



Annual Newsletter
Summer 2015

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 2015-2016
Bearden High School Class of 1978



There is nothing more important to the success of a school and its students than the support and encouragement received outside the classroom. The Bearden High School Foundation works year round to support the efforts of our fine administrators, teachers and coaches. Our goal is to help provide a positive learning experience for all students at Bearden High School.

2014-2015 was a great year for Bearden High School. The Class of 2015 received nearly \$25 million in college scholarships. Over 94% of our students are graduating and over 90% are continuing their studies at universities and colleges across the United States.

The Foundation had a great year too. Last year, we awarded in excess of \$75,000 in grants. Since its founding, the Bearden High School Foundation has granted approximately \$750,000 in grants and scholarships. These grants have made a significant difference in the education of numerous students at Bearden.

As much as we have accomplished, 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 consider a tax-deductible gift to the Bearden Foundation. There is an envelope included with this newsletter that you can use to make a donation.

WHAT IS THE BEARDEN FOUNDATION?

The Bearden High School Foundation's mission is to help provide the best academic education and experience it can for students, teachers and staff, by supporting them with additional educational material and/or tools they need to create an exciting and thriving learning environment. The foundation was established in 1998 raising over \$750,000 to date, which has been invested in both the physical and educational needs of the school. The Foundation's primary fundraising vehicles are our annual Phone-A-Thon (in October) and the Bulldog Classic Golf Tournament (in April). These are great opportunities to help!

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, contact Buddy Heins at (865) 300-4100.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 7, August 10 – “Dawg Day”
August 10 – First Day of School, 1/2 Day
September 7 – Labor Day / Student Holiday
September 10 – Open House
September 18 – Homecoming
October 12, 13 – Fall Break
October 19 & 20 – Foundation Phone-A-Thon
November 25 - 27 – Thanksgiving Holidays
December 21 - January 1 – Winter Holidays
January 4 – Inservice Day
January 18 – MLK Holiday / Student Holiday
January 21 – Open House
February 15 – Inservice Day
March 1 – Inservice Day
March 14-18 – Spring Break
March 25 – Good Friday / Student Holiday
April 30 – Prom
May 6 – Foundation Golf Tournament
May 13 – Graduation
May 19 – Last Day of School, 1/2 Day

The Principal's Perspective



Dr. John Bartlett

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:

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.

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.

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:

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.

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 eighth year at Bearden High School. During that time, the development and support of the BHS foundation and it's officers have served as a continual encouragement to me. In summary, the BHS foundation is an essential part of striving for excellence for every Bearden Bulldog.

Hugh O'Brian (HOBY) Youth Leadership Awards 2014-2015

Congratulations to **Andrew Granger** who was selected to represent Bearden High School at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar. He was a sophomore in Honors English last semester and was chosen by a panel of teachers. The Scholarship is given annually to a member of the National Junior Honor Society who has an outstanding academic record and shows 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, Andrew gets a realistic look at his nation, its people, and his own role in the world community.



Ashley Massengill

Awesome Adam Adventure Summer Scholarship Recipient, Ashley Massengill Funded by the family of Adam Wise, BHS Class of 2011

My name is Ashley Massengill, and I just completed my junior year at Bearden High School. I am a member of Bearden Singers and B Natural, two of the vocal classes offered at BHS. I have also participated in the Tennessee All-East Choir for the last two years. I am also a member of the National Honors Society and Key Club. This year I had the opportunity to work with the children's choir at my church. I am also very involved in my church's youth program, youth band, choir, and missions. I plan to graduate in 2016 and study music education.

This year Ashley will be attending the 2015 TN Governor's School for the Arts. The Governor's School for the Arts is a valuable and prestigious pre-professional experience. The School for the Arts will be held on the Middle Tennessee State University campus in Murfreesboro. She will study music, visual art, dance, filmmaking or theatre during the four-week period. Each day is filled with classes, rehearsals, demonstrations, workshops, films, and discussion groups. Guest artists and resident faculty share their experience and talent with the students daily. One of the most inspiring aspects of the School is that they live, work, and play with other gifted students who share their passion.

