future BHS students.

2.) A vibrant, dynamic, and competent staff. Hiring and supporting our staff is the most important part of what a school administrator does. I am very proud to say that we have the best staff in Tennessee and continue to recruit and retain great teachers.

3.) A great high school cannot survive and thrive without community support. At Bearden High School, the BHS Foundation is a key component to community support. The Foundation plays some vital roles in providing this support:

a. Financial- The financial support that the Foundation provides is essential to furthering our students' education. From providing much needed science lab equipment, technology for the physics lab, or a classroom supply of additional textbooks, the Foundation equips the great work of our teachers.

b. Ambassadors- The BHS Foundation acts as ambassadors for Bearden High School and the Knox County School System throughout our community. This role becomes increasingly important as public education evolves to better equip our students to compete in the economy of the next 100 years.

As a principal, I am blessed to start my ninth year at Bearden High School. During that time, the development and support of the BHS Foundation and its officers have served continually as an encouragement to me. In summary, the BHS Foundation is an essential part of striving for excellence for every Bearden Bulldog.

Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Awards 2015-2016

Congratulations to **Weston Standifer** and **Max Grayson** who were selected to represent Bearden High School at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar. They were sophomores in Honors English last semester and were chosen by a panel of teachers. The panel chooses members of the National Junior Honor Society who have an outstanding academic record and show leadership potential.

The mission of HOBY is to seek out, recognize, and develop leadership potential of high school sophomores. It helps potential leaders realize their skills and encourages ethical future leaders. During this intensive weekend, each representative gets a realistic look at his nation, its people, and his own role in the world community.



Weston Standifer is a sophomore at Bearden High School. He plans on attending the University of Tennessee and majoring in Engineering. He has served as President and Vice President with the National Junior Honor Society in both Middle School and High School. He volunteers through both the Key Club at Bearden High School and through student ministries at his church. He is currently working with elementary school children as a flag football coach and with middle schoolers as a small group leader. In his spare time, he enjoys activities such as running, hiking, and hanging out with his friends. He is very appreciative of the opportunity to attend the HOBY Leadership Conference and looks forward to applying what he learns back in his community.



Max Grayson was born in Anchorage, Alaska, and moved to Knoxville when he was in the second grade. Max has a passion for sports and enjoys studying math and science. He appreciates traveling and has had the opportunity to visit 19 countries. At Bearden, Max plays varsity football and wrestles, and also serves on the Bearden Athletic Representative Council (BARC). In wrestling, Max was a state champion in 8th grade and has qualified for state both his freshman and sophomore years. He was a wrestling team captain this year, placed 9th in the state, and was named to the All-KIL team at the 170 lb. weight class. Max is also involved in a few different clubs including FBLA, Mu Alpha Theta, HOSA, and Key Club. He currently serves as the treasurer for National Junior Honor Society and is an avid volunteer for the American Cancer Society as well as his church's pre-school program. He has also been an international volunteer for the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece. Max plans to combine his interests in math and science and his love of children to study medicine and become a pediatrician.

