



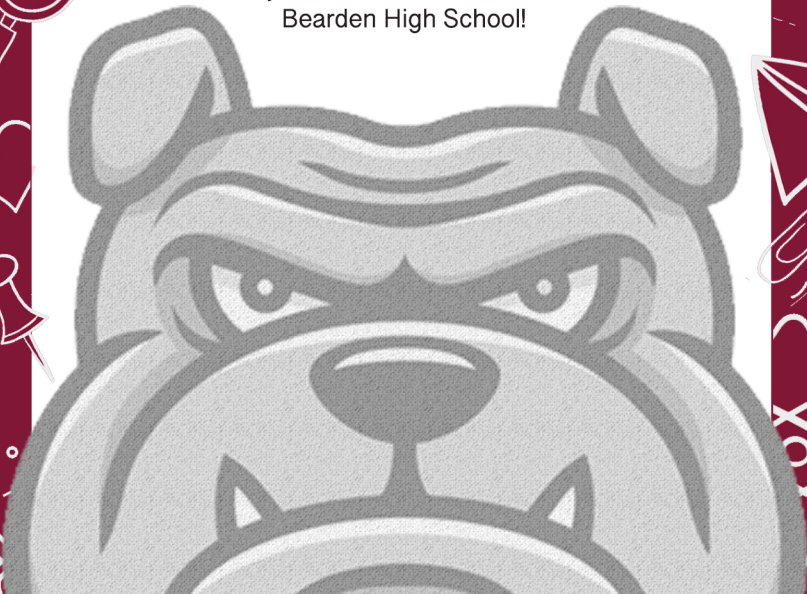
**BEARDEN
FOUNDATION**

Back to School

*Your support makes a difference
in the classroom and across campus*

The Bearden High School Foundation provides resources for school materials, training, teaching tools, scholarships, club and team projects, and other opportunities in and out of the classroom.

Every dollar makes a difference at Bearden High School!





Summer 2020

Foundation Focus

Newsletter of the Bearden High School Foundation

Community an essential part of Bearden's success

Consisting of alumni, parents of current and former students, and community members, the Bearden Foundation has raised nearly \$1 million for Bearden since 1997. Our goal is to provide assistance in a way that aligns with the efforts of our administrators, teachers and coaches, and in a manner that touches as many students as possible.

Last year, Bearden was again recognized as one of the top public schools in the state by U.S. News. The class of 2020 received over \$30 million in scholarships and had a 98% graduation rate. The Foundation provided support throughout the academic year, awarding more than \$50,000 to BHS. State and county education budgets were lean before the pandemic, and I expect them to be even tighter this year. Yet the needs of the students remain, and it takes investment in our school and community to continue producing the great results we have come to expect.

While we are all dealing with more uncertainty than usual, I know there will be many opportunities to partner with our students, teachers, and administrators to help them excel in and out of the classroom. I hope you will consider a tax deductible gift to the Bearden Foundation to help BHS in its quest for excellence.

John Standifer, BHS Foundation President 2020-21

BHS prepares for a year unlike any other

This year will be unlike any other, and our faculty and staff have been preparing to teach and support kids in both traditional and virtual settings. We are learning new things every day about the world of online education, and we anticipate creative classroom innovations and school-wide collaborations as we experiment and try to figure things out along the way.

The magic still happens in the classroom – whether that classroom is virtual or traditional brick and mortar. Teachers remain difference-makers in a student's life, and our faculty and staff take seriously their mission to provide our young people with the skills and knowledge to be successful in life after high school - college, career, and participation in our global society. We appreciate our Bearden High community and the special partnership we share with parents, families, and community members. Working together, we will help our children pursue and realize their "grown-up" dreams with bulldog grit and tenacity.

I'm grateful for the on-going support of our BHS Foundation, and invite you to join with them in helping us continue to provide the excellent education experience and opportunities that you have come to expect from Bearden High School.

As always - Go Dawgs!

Debbie Sayers, Principal

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Anderson named Bearden Alumnus of the Year



Beverly Dickerson Anderson, Class of 1980 and currently a counselor at BHS, was named Alumnus of the Year for 2020. Beverly

was honored at graduation with a plaque and her picture will be displayed in the Alumni Hall of Fame at the front entrance to school. Read more about Beverly's career at bhsfoundation.org/alumni

BHS Administrative Team

Russ Wise

Curriculum Principal

Rod Crockett

Class of 2021 Principal

Candace Greer

Class of 2022 Principal

Cara Vaughn

Class of 2023 Principal

Donald Balcom

Class of 2024 Principal & Athletic Director

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Scholarships

2020 Scholarship Winners

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. Students interested in applying for a scholarship can pick up a Nomination Request Form in the College & Career Center.



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 was Julia Ozdych.



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 was Dale Montpelier.



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 was Abigail Brewer.



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 was Alyssa Lewis.

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. The winners are:

Alexas
Fernandez



Mouriaa
Yogakumar



Logan Mize

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 in honor of former Bearden teacher Claude Houbler, the scholarships help cover the cost of attendance.

Boys State Winners:
Thomas Kearley and Stephen Fuller.

Girls State Winners:
Aliza Blackmon, Zoe Joulina,
Hollie Lesslie, Lillian Nagdeman,
Constance Paris, Emily Robinson,
Lilliana Price and Caleigh Stivers.



HOW TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:
Students interested in applying for Foundation scholarships should pick up a Nomination Request Form in the College and Career Center at Bearden. All applications must be turned in to the center by April 2021.

Golf Tournament Rescheduled

The Foundation Golf Classic will now be held Friday, Aug. 28 at Willow Creek. Info at bhsfoundation.org.

Gifts to School

Where your money was invested at Bearden in 2019-20

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

Academics – Funds to purchase hand-held buzzers for the Quiz Bowl teams.

Band - Funds to purchase a new marimba percussion instrument.

Business – Funds to cover conference registration fees for the Virtual Enterprise team.

Choir – Funds to purchase a piano dolly, a water-resistant piano cover, and a keyboard lock.

Computers – Funds to purchase heavy-duty tech chairs for Coding and Web Design classes.

Counseling - Funds to purchase small coffee/hot cocoa bar for the office.

English – Funds to purchase new books and class magazine subscription.

Facility – Funds to purchase flat-screen TVs to be mounted around the school.

Library – Funds to purchase new chairs for the conference room.

Marketing – Funds to purchase textbooks for the Marketing and Management course.

Math – Funds to purchase a new classroom projector and online curriculum tools.

Science – Funds to cover registration fees for the Science Olympiad competition. Funds to purchase fetal pigs for dissection in Biology class. Funds to purchase networking gear for the cyber-security program.

Softball – Funds to help improve the condition of the softball field.



How to Contribute:

Use the enclosed envelope to mail your tax-deductible contribution or use PayPal at bhsfoundation.org/Giving

For a full list of donors please visit our website at bhsfoundation.org

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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.