Major Houbler Boys and Girls State Scholarships

The Bearden High School Foundation supports Girls State and Boys State. Students from the class of 2016 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.



Madison Daniels



Sydney Gabrielson



Elizabeth Hembree



Katie Matthews



Christina Paris



Lauren Pearman



Katie Phillips



Marion Porras



Elizabeth Steimer

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.



James Bowers



Andrew Chance

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 "51st 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.



Bearden Band Benefits From FOUNDATION GRANT

The Bearden Band is happy to announce that this coming year, the band will be presenting its new marching band uniforms, thanks to the dedication and generosity of students, families, alumni, and Bearden

High School Foundation! Such an amazing feat would not have been possible without the support of so many and the countless selfless contributions of time and talent. The band would like to express thanks to everyone who helped and has supported the BHS band program throughout the years and who have aided in achieving something the band has been trying to accomplish for over 7 years. We couldn't have done this without you, and hope we can provide the community with wonderful music for many years to come. We are very excited to share our new look with the Bearden community in September!



ROBOTICS TEAM BENEFITS FROM THE FOUNDATION

At the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, two students at Bearden High School started an FRC robotics team, which stands for FIRST Robotics Competition. Approximately 30 students joined the team and they named their team RATCHET, which stands for Robotics Assembly Team Creating Hugely Exciting Technology. RATCHET competed in the Smoky Mountain Regional held in the Knoxville Convention Center. They won the Rookie All Star Award which allowed them to move on to the World Championships held in St. Louis. In two weeks RATCHET managed to raise approximately \$30,000 needed for the trip. At World's, they again proved themselves to be a strong team by making it to the semi-finals. Because of RATCHET's outstanding performance, spirit, dedication, drive, and anticipated growth in membership, there is no doubt that the 2015-2016 school year will prove to be another great year for the team.

Fall Phone-a-thon a Ringing Success!



The Bearden High School Foundation hosted its annual Phone-a-thon in October. Over \$30,000 was raised last year! That makes a total of almost \$500,000.00 that has been raised and reinvested into our school from Phone-a-thon alone. The money raised touches every student/teacher and administrator in some way. Thank you to the many people that support Phone-a-thon each year! A record turn-out of parents, guardians, teachers, former teachers, and administrative staff made phone calls to all BHS families. Thank you Jack Brundige of US Cellular for donating phones for the event! Thank you Pilot Travel Centers, Regal Cinemas, Kroger, Food City and Leisure Time Vending for providing door prizes for callers! Together we can make a difference at BHS.

This year we are offering an early donor incentive. For the Top Dawg donors (\$1000.00) you will receive your Family Sports Pass the first week of school.

Please consider being a part of this valuable fundraiser. For more information, contact co-chairs Marguerite Graham at gramx6@comcast.net or Mallory Lehn at mallory.lehn@gmail.com.

2015-2016 FAMILY SPORTS PASS

Donate \$1,000 to the Foundation between now and the Phone-A-Thon and receive a Family Sports Pass to ALL REGULAR SEASON Bearden High School athletic events.

Contact Buddy Heins @ (865) 300-4100 or bheins@meritconstruction.com

Note – early donors will not be called during the Phone-A-Thon.

Beverly Anderson Recognized As One Of NATIONS'S TOP COUNSELORS



One Knoxville school counselor represented Tennessee at the White House, as part of an event recognizing the nation's top counselors. Beverly Anderson has been a guidance counselor at Bearden High School for seven years and said her family is a major part of the inspiration for her now-nationally-recognized work. "It's very exciting. I'm incredibly humbled and honored," she said. Beverly and Kurt Anderson are both graduates of Bearden High School. Anderson met with First Lady Michelle Obama in a ceremony honoring the top 16 finalists for the American School Counseling Association's National Counselor of the Year award. Anderson's firstborn, Preston, has Down syndrome, which Anderson said helped prepare and motivate her to become a guidance counselor. "I was a mom advocating for my son and advocating for other families in East Tennessee who had children with Down syndrome, and as a school counselor, if I had to define what I do in a short phrase, it's advocate for students," Anderson said. Her husband, Kurt Anderson, said Preston has taught them - including their other 19-year-old son Nathan - many things about life. "We had no idea that it's a wonderful thing. I mean, people, kids, adults with down syndrome are just a huge blessing," Kurt said.