Awesome Adam Adventure

Summer Scholarship Recipients, Noah Chu and Sydney Craig

Funded by the family of Adam Wise, BHS Class of 2011



My name is Noah Chu and I am 17 years old. I will be turning 18 on June 1st when I am in China, helping teach Business and Accounting. I am a rising Senior and I attend Bearden High School. It has always been a dream of mine to go out of the country and experience the world and take adventures in places I've only heard and seen. I have the opportunity to help Ms. Kathy McCoy teach students at the Fengtai Vocational High School in Beijing, China. The trip is being coordinated by Ms. Doris Pokras who works for Global Works. The first time I met Ms. Pokras was in New York City during the Youth Business Summit. We talked in the lobby of my hotel for about one hour about my high school career, my plans after high school, and what I enjoy doing outside of school. I told Ms. Pokras about my family and where they are from and how my dad left Hong Kong in the 1970s to come to The United States and how he met my mother. We talked about college and where I intended to go. I told her I was most likely going to go to The University of Tennessee, but I really enjoy living up North and I have family who want me to go to Rutgers University so I can be near them in New Jersey and New York. I plan on studying Business in college and opening up my own restaurant and possibly expanding when it becomes successful. I enjoy cooking and learning new things and making people happy with food. I really like movies and going to McKay's or the movie theater with friends or family. My fascination with movies started sophomore year when I took Mr. Vacek's Film Studies class. I saw everything so differently and wanted to experience the world where the movies were filmed. I told Ms. Pokras how I used to play soccer for middle school and club and how I still keep up with it on TV and watch all the major matches. I am very fortunate to have family who are encouraging and support me during the long process of preparing for this trip. I have received money from my aunts and uncles and I also have some savings and some money my parents have given me to help me get through the month I will be in China. I think this trip will teach me new cultural ideas and introduce me to the world and also help me grow as an entrepreneur and incoming CEO for Bearden's Virtual Enterprise class. I would like to thank the Thompson and Wise family for the Awesome Adam Adventure Scholarship which will help me experience China and become connected to my roots.



My name is Sydney Craig and at Bearden I really enjoy being involved. I am the Sophomore class treasurer of SGA and I am looking forward to taking the year round leadership class this upcoming year. I am also a member of Key Club, and I am the Vice President of NJHS. Outside of school I ride horses, dance, go to Young Life, and I am in a Life group at my church. After I graduate I would like to go to college somewhere out of Knoxville, but not too far away from home. I have wanted to be a Veterinarian since I was about six years old and I would love to get into UT's Vet program for my graduate education. This summer I plan to use the scholarship money I was awarded to go to Frontier Ranch in Colorado with Bearden's Young Life club. I also get to return to Tijuana, Mexico with Fellowship Church where I got to build on the relationships I made the previous year.

Major Houbler Boys and Girls State Scholarships

The Bearden High School Foundation supports Girls State and Boys State. Students from the class of 2017 are selected by the faculty to represent BHS. The Foundation is proud to support the eleven students selected. They are funded by the Major Houbler Scholarship provided by the Major Houbler family. Major Houbler's daughter, Jenny Houbler Boyd, was a member of the Bearden High School Class of 1976.



Bailey Alexander



Vinila Baljepally



Alexis Bolling



Calista Brown



Sarah Elder



Kendall Hastings



Juliana Pulsinelli



Abigail Varner

GIRLS STATE is a hands-on experience of the practical applications of Americanism and good citizenship. The program is a non-partisan attempt to teach and instill in young Tennessee women a love of God and country. Girls State is a strenuous program that requires a delegate to be energetic, to be in good health, to have a positive attitude, to be able to adjust to unfamiliar situations, and to be willing to accept the challenge of new experiences.



William Bailey



Samuel Barber



Tarun Kukreja

BOYS STATE is a practical experience for young men to view the actual problems of government as it operates in Tennessee. Participants will be assigned to mythical cities for the week. Approximately fifty young men will comprise a city, three cities make up a county and four counties make the mythical "51 st state". The goal of the program is to impress future generations with the responsibilities of citizenship, to develop leadership, and to bring young men to a full realization of the duties of American citizens.

Fall Phone-a-thon a Ringing Success!



The Bearden High School Foundation will host its annual Phone-a-Thon on October 17th and 18th, 2016. For those new to the Bearden Community, this is a capital campaign during which the Board members of the Foundation, BHS Faculty and Parent Volunteers call every family in our high school. We ask that every family donate \$50 for each student they have enrolled at Bearden. This money is used to provide grants to enrich the education of all students at Bearden, such as instruments for teaching Physics and equipment needed for CNA certification, as well as professional development for our teachers.

Last fall the Phone-a-Thon raised over \$31,000!

