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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.

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**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 2021  
**Foundation Focus**  
*Newsletter of the Bearden High School Foundation*

*Community an essential part of Bearden's success*

The Bearden Foundation's goal is to give our students and staff the best educational experience possible. We raise and distribute funds to provide school materials, training, and teaching tools. We support class, club, and team projects and opportunities. We offer scholarships to graduating seniors.

The Foundation can do this work thanks to the generosity of the Bearden community. Since its founding in 1998, the Foundation has raised more than \$1 million for Bearden High School. You might think state and county education budgets cover all the bases at a place like BHS. The reality is that sometimes a basic need is unmet and sometimes it takes investment to go from good to great. 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.

2020-21 was another successful year for Bearden High School. The class of 2021 received a record \$31.3 million in scholarships, had a 94% graduation rate, and was recognized as one of the top public schools in the state. The Foundation looks forward to supporting Bearden's pursuit of excellence during the 2021-22 school year. Your contribution allows us to "Invest in BHS" – to give our students and staff the extra resources it often takes to excel in and out of the classroom. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the Bearden Foundation. Every dollar makes a difference at Bearden High School!

John Standifer, BHS Foundation President 2021-22

*Teachers are difference-makers in a student's life*

Last year was unlike any other, but our students and staff showed tremendous resiliency, creativity, and teamwork that carried us through some very challenging days. The support of our families and community bolstered and encouraged us when things were tough. We are grateful for the innovations that resulted from virtual learning and the unexpected benefits that came from some of our COVID protocols. We expect that the classroom inspirations and school-wide collaborations of last year will serve our students well in the future.

We believe that the magic happens in the classroom. Teachers are 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. The partnership between parents, community members, teachers, and school support staff will help our children pursue and realize their "grown-up" dreams with bulldog grit and perseverance.

We are 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.

Debbie Sayers, BHS Principal



*Welch named Bearden Alumnus of the Year*



Darren Welch, BHS Class of 2002, was named Alumnus of the Year for 2021. Darren was recognized at school graduation ceremonies in

June and his picture will be displayed in the Alumni Hall of Fame at the front entrance to school. You can read more about Welch's history of service to BHS at [bhsfoundation.org/alumni](http://bhsfoundation.org/alumni).

**BHS Administrative Team**

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Class of 2022 Principal

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# SCHOLARSHIPS

## 2021 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 **Anna Hutchinson**.



### 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 **Lillian Nagdeman**.



### 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 **Constance Paris**.



### 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 **Stephen Cross Fuller**.

## 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:  
**Jaxon Thornburgh, Jackson Keller, Zackerie Hubbs**

Girls State Winners:  
**Bradynn Belcher, Lily Benevicz Maddie Brillhart, Nicole Couvertiere Medb Glatt, Baylor Johnson Sally Pendergrass**

## 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:



Izaiha Bredwood



Cross Fuller



Emery Gore



Obed Mutambula



Aniah Patrick



Emily Robinson

## Foundation Golf Classic

A record number of 31 teams participated in this year's golf tournament on May 7 at Willow Creek Golf Course. The 19th annual event raised more than \$41,000 for students and staff. Cherokee Distributing, University Eye Specialists and The Heins Family were our featured sponsors. Top Dog sponsors included Bert Bertlekamp, George Georgiandis, Merit Construction, Safe Splash, Witt Building Materials, Pilot Company, Scott Smith, Brown Bag Catering and Chick-fil-A.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

# GIFTS TO SCHOOL

## Where your money was invested at Bearden in 2020-21

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

**English** – Funds to purchase a flatscreen TV for the teachers' workroom for use as a presentation monitor. Funds to purchase additional copies of "To Kill a Mockingbird" for 9th grade English class.

**Counseling** – Funds to purchase two new Xerox printers for schedules, transcripts, registration materials and the basic printing needs in the counseling department.

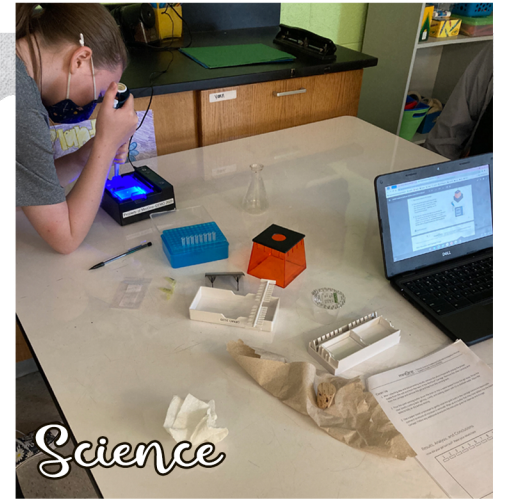
**Library** - Funds to continue access to the Gale Literature Database, the primary literature database used by Bearden students and staff for research and literary content. Funds to purchase books for Project LIT, a new reading initiative addressing issues of race and diversity.

**Visual Arts** – Funds to purchase two Canon EOS Rebel T7 DSLR cameras for students taking Photography and Art classes.

**Math** – Funds to purchase a camera for video conferencing to connect the Cybersecurity and Computer Science classroom with virtual guests and classrooms for projects. Funds to help Cybersecurity and Computer Science program purchase parts and materials to rebuild personal computers. Funds to purchase TP-Link 16 port switches and a surge protector to teach students how to program and manage network switches.

**Choir** – Funds to purchase new music for the school choir ensembles to perform at the program's four annual concerts.

**Science** – Funds to purchase an electrophoresis DNA kit and lab materials for replicating the investigation of a foodborne bacterial outbreak in AP Biology.



Science



### How to Donate for 2021-22

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Thank you!



Visual Arts



Cybersecurity