Anderson said she draws a comparison between how she helps the world understand her son and how she helps high school seniors understand the college application process and transition. "This whole college piece can be very complicated; The landscape of that has changed tremendously in the last 30 years," Anderson said. "If we, as school counselors, can help break down the steps and break down that terminology and help people see, 'You can do this, you can go to college, and here's how you step through it and we can help get you support along the way,' it's very similar to helping people understand Preston...to show people how Preston is more similar than he is different, in many, many ways." Anderson said Americans hear a lot about student-teacher ratio, but one issue she'd like to raise while in Washington is the matter of school counselors' workloads. "There are laws that protect how many students can be in a classroom, but in the state of Tennessee, there's not a law that protects what our caseload is," Anderson said. "There's a recommendation of a ratio, but there's not a law. Now, our national organization says we should have 250-student-to-one-counselor ratio, but it's very difficult to find any school, really, in the country that follows that." Anderson said her personal workload is 360 students, and while that's challenging, she is aware of counselors in other parts of the country with much higher caseloads. Anderson has nine years of experience working with Knox County Schools and 13 years working for the University of Tennessee's offices of admissions and academic affairs.

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 2014-2015 academic year:

- ACADEMICS** Courses to better prepare students for college placement exams
Scholarships to honor students of high achievement
Purchase of a 3-D printer for use by all students
- ATHLETICS** Replace weight training equipment for use by all Phys-Ed classes
Subsidize cost of new locker room and fence for boys and girls soccer
- BAND** Funds to help reach the band's multi-year fundraising goal to purchase new band uniforms for the entire band
- BUSINESS** Purchase licenses for premium Adobe suite software for Virtual Enterprise teams to be able to prepare materials for competitions
Support to enable Bearden's Virtual Enterprise Teams to compete in New York Trade Show
- ENGLISH** Scholarship for winners of Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership essay contest to attend HOBY Leadership Seminar
- FACULTY** Funds to replace Knox County's reduction of BHS teacher training budget to cover course fees for advanced teacher training
PTSO Funds to support Grad Night Celebration
- SCIENCE** Subsidize start-up costs for inaugural BHS Robotics team allowing them to enter first competition ever and reach national competition
Purchase work tables with dry erase laminate tops and chairs for use in science classes to improve one-on-one teacher demonstration
Purchase Forensic Pathology lab materials
- TEAMS** Fund initial start-up costs for inaugural BHS bowling team

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

NEW LOCKER ROOM FOR SOCCER



The BHS Boys Soccer team received a \$5000 grant to complete the new locker room from the BHS Foundation. We are so thankful for the generosity of the Foundation. The BHS soccer facilities were already one of the best in all of Tennessee, and the addition of the locker room made it THE best! We could not have made this dream come true without the Foundation's support.

BHS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



BHS Foundation Scholarship Recipients pictured above, from left to right: Buddy Heins - BHS Foundation President, Amy Chen, Piper Givens, Kelsey Kinzer, Sydney Jones, Max Neveau

2014-2015 BHS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Bearden Foundation offers six scholarships to our graduating seniors. These scholarships were awarded during Senior Celebration activities at BHS. Nominations for these scholarships are solicited from the faculty. A brief description of each scholarship follows. All scholarships are valued at \$500. The nominations are reviewed by the scholarship committee and they vote on the winners.

Dr. Mary Lou Kanipe Leadership Scholarship - This scholarship is awarded to a senior that possess outstanding abilities in academics, as well as exhibits strength in leadership and responsibility. This individual will place a special emphasis on initiative and will have worked hard to effect positive change at BHS and in the community.

WINNER: KELSEY KINZER

I have been involved with the Student Government Association all four years of high school and have held a student body officer position for the past two years. I also served as Editor-in-chief of *The Bark* my senior year. I served as Secretary of Rho Kappa and President of the Hiking Club. I will be attending the University of Tennessee at Knoxville this fall and plan to be just as involved and committed to learning and leading there as I have been at Bearden!