We could not have reached our goal without the participation of countless Bearden families and the unwavering support of some key leaders in the Bearden Community. Dr. John Bartlett, the Best Principal in the state of Tennessee, gave his time and attention to providing the facility and refreshments for our two-night fundraiser and guidance to the Board as we strived to be good stewards of the funds raised for our school.

The Board wishes to thank U.S. Cellular for longstanding support during the past several years by loaning phones for us to use during the Phone-a-Thon! Thanks to U.S. Cellular, our volunteers did not have to stretch their minutes of usage just to volunteer.

Fundraisers like this need lots of volunteers, and we are grateful for each and every one. Some called their friends to remind them of our capital campaign. Others donated their time to make calls; some raised money, and others gave money; some prepared food and refreshments; others collected door prizes; and some volunteered all of the above! Thank you all for your generous spirit and efforts to make practical contributions to the education of all students at Bearden High School.

We also want to thank those businesses who gave door prizes: Pilot, Leisure Time Vending, Lowes, Mooyah, Home Depot, Ulta, Penn Station, Fitness Together, Jimmy Johns, Foster's Fine Jewelry, Brazerios, Super Shine Express, Gifty Girl, Laser Quest, Zaxby's, and Northshore Brasserie.

The Foundation established a PayPal account to make it easier for donors to give! From the Bearden website, go to the Foundation link, click on the Giving tab at the top right of the page, then click the PayPal button. You can make a one-time donation or make monthly gifts to better fit your budget.

This year the Foundation hopes to raise \$40,000 through Phone-a-Thon and follow-up letters. Donations are tax-deductible and benefit the students at Bearden High School. Should you have any questions, please send an email to Mallory.Lehn@gmail.com.

CLASS OF '78 BEAUTIFIES BEARDEN CAMPUS

Members of the BHS Class of '78 just keep giving back. Last fall, the class wanted to do a project to enhance the school's appearance. Donations poured in as part of the "It's Great to Be a Dogwood" project. Over \$2,500 was raised online and through direct giving. The effort was led by Class of '78 officers Doug Harris and Buddy Heins.

Seventy-eight Dogwoods were purchased from a nursery in Decherd, TN. They were transported the night before planting. On Saturday morning, members of the Bearden football team helped plant the 78 trees.

Anna Graham, 10th grade administrator at Bearden, is the landscaping and beautification guru at the school. As for beautification projects, Graham says they are important to the overall impression of the school. "Schools can feel very institutional. We want Bearden to feel welcoming to our students and staff."

If your group wants to pursue a similar project, please contact the administration or a member of the Bearden High School Foundation.



Where Was Your Money Invested at BHS This Year?

Thanks to your generous donations, the Foundation was able to fund the following requests during the 2015-2016 academic year:

- ACADEMICS** Courses to better prepare students for college placement exams
Scholarships to honor students of high achievement
- ATHLETICS** Purchase material for field improvement project for softball field
- BAND** Funds to purchase wireless printer for printing sheet music for students
- BUSINESS** Funds for registering Bearden's two Virtual Enterprise Teams that qualified to compete in Midwest Trade Show and New York Trade Show competitions
- ENGLISH** Scholarship for winners of Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership essay contest to attend HOBY Leadership Seminar
- FACILITIES** Landscaping improvements including planting of 78 dogwood trees on campus
- FACULTY** Funds to replace Knox County's reduction of BHS teacher training budget to cover course fees for advanced teacher training and professional development
- HISTORY** Funds for Marco Madness for BHS to host medieval history event attended by students from across Knox County
- MATH** Purchased fifteen TI-84 calculators for in-class use for students unable to afford to purchase their own calculator
- PTSO** Funds to support Grad Night Celebration
- SCIENCE** Purchased supplies needed for Certified Nursing Assistant class offered by BHS's new Health Science Academy
Purchase lab equipment for new Physical World Concepts class
- SOCIAL STUDIES** Purchased new textbooks for American Government class.

Thank you to all faculty, staff, parents, and the BHS community for all you do to make Bearden High School a top-ranked school in Tennessee.

