



# Foundation Focus

Newsletter of the Bearden High School Foundation

August 2019

## Making a difference in the classroom and across the campus



*Go Bulldogs: Bearden needs your support!*

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 more than \$900,000 for Bearden since 1997. This newsletter offers a closer look at the wide variety of funds awarded to classrooms, projects, teams and clubs on campus as well as the scholarships supported by the Foundation. Please make a tax-deductible contribution to help support the work of the Bearden Foundation. Every dollar makes a difference at Bearden High School!

## Community support an essential part of Bearden's success

There are few things as important to the success of a school than the support and encouragement received from the community. As I take the helm of the Foundation this fall, I am excited to continue its commitment to pursuing every opportunity to help our administrators, teachers, coaches, and most importantly, our students.

The 2018-19 school year was another successful one for Bearden High School. The class of 2019 received over \$40 million in scholarships, had a 95% graduation rate, and was once again recognized as one of the top public schools by U.S News. The Foundation also had a great year, awarding close to \$70,000 to the school. With state and county education budgets tight, these fundraising dollars

remain as important as ever. Sometimes a basic need is unmet and sometimes it takes investment to go from good to great. Helping Bearden teachers and administrators is a rewarding experience!

As school begins again, we are excited to welcome a new principal, Debbie Sayers, to the Bearden campus. (Look inside to learn more about Principal Sayers). We also want to thank former Principal Jason Myers for his service and leadership. Much has been accomplished, but much is still left to do and the Bearden Foundation, with the support of the Bearden community, stands ready to assist.

*John Standifer*  
*BHS Foundation President*

## Myers accepts new position with Knox County schools



**Moving on:** *Former Principal Myers to now help lead student development strategies.*

I cannot express how grateful I am to have served this wonderful community as principal of Bearden High School. I will always be appreciative of the support I received from the Bearden community and the Bearden High School Foundation and look forward to the great work that will continue in the coming school year. Serving the students and staff at BHS has truly been the greatest experience of my career, and I will miss them dearly.

While I will be leaving the principalship at BHS, I will always be a Bulldog. My daughter Kenslie will be a sophomore at BHS this year and my other daughters, Jaycie and Baylie, will be attending in the coming years.

My new role as Executive Director of Student Supports will allow me to not only serve the students of Bearden High School, but also ensure that adequate supports are in place for students across all of the Knox County Schools. I want to sincerely thank you for your support and welcoming me into the Bearden community. Go Bulldogs!

*Jason Myers  
Exec. Director of Student Supports  
Knox County Schools*

## Where your money was invested at Bearden in 2018-19

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. You can read more about many of these gifts throughout the newsletter.

- **Athletics** – Funds to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) lifesaving device.
- **Band** – Funds to purchase a new field speaker system plus euphoniums for the marching band.
- **Basketball** – Funds to help transform a storage area into a team video room.
- **Business** – Funds to purchase computer software to manage multiple workstations plus trade show registration fees for Bearden's Virtual Enterprise teams.
- **English** – Funds to purchase new text books plus registration fees for a conference on childhood trauma.
- **Faculty** – Funds to support teacher training and professional development.
- **Football** – Funds to help upgrade the tile floor in the team's weight room.
- **PTSO** – Funds to support the Grad Night Celebration at Main Event.
- **Math** – Funds to purchase new whiteboard tables and chairs plus new graphing calculators.
- **Science** – Funds to help turn frozen specimens into taxidermied teaching tools plus registration fees for the Science Olympiad competition.
- **Social Studies** – Funds to purchase new text books.
- **Special Ed** – Funds to purchase alternative seating options for the autism classroom.
- **STEM** – Funds to purchase supplies to tackle the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge.
- **Testing** – Funds to purchase new Dell Chrome-book computers.



### FOCUS ON: Faculty

The influences, outcomes, interventions, and healing strategies associated with childhood trauma and adverse childhood experiences have been a recent focus at Bearden. The Foundation awarded funds to cover registration costs for two Bearden teachers to attend a local conference on this subject to support the school's efforts to train staff to better deal with traumatized students.