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: AMY CHEN

Amy Chen graduated as a member of Bearden's Top Ten of 2014-15 and is a National Merit Finalist. She has been extensively involved in many extracurriculars during her time here. For example, she was an active member of both Bearden's Gay-Straight Alliance, becoming co-president her senior year, and Bearden's Creative Writing Club, eventually serving as Vice President and Treasurer. She was also a regular member in the National Art Honors Society. Amy also was in the FYI Peer Education program with Planned Parenthood for two years. Amy attended the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts, and has participated in many local art shows. She has won three Silver Keys in the Scholastics Art and Writing Awards for her artwork and writing. In the fall, Amy will attend Washington University in St. Louis as an art and political science double major.



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Becky Ramsey Scholarship for Volunteerism - This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has invested countless volunteer hours at BHS or in his/her community or church, striving to make a difference.

WINNER: PIPER GIVENS

During my time at Bearden, I have been involved in several extracurricular activities ranging from Student Government Association to National Honor Society to Senior Committee. As a member of SGA, I chaired the Second Harvest Committee and helped the school raise over 100,000 lbs. of food for those in need. I have also been involved in both the Bearden Golf team and the Swim and Dive team. I have a passion for service and I hope to continue to serve my community during my time at the University of Tennessee where I will be studying nursing.



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: SYDNEY JONES

I was diagnosed with type 1 (insulin dependent) diabetes when I was 9 years old, but I've never let it keep me from doing what I want to do. At BHS I tried to be as involved as possible. I swam on the swim team my first three years, and switched to diving my senior year due to a blood pressure problem which caused me to pass out while swimming. I lettered all four years and was the diving Captain my senior year. I was also on the Climbing Team my first two years of high school. I joined HOSA my sophomore year, was the Historian my junior year, and President my senior year. I was involved in several other clubs such as Key Club, NJHS, and NHS. I plan to attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to study Biochemistry and eventually go to medical school to become an Emergency Room physician.



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: MAX NEVEAU

I am Max Neveau, a BHS graduate attending The University of Tennessee at Knoxville to pursue a degree in Material Science and Engineering. I have always had a passion for technology, spending most of my time on the computer. In high school, the knowledge I learned from being on a computer and learning some programming languages came in use both helping lead the Robotics team and helping our IT director with the 2800 computers he has to monitor and repair. My plans for the future are to get a Masters and possibly a PhD, then work in either additive manufacturing (the use of 3D printing for production and manufacturing) or battery material research. In college I hope to be part of student government and a leader in the student level of the engineering department and help with research at the National Laboratory. I would like to thank the BHS School Foundation for the gracious honor that they have supplied to me as well as the money that will help me in my college endeavors.



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: IAN SCHOMER

My name is Ian Schomer. I was captain of Bearden High School soccer this season, leading the team to a record of 14-4-1. Off season my favorite hobbies include snowboarding, frisbee golf, and sport kiting (quad-stringed kites that can be controlled and maneuvered). I also play four instruments: 14 years of piano, 8 years of casual drumming, 2 years of fiddle, and 1 year of guitar. Academically, I enjoy math and science with particular interest to energy and clean technologies. I will attend Maryville College next fall, where I will enroll in a 3:2 program with either UT or Vanderbilt that will result in a materials science or chemical engineering degree. I will play Division III soccer at Maryville, coached by Pepe Fernandez.



Bearden High School Foundation's "Par"fect Day

Bearden High School alumni, All American and University of Tennessee Basketball players, **Bert Bertelkamp** and **Holly Warlick**, once again served as hosts of the 13th Annual Bearden High School Foundation Golf Classic. Event sponsors were **Cherokee Distributing Company** and **University Eye Surgeons**. The tournament was held at Willow Creek Golf Club on Friday, April 24, raising \$30,000 for the students and staff of Bearden High School.

The Golf Classic event began at noon with an amazing lunch buffet sponsored by **The Brown Bag Cafe**. Bearden's **Brass Quintet**, under the leadership of **Meghan Christian**, entertained players as they were preparing carts, playing our National Anthem along with a series of encouraging bugle "revelries" as players headed out to the greens. **Wayne Tipton** and **Rocky Goode**, along with **Bert** greeted players. **Wayne** is a class of 1963 All-State basketball player. **Rocky** is a class of 1972 football High School All American and UT football player. He is presently an SEC referee, recently leaving the field for the booth as the Instant Replay official.