NEW SUPPLIES FOR HEALTH SCIENCE ACADEMY



I am a Registered Nurse and was fortunate to transition into teaching 2 years ago. Since I have taken on that role, we have added another health science teacher, as well as various new Health Science classes. This has created a more comprehensive approach to Health Science education and has led to the development of the Health Science Academy. In addition, we have taken a former classroom in the CTE building and have converted it into a Skills Laboratory. This Lab allows the students to learn and practice hands on health care skills and work on projects, and has also allowed us to add Nursing Education to the list of classes available for the students. Nursing Education is a work-based, capstone course, which prepares students 16 and older to become Nursing Assistants and makes them eligible to sit for the State of Tennessee Certification Exam for Nursing Assistants.

One of the goals of the Health Science Academy was to be able to become a flexible testing site with the State for these Nursing Education students. This means that the students completing the course work would be able to take both their written and the skills examination for certification right at Bearden High School, eliminating the need to travel to another location off site. We felt that this would be an amazing opportunity for our students, giving them industry certification and employable skills right here at BHS.

In order to become a flexible testing site, there was a certain amount of equipment and materials that we were required to have. Due to the cost of these items, I went to the Foundation to request a grant this past fall.

I was very grateful to find out that we had received the grant of \$1005.00, which was used to purchase supplies for the Nursing Education class, including linens, skill simulation items, medical supplies, etc. In addition, we received 4 hospital beds that were donated from 3 different local health care facilities, thanks to Foundation members who used their contacts in the community to request the beds, which are a requirement of the program.

I am happy to say that on June 3, 12 students will be able to take their certification exam right here at Bearden High School, thanks to the generosity of the BHS Foundation, and we have a skills laboratory that we are very proud of.

- By Kelly Buckley

BHS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



From left to right:
Buddy Heins- BHS Foundation President
and James Bowers



From left to right:
Jana Bernius, Kristine Andersen, and Johnathan Lambert

Pictured at right:
Christina Paris



2015-2016 BHS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Bearden Foundation offers four scholarships to our graduating seniors. These scholarships will be awarded during Senior Celebration activities at BHS. Seniors fill out a nomination request to be considered for these scholarships. A brief description of each scholarship follows. Most of these scholarships are valued at \$500, but the Dr. John Bartlett Striver Scholarship provides a laptop. The nominations are reviewed by a scholarship committee who selects the winners.

CREATIVE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship is awarded to a senior who is pursuing continuing education in the creative arts venues of theatre, music or visual arts. This individual will exhibit a strong work ethic and will have strived for perfection in his/her area of expertise.

WINNER: KRISTINE ANDERSEN

Hello, my name is Kristine Andersen, and I plan to pursue a degree in Music Education, specifically choral conducting, at the University of Tennessee. I have been involved in chorus throughout high school, including participating in the TN All State Chorus and All East Chorus. I am looking forward to helping future generations learn about music and experience how it can provide an outlet for personal expression. I am so very thankful to have received the Dr. John Bartlett Striver Scholarship and the Creative Arts Scholarship, which will be a huge blessing in helping me to cover the costs of my education.



ACHIEVER SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has overcome a physical/mental disability, displayed an exemplary work ethic and intends to pursue additional education or training in an area of employment.

WINNER: JAMES BOWERS

During my four years as a student at Bearden High School, I participated in the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps from the Spring semester of 2013 through the Spring semester of 2016. During my time in the Corps, I participated in various community and school service fundraisers and projects such as Endurance Runs with Endurance Sports Management and cleaning up trash around Bearden High School. I was also highly involved with Smoky Mountain Service Dogs while serving as a cadet in Bearden's NJROTC. Smoky Mountain Service Dogs is an organization that places service dogs with injured veterans. During my time as a cadet, I held many different leadership positions such as: Rifle Team Commander Fall 2014, Assistant Administrative Officer Spring 2015, and Commanding Officer 2015-2016 school year. I received a 3 year Army ROTC Scholarship to Tennessee Technological University and will be attending classes beginning on August 22, 2016. My plans for my future are to further my education and excel in my chosen fields of study which are History and Foreign Language and to serve as a Personnel Officer in the Army for 20 years or longer. My plans for my future after I retire from the Army are to start a second career in an attempt to retire between the ages of 62 and 65.