## New principal Sayers says teachers are “difference-makers in a student’s life”



**Debbie Sayers**

I taught all levels of science and coached volleyball, boys and girls cross country, and girls track. My husband Kendall and I moved to Knoxville in 1991. I stayed home with our two children for several years before returning to the classroom in January 2002 as an interim biology teacher at West High School.

The following fall, I taught all levels of chemistry, and began the first of my eleven years as an AP teacher. 2008 found me at Hardin Valley Academy, where I served as STEM Academy Dean and lead teacher. I acted as the facilitator for the chemistry and AP/Honors professional learning communities, and taught Honors PWC, Honors Chemistry, and AP Chemistry. During that time, I mentored over 200 Senior Portfolio students and established partnerships with engineers and scientists in the Knoxville/UTK/Oak Ridge corridor.

I served as an AP reader for four years, a test item writer and reviewer for the ACT/PLAN/Explore tests, and wrote a lab for the AP Chemistry Lab Manual during the re-design of the course in 2013. That fall, I moved to Farragut High School where I served as curriculum principal for two years before traveling across town to Central High School to take on the role of grade level principal.

I firmly believe that the magic happens in the classroom and that teachers are difference-makers in a student’s life. Educators have the extremely

I am humbled and honored to be joining the Bearden High School community and look forward to working alongside you in providing our students with an excellent educational experience and preparation.

My educational career has centered on high school students. It began in 1987 at an inner-city senior high school in Jackson, Michigan, where I



**Lead Dogs:** *The Bearden administrative team for the 2019-20 school year includes 9th Grade Asst. Principal Cara Vaughn, 11th grade Asst. Principal Donald Balcom, Principal Debbie Sayers, 10th Grade Asst. Principal Candace Greer, 12th Grade Asst. Principal Rod Crockett, and Curriculum Principal Cassandra Dowd.*

important job of providing 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.

My two children are beneficiaries of such teamwork. Our son Tyler graduated from West High School in 2009 and our daughter Leslie graduated from Bearden High School in 2010. Both were well prepared for life after high school, going on to earn bachelor’s degrees from UTC and ultimately finding rewarding jobs in their respective fields. I remain grateful to the educators who challenged and supported them along the way. Please know that as principal of Bearden High School, I believe it is my job to treat your children as my own, and to make decisions which will be in their best long-term interest. Working together, I know we can influence our current and future students as profoundly as my own children (especially my daughter) were impacted.

I look forward to meeting you and learning more about the Bearden High School community. I am truly excited to say, “Go Dawgs!”

*Debbie Sayers  
Principal, Bearden High School*



### **FOCUS ON: Business**

Bearden offers a variety of computer labs as part of its Career Technical Education (CTE) curriculum and it can be challenging to track students’ work and monitor so many computer screens. The Foundation awarded funds to purchase Netop Vision Software that enables a teacher to share information with every user, see what’s happening on all screens, and be able to refocus classroom attention when necessary.

## 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 2018 campaign raised more than \$24,000, funds essential to the Foundation's work supporting Bearden High School.

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

The next Fall Outreach Fundraiser is scheduled for early October 2019. Please consider answering the call this year to help the Foundation raise the funds necessary to respond to the school's needs that are not met by the Knox County Schools budget.



**Answering the call:** *Volunteers gather in the library before contacting potential donors. The 2018 Phone-A-Thon raised more than \$24,000 for the school.*



### **FOCUS ON: Business**

Virtual Enterprise is a class at Bearden designed to provide students a simulated business experience through project-based, collaborative learning. The Foundation awarded funds to cover registration costs at the Southern Regional Conference and Exhibition. The VE team traveled to Pigeon Forge to showcase their business plan and compete against other companies.

## 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 Fall Fundraiser in October.
- Donate online at [www.BHSFoundation.org](http://www.BHSFoundation.org).
- 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 [rpelot@emlaw.com](mailto:rpelot@emlaw.com) or 865-414-0359.