Photography and Web Design students 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**. **Tom Dickenson** of **Hodges, Doughty and Carson** sponsored this year's Awards Reception where door prizes were awarded. This year's 2015 Bearden High School Foundation Golf Classic winners were the **Brown Bag** with **Matt Mincer, Paul Dickenson, Peter Brown, and Daniel Benner**, pictured below.

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The Bearden High School Foundation Would Like To Thank The Following For Their Phone-a-thon and Golf Tournament Donations and Grants In The 2014-2015 School Year.

TOP DAWG **\$5000 and UP**

Bertelkamp, Bert
Cherokee Distributing Company
Harris, David & Patricia
Pilot Travel Centers, LLC

PEDIGREE CLUB **\$1000 - \$4999**

Anonymous
Bertelkamp, Henry F., Jr.
Blalock, Ben & Melissa
Denning, Kevin & Amy
Harrell, David & Lindsey
Harris, Doug & Carla
Heins Laning, Margaret
Kerr, Stanley & Sarah
Langford, Allen & Julie
McKelvy, Thomas & Lori Bertelkamp
Pinnacle National Bank
Stillson, Daniel & Kimberlee

BULLDOG CLUB **\$500 - \$999**

Anonymous
Beahm, Walter & JoAnn
Buckley, Joseph
Coffin, Charles & Ann Fritts
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Dayton's Pest Control Services Inc.
Dickenson, Thomas & Sandra
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Fathy, Dana
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
Gambuzza, Frank
Heins, Buddy & Shayna
Hinkle, Jim & Linda
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Lehn, Jesse & Mallory
Market Realty
Pearman, Brad & Cindy
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Revenue Recovery Corp
Snyder, William & Kim
Tragessor, Larry & Kathleen
Volunteer Perfusion, LLC
Vulcan Materials
Wilkins, Marshall & Clare
Wise, Kurt
Witt, R. Ward

CHAMPION CLUB **\$250- \$499**

Bob's Liquor & Wine
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Crowley, Pete & Ruth
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Gabrielson, Elsie & Jay
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Gollhofer, Steve & Laura
Gonzalez-Bonilla, Keilah
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McKay, Larry & Anna
Miller, Jeffrey
Noon, Charles & Elaine
Ownley, Bonnie
Parks, James & Cheryl
Schomer, Terry & Kathleen
Schuchmann, George & Ellen
Sears, Cameron & Nancy Duckles
Stripling, David & Karen
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VARSITY CLUB **\$100 - \$249**

Anderson Management Services Inc.
Armstrong, Traci & Kelley
Baeske, James & Carole
Baine, Chuck & Lori
Baker, Michael & Cindy
Baker, Susan
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Brice, Scott & Sarah
Brody, Michael & Jennifer
Bruckbauer, Thomas & Antje
Calhoun, Joseph
Chance, Robert & Cherie
Chandler, Jeff & Amy Fay
Clark, Christopher & Therese
Collins, Douglas & Karen
Conroy, Brian & Kimberly
Cozart, CT
Crenshaw, Gwen & Mike
Crowe, Daniel B.
Daniel, Jeff & Sharon
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Davis, Michael & Pamela
Dell, Jeffrey & Kelly
Dryzer, Scott & Lynn