BHS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has demonstrated a high aptitude in a particular area of technical study and will pursue continuing education in that area of study.

WINNER: CHRISTINA PARIS

Christina Paris is a STEM Scholar who graduated in the Top 10 in her class. She has participated in SGA, NHS (Treasurer), Key Club, Virtual Enterprise, Code TN, Senior Committee, Youth Leadership Knoxville, and Girls State. She is best known for co-founding Bearden's FIRST Robotics team, #5571 RATCHET, and serving as Co-Captain for two years. Over the last four years, she has also earned several medals in Science Olympiad and placed in the Top 10 for statistics in the Tennessee Math Teachers' Association Competition at the University of TN. More recently, she won first place in the East TN Model Bridge Building Contest. This summer she will attend Google's Computer Science Summer Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Christina plans to study industrial, mechanical, or computer engineering at Georgia Tech.



ANDREW HINKLE MEMORIAL SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has exemplified the spirit of true sportsmanship both on and off the soccer field.

WINNER: EMILY MAYFIELD

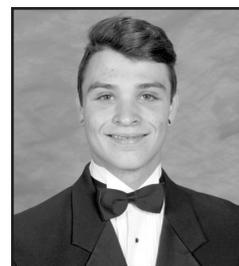
My name is Emily Mayfield. I was a four-year letterman for the Bearden Lady Bulldogs Soccer team and a captain my senior year to help lead the team to regular season district champions. I was a member of National Honor Society and served 80 hours of community service this past year. I enjoy hiking, cooking, art, music, movies, animals and traveling. I will be attending Maryville College where I will begin studies to prepare for a career in the medical field and will be involved with the Maryville's Women's Soccer team.



DR. JOHN BARTLETT STRIVER SCHOLARSHIP - This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has striven for excellence while holding down a job, in order to help themselves or their family make ends meet. This individual will have a strong work ethic and a desire to continue their education.

(For the class of 2016 there will be five awards!)

WINNERS:



Victoria Blair

Janna Bernius

Kristine Andersen

Johnathan Lambert

Braden Walden

Victoria Blair attended Bearden High School for four years and graduated on May 19th, 2016. My experience at Bearden was phenomenal. I loved my friends and teachers and always felt cared for and cared about and when Dr. Bartlett came to me in person to discuss issues, I knew for a fact that he cared about me, as well as all the staff. With this gift of a laptop, I plan to head off to Pellissippi for the two free years of college and work hard as an English major and transfer to UTK or UTC to further my education. My life will completely change with this gift, not only will it supply me with the necessary things for college life, but with the ability to do and practice what I love most-writing. So thank you for everything. You have changed my life.

Janna Bernius had the honor of being awarded the Striver Scholarship. During my high school years at Bearden High School, I was involved in the HOSA club, Younglife club, and the Student Government Association. The main classes that I was interested in were choir and classes in the Health Science Department. I am planning to attend The University of Tennessee in the fall and to major in Kinesiology in hopes to become a physical therapist.

Kristine Andersen is my name, and I plan to pursue a degree in Music Education, specifically choral conducting, at the University of Tennessee. I have been involved in chorus throughout high school, including participating in the TN All State Chorus and All East Chorus. I am looking forward to helping future generations learn about music and experience how it can provide an outlet for personal expression. I am so very thankful to have received the Dr. John Bartlett Striver Scholarship and the Creative Arts Scholarship, which will be a huge blessing in helping me to cover the costs of my education.

Johnathan Lambert worked very hard to maintain a strong GPA, play rugby, and work all year. Next year, I plan to go to Pellissippi State Community College and study audio engineering. After that, I will transfer to Full Sail to continue my education even further.