## Buddy Pelot named Bearden Alumnus of the Year



**Buddy Pelot**

Buddy Pelot, class of 1982, was recognized as the Bearden High School Alumnus of the Year for 2019 at Bearden’s graduation ceremonies in May at Thompson-Boling Arena.

“I am honored – and surprised – to receive the award,” said Pelot. “I know my teachers from Bearden would have found it even harder to

believe. When I graduated from UTK, I happened to sit next to another Bearden alum, Judy Houbler, and afterwards her dad, Major Houbler, my government teacher at Bearden, wrote me the kindest note. But I got the impression he was surprised I even went to college.”

In fact, Pelot liked school so much, after graduating from Bearden, he spent eight more years in class, receiving a B.A. from UTK, a M.Ed. in Public Policy from Vanderbilt; and a J.D. from UTK. He currently practices law in Knoxville with Egerton, McAfee, Armistead & Davis, P.C.

Pelot has served on the Bearden High School Foundation Board since 2009 with roles that included Grant Committee chairperson, Vice President, and President. Over the years, Pelot has also served on the City of Knoxville Greenways Commission, the Board of CASA of East Tennessee Inc., as president of the Blue Grass Baseball League (and coach), and as a certified referee for the Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swimming Association. He was also a candidate for the Knox County School Board in 2016. Pelot is married to Judith who served as PTSO president for two years at Bearden. They have three daughters who are all Bearden alums. Buddy Pelot would be most proud to tell you that all three daughters were voted “Best All-Around” their senior years at Bearden.

"My family has been extremely blessed to be a part of the Bearden community, and we are so thankful for all that our time at Bearden has meant to us."



**Book worm:** Curriculum changes often require the purchasing of new text books.



### **FOCUS ON: English**

Bearden offered a new elective class this past year called “Philosophy and Literature” that sought to introduce students to philosophical reflection and an examination of central questions of human existence. The Foundation awarded funds to purchase new text books for the class that incorporated classical philosophy with contemporary ideas and issues.



**Party time:** Friends and fellow graduates are all smiles at the Main Event after graduation.



### **FOCUS ON: PTSO**

After graduation ceremonies, Grad Night for the Class of 2019 was an all-night party at The Main Event. Seniors participated and enjoyed activities that included bowling, laser tag, a casino, video games, games, fabulous prizes and food all night long. The Foundation awarded funds to help cover costs for this safe, fun event organized by the BHS PTSO.

## 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.

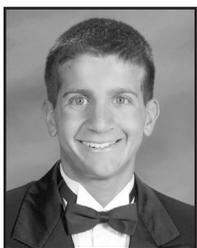


### Creative Arts Scholarship

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 **Victoria Wheelock**.

### HOW TO APPLY...

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 2020.



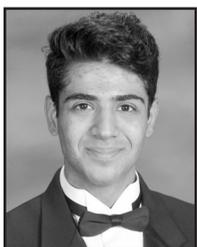
### Achiever Scholarship

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 **Fritz Siegel**.



### 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 was **Asiimwe Ironside**.



### 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 **Shahin Ahmadi**.



### 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 **Lily Sitver**.



### FOCUS ON: Basketball

Film study helps players learn the game, break plays down and see clearly where to improve. The boys' basketball program wanted to remodel an area of their dressing room used for storage into a space where the team could watch game video plus serve as a changing room for the JV and Freshman teams. The Foundation awarded funds to help get the project underway and continue strengthening the Bulldog basketball program.



**Hoop highlights:** *Watching game video as a team is something players and coaches eagerly anticipate.*



### FOCUS ON: Math

A graphing calculator is really a hand-held computer capable of plotting graphs and solving equations. It's an essential tool used in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus and more. Many students can't afford to buy their own, so they're dependent on the school. The Foundation awarded funds to purchase new Texas Instruments TI-84+ graphing calculators to boost Bearden's inventory and help all students be better able to succeed as they progress through their high school math coursework.

## Scholarship honors former Bearden teacher

In 2010, Randy and Jenny Houbler Boyd began funding a scholarship in honor of former Bearden teacher Claude Houbler to send Bearden's annual contingent of students to the Tennessee Girls and Boys State conventions.