Elmore, Scott & Leslie
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Ford, Russ & Tracey
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Gollhofer, Jeff & Andrea
Groh, William & Mary
Hampton, Trustin & Lori
Hashani, Avni
Haynes, Charles & Patricia
Heins, Buddy & Shayna
Heins, John
Huber, Craig & Stephanie
Hwang, Wonjae & Soonjoo Jo
Jacoby, Bill & Jennifer
Keck, Gregory & Jill
Ketteri, Alfred & Jennifer
Kirby, Craig & Angie
Langston, Paul
Mamantov, Mark & Catherine
Marlow, David & Maribeth
Marlow, Douglas & Kristie
Martin, Gary & Sabra
McGregor, Michael & Marcia
McIntyre, James & Michelle
Mitchell, Carole
Morris, Gladys
Nam, Joong-Hee & Eun Jeong Cho
Oakes, Raymond Leslie
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Prasad, Mohan K.
Prater, Larry
Precision Ladders LLC
Rodgers, Margaret & Clifford
Rose, Gerry & Lori Willner
SAC Inc.
Scates, Barbie M.
Schilling, Lynda
Sea Sails, Inc.
Shankles, Ronald & Karen
Shea, Courtney
Shipley, Alan
Smith, Rosanne
Staley, John R.
Stansberry, Don & Priscilla
Stansberry, Frank & Carolyn
Steele, Samuel & Susan
Swartz, Anne
Tedford, John
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Vance, Robert & Angela
Walsh, Daniel & Katie
Weaver, Sheri & Mark
Welch, Darren & Megan
Wilkins, Kent & Lisa

SCHOLARS CLUB
\$10 - \$99

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Alley, Stephen & Nancy
Ammons, Mitchell & Donna
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Barnett, William & Wendy
Barton, John & Gloria
Beam, Richard & Meredith
Benevicz, Dennis & Lisa
Bennett, Richard & Linda
Bobrek, Miljko & Sonja
Borden, Michael & Alice
Bowman, Stephen & Joanna
Bozich, David & Kimberly
Brewer, Carl & Mary
Brody, Ashley
Brown, James & Misung
Browning, Debbie
Burnett, Jonathan & Nancy
Burns, John & Lisa
Burns, Steven & Leann
Byars, Tammy
Campbell, Bryan & Kimberley
Campbell, David & Brenda
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Cash Donor
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Clubb, Mark & Mary
Cool, James & Lisa
Cox, Steven & Jama
Culp, Michelle Hollis
Deangelo, Michael & Keena
DePue, Michael & Karah
Dolvin, Scott & Connie
Doren, Mark & Marjorie
Doyle, David & Kathleen
Durrance III, Robert Neil
Dyer, Francis
Eaves, Susan
Finley, Michael & Terri
Fitzsimmons, Lee & Shari
Forbes, William & Barbara
Fulcher, Lee & Julie
Ganapathi, Saravanan

Gardner, William & Rachel
Goin, Tracy & Todd
Gore, James & Susan
Griffin, Stanley & Mary
Gross, Harry & Laura
Hagood, Derwin & Sheri
Hale, John & Jane
Hall, Michael & Ursula
Harrington, Clayton & Patricia
Harris, David & Polly Anna
Harter, David C.
Hasan, Husein & Sherri
auser, Loren & Melinda
Hill, Ken & Debbie
Houser, Stefanie
Howard, Bradley & Amy
Howe, Curtis & Elizabeth
Ishmael, Michael
Jansen, Jeffrey & Elizabeth
Johnson, Robert & Anita
Jones, Steven & Kelly
Kay, Anita
Keener, James & Kelly
Keller, Dale & Diane
Kleckley, Daniel & Kimberly
Lam, Jude Kam-Man
Ledbetter, Christopher & Wendy
Lembersky, Robert & Susan
Lepard, Lamar & Cullum
Love, Kelly
Luepke, Greg & Valerie
Mangers, Dan & Mirium
Manner, Thomas & Jennifer
Marsh, Thomas & Marsha
Martz, Scott & Tara
McDowell, Christopher
Meyers, Jay & Tammy
Montgomery, John L.
Mortimore, Jill
Murphy, Andrea
Musat, Nicolai & Valentina
Natour, Basel & Mervet
Nester, Freddie & Stephanie
Noon, James & Marie
Notte, Richard & Kristine
Oran, Rex & Allison
Orler, Robert & Jennifer
Paris, Penny
Parton, Mike & Pam
Pelehach, Michael & Meredith
Pfeifer, Philip & Janet

Pfeifer, Thomas & Pamela
Powell, Jeni
Poynter, Christopher & Julia
Pritchett, Gary & Angela
Pruitt, Mary Nell & Gregg
Puckett, Amy
Quality Alteration
Rasch, Kevin & Amy
Rebmann, Kim
Regen, E. Scott
Rhines, Marion & Darrin
Riedel, Conradine Helen
Roberts, Gregory & Sandy Jo
Runion, Carl & Rhonda
Russo, Richard & Pamela
Rutherford, Terry & Kathy
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Bearden High School

2015 Alumnus of the Year

Mr. Doug Harris, Class of 1978



Pictured L to R: Buddy Heins, President of the BHS Foundation and 1978 graduate of Bearden; Doug Harris, 1978 graduate of Bearden and recipient of the 2015 Alumni of the Year award.