Braden Walden- As a student at Bearden High School, I made sure I took every automotive class I could. With the school providing laptops, it made the learning experience so much more convenient and in depth. Now thanks to the scholarship, my learning doesn't have to end with the school year as I will be continuing to develop my knowledge with everything automotive.

BHSF Hits the Greens!

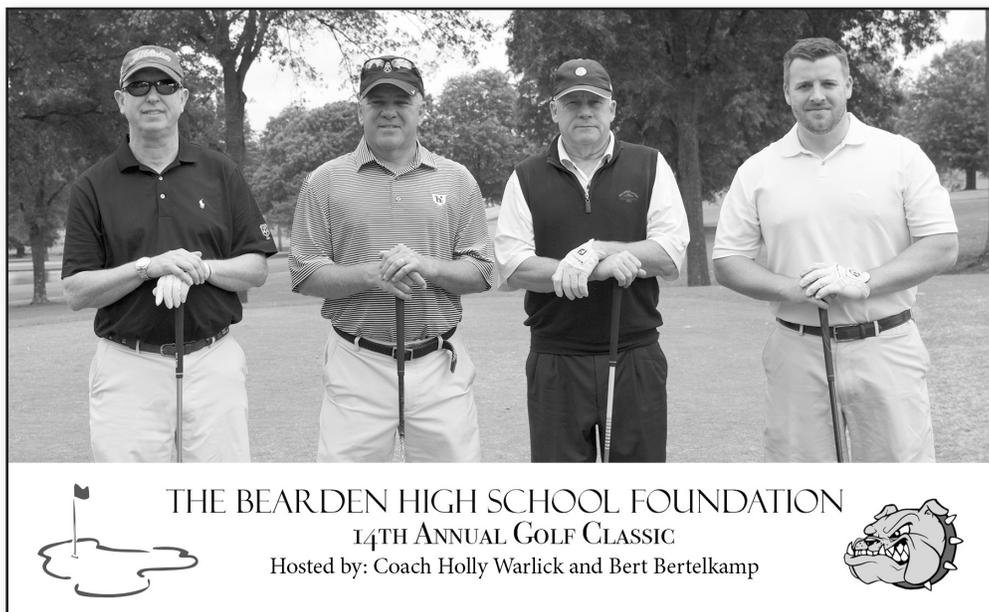
Bearden High School alumni, All American and University of Tennessee Basketball players, **Bert Bertelkamp** and **Holly Warlick**, once again served as hosts of the 14th Annual Bearden High School Foundation Golf Classic. This year's lead sponsor was **McCamy Development** with **Cherokee Distributing Company** and **University Eye Surgeons** as co-sponsors. The tournament was held at **Willow Creek Golf Club** on Friday, May 6th raising over \$36,000 for the students and staff of Bearden High School.

The BHSF Golf Classic event began at 1:00 p.m. with an amazing lunch buffet sponsored by **The Brown Bag Café** served prior to tee-off. **Bearden's choral ensemble** sang our National Anthem. Honorary host and 1972 Bearden All American Football player, UT football player and former official SEC referee, **Rocky Goode**, greeted players, along with **Bert**, under the meet and greet tent. Rocky also sponsored the player's snack filled "Goode Bags".

Yearbook photographers captured the day's action and provided each player with a team photo. Contest opportunities included a \$15,000 Hole-in-One Challenge sponsored by **Phil Guthe Insurance**. Special guest and University of Tennessee Assistant Golf Coach, **Sean Pacetti**, challenged players with "Beat the Pro". **Tom Dickenson** of **Hodges, Doughty and Carson** sponsored this year's Awards Reception where door prizes were awarded.

This year's 2016 Bearden High School Foundation Golf Classic winners were **Darren Welch**, **Jeff Gollither**, **Steve Gollither** and **Brian Donaldson** of **Hilliard Lyons Investment Group**.

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Bertelkamp Tutoring Program

We are fortunate to have the Bertelkamp tutoring program. This program supports our students who need personalized support in Math, English, History, Economics, Government and Science. Our personalized instructors, David Leach, Bob Savory, Mae Hnilica, and James McHardy, offer individualized support to students from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. In the 2015-2016 school year, the tutoring program operated for a total of 26 weeks and supported over 400 students. In-season student-athletes who do not have an average in each class of "C" or greater are required to attend the Bertelkamp tutoring program. Each grading period, coaches review their respective student-athletes to insure the academic progress of each student. The Bertelkamp tutoring program is a resource for our coaches to send student-athletes who are not progressing with the expectations of the course or who may need more time to complete assignments. Additionally, the tutoring program has provided student-athletes with a multi-week practice ACT program. This program provided our student-athletes with basic ACT testing tools and problem solving strategies. The resources Bert Bertelkamp and his family have provided Bearden High School have afforded many students with the opportunity to achieve excellence.

**GET "THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE"
and help bring the BHS Auditorium Renovation to life!**



**BHS AUDITORIUM – FULL HOUSE PRIOR TO RENOVATION
MAY 25, 2016 – RENOVATION BEGINS**

"From cutting loose in 'Footloose', moving toward the darkness in 'The Addams Family', and more, this auditorium has been entertaining for decades and decades to come." ~ Anna Smith, Student of the Fine Arts Department, Class of 2016

At the beginning of this school year, the 2016 Senior Committee conducted a poll regarding Senior Gift suggestions, and the overwhelming majority of students requested an auditorium renovation. The initial goal was to secure funds to purchase auditorium seats, which have not been replaced since the school was built in 1969. The BHS auditorium is the largest in the Knox County school system. It was built to seat 1,250 people but only 1,204 seats remain because 46 seats were taken apart to repair other seats.

In an effort to engage the community in their quest to revitalize the BHS auditorium, the students reached out to the public and to community leaders. Initially, the Seniors made a proposal to the BHS Foundation, PTSO, administrators, several School Board members, Superintendent Jim McIntyre, Finance Director Chris Caldwell, and Mayor Tim Burchett. Everyone they presented to were eager and enthusiastic about their endeavor.

After a Steering Committee was formed, it was determined that the lighting and sound equipment also needed to be replaced and updated. To date, Bearden has received funding from the Knox County School Board and through public donations in the amount of \$342,000 and construction is underway. Although the Seniors have made significant progress towards reaching their goal, \$100,000 is still needed to complete the entirety of the project. Please join Bearden's effort by making a donation today. Your donation provides a remembrance of the contribution you made to revitalize the auditorium. The Senior Committee is confident about this project and cannot wait to "take a bow" when all is said and done!

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For further information or questions, please email Amy Shipley-Moskal: amy.moskal@knoxschools.org

Amy Shipley Moskal (1979) is Bearden's 2016 Alumna of the Year

Amy is a proud member of the Bearden High School Class of 1979. After graduating from Bearden, Amy earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education and a Master of Science Degree in Technology from the University of Tennessee; along with an Educational Specialist Degree in Education Leadership, Administration and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial University. For many years, Amy taught business at several Knox County high schools; in addition, she also served for three years as the Assistant Principal at Powell High School. Amy currently serves as the administrator of the Knoxville Adaptive Education Center (KAEC).

Amy is now a dedicated teacher at Bearden High School where she teaches web design foundations and web site design. In 2014, Amy took over the sponsorship of the Senior Committee where she dedicates long and tireless hours to the students of the Bearden High School Senior Class. This year, through her leadership, the Senior committee took on the challenge to raise funds for a renovation of the Bearden High School Auditorium. Due to her efforts along with the Senior committee, over \$350,000 has been raised from Knox County, alumni and friends of Bearden High School.

The auditorium is currently undergoing a much needed renovation that will be completed by fall 2016.



Pictured with Amy Moskal is Callie Elonen, 2016 Senior Committee President

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