Doug Harris, Knox County School Board Member, had more than one role to play at the 2015 Bearden High School graduation ceremony. His son was graduating, he was representing the Knox County School Board, and little did he know that he was going to hear his name called as the recipient of the Bearden High School Alumnus of the Year Award.

Dr. John Bartlett, Bearden High School Principal, established this annual award in 2010 to recognize and honor alumni who have earned the unique distinction of this title. This award reflects the good deeds of individuals who have made significant contributions to Bearden High School.

Doug was a 1978 graduate of Bearden and played an active role in Student Government as Vice President of his class. Also, he was a member of Key Club and DECA. Doug's favorite teacher was Mrs. Ann William, Marketing/DECA teacher. Through his experience with DECA, he participated in the national marketing championship in Washington, D.C. During his high school career, he worked at Jerry's Restaurant where he earned the title of Manager his senior year. When asked about some of his greatest memories in high school, Doug reflected on the times that he spent with his friends. Harris stated, "Several of us (Paul Koonce, Steve Turner, Rick Hensley, Buddy Heins, and Dean Anderson) were named the 'Road Crew' from all of the trips that we took our senior year. From Key West for spring break, Atlanta to watch the Vols play UCLA in basketball, Gainesville to watch Vols play Florida in football, Bearden school trip up the east coast to NYC, Boston, Plymouth and many fishing trips as well. We all worked after school to fund these trips. Most of this group has stayed in close contact over 37 years later."

Doug Harris is a Knoxville native and a University of Tennessee graduate. Upon graduation from UT, he moved to Nashville to pursue medical sales. While in Nashville, he met his wife Carla and they began their life together by starting their own business. To date, the Harris Restaurant Group has 23 restaurants located in Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, and Louisiana. They moved back to Knoxville in 1995.

Since his return to Knoxville, Doug has maintained an active role in Bearden High School and his community. Dr. John Bartlett stated, "Doug is a very effective advocate for Bearden High School and public schools in general. He has used his position on the Knox County School Board to advocate for further funding, accountability, and increased technology in all schools. His behind the scenes leadership in public education has helped build coalitions within Knox County and the State of Tennessee to help increase the need for a student centered approach to education. Doug has privately given back to Bearden High School throughout the years, both monetarily and with his very valuable time and influence. It was fitting to recognize him as Alumni of the Year because of his efforts to promote Bearden High School and the needs of every student within Knox County."

Doug's involvement in the community entails his work with the Compassion Coalition, Emerald Youth Foundation, and Brittney Place Neighborhood Association. Two of Doug and Carla's three children have graduated from Bearden. He has stayed actively involved with the 1978 alumni events. Carla is the secretary of the BHS Foundation Board of Directors and organizer of the annual BHS Foundation Golf Classic.

Internationally, Doug co-founded the World Water Project where he serves as President. The World Water Project provides clean drinking water to over 100,000 people through a filter (TivaWater) that he and his partners invented. His team has also built a sustainable poultry farm in Uganda that is training and funding young men to be farmers. In 2012, he was elected to the Knox County School Board. Buddy Heins, President of BHS Foundation and longtime friend of Doug said, "Since graduation, Doug has flourished in business and in life. He has unselfishly given back to his community in more ways than we'll ever know."

Past recipients of this prestigious award include:

- 2010** – Jim Bruner, Class of 1967 - baseball and football athlete and BHS philanthropist
- 2011** – Dennis Hwang, Class of 1997 - Chief Designer, Google
- 2012** – Buddy Heins, Class of 1978 - BHS Foundation President/school volunteer
- 2013** – Bert Bertelkamp, Class of 1976 - outstanding basketball player/BHS philanthropist
- 2014** – Jack Tate, Class of 1978 - BHS teacher and coach

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