Born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, Houbler enlisted in the Army at 20 and served from 1940 until 1961. He was a paratrooper and served in Japan, Korea, Germany and Italy before retiring with the rank of Major. Houbler enrolled at the University of Tennessee to earn his Education degree and after graduating, he accepted a teaching job at Bearden in 1964 until he retired in 1983.

"The Major" was well known by his students as a fair and entertaining teacher. He was strict, but had a great teaching style and he never forgot a student. Boys and Girls State, among the most respected and selective education programs of government instruction for high school students, was something the soldier and social studies teacher wholeheartedly supported.

The Houbler family gift is a loving example of the generosity of the Bearden community. The Foundation concluded its 2018-19 Bearden Alumni Giving campaign in the spring with more than \$4,000 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 the Bearden Foundation.

**"Your support matters!"**



**Summer civics:** *Tennessee Tech hosts Boys State attendees while Girls State is held at Lipscomb University.*

## 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:** J.P. Catuncan and Ryan McIntyre. **Girls State Winners:** Raigan Stump, Kristy Dean, Summer Davis, Olivia Hailey, Abby Ann Ramsay, Sierra Osborne, Samaya Baljepally, Christianne Alvarez and Hannah Patton.

## 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 were **Camilla Fielder**, **Earnquavious Golden** and **Michael Hines**.



### FOCUS ON: Special Ed

One group served by Bearden's special education program is students with high-functioning autism. Sometimes these students struggle to sit in one place for a 90-minute block, tending instead to pace or wiggle in their seats. The Foundation awarded funds to purchase wobble stools, exercise ball chairs, a bean bag chair and pouf cushions (like a soft, round Ottoman) to better enable the students to move, but still remain on-task.

## Foundation helps marching band stay in step

The Bearden Marching Band features more than 150 students and provides entertainment at numerous events including Friday night football games. Excellence requires training and each band performer relies on verbal instructions and the pulse of a metronome during practices in order to sharpen and coordinate music and movement.

The speaker system used by the band was more than 10 years old and no longer broadcasting clearly and reliably. Organizers worried this might negatively affect the students. The Foundation awarded funds to help upgrade the field speakers with accessories that included a rechargeable battery and microphone, plus wireless capability and Bluetooth inputs.

"The new, modern system allows us to communicate

effectively, a key component to facilitate growth within the ensemble and improve the quality of the performance," said Band Director James Wilson.

There was also an issue this year with a key musical instrument. The band's euphoniums, which resemble a small tuba, were more than 20 years old and no longer capable of the advanced levels sought by student performers.

The euphonium, along with the baritone and tuba, is considered the foundation of a band. Without them, the music does not sound full or balanced. The Foundation awarded funds to help purchase two new four-valve compensating euphoniums. "This will be a significant upgrade to our instrument inventory," said Wilson.



**Like clockwork:** *Coordination and precision are on display whenever the Bearden Marching Band takes the field.*



### FOCUS ON: Safety

In 2019, the state of Tennessee passed legislation requiring every public school in Tennessee to have at least one automated external defibrillator device. The Foundation awarded funds to purchase the life-saving device including back-up batteries and a CPR Responder kit for use in an emergency to help someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest.



### FOCUS ON: Testing

Bearden tests between 500 and 1,000 students on any given testing day. Test performance directly impacts how our students' and school's academic success is measured. Technology complications are the number one concern of testing administrators who strive to create a calm, problem-free environment. The Foundation awarded funds to purchase 20 new Dell Chromebooks - along with a secure charging and storage station - to provide necessary backup devices as well as to reduce the distractions and lost time from resolving computer issues that might otherwise occur on testing days.

## Teeing it up to support Bearden students and staff

The 17th annual Bearden Foundation Golf Classic, held in May at Willow Creek Golf Club, raised more than \$35,000 for the school. This year's sponsors of the four-person scramble event included University Eye Specialists, Cherokee Distributing, Margaret Heins, Bertelkamp Automation, Hilliard Lyons, Chick-fil-A, Threds, and Brown Bag Catering while Bert Bertelkamp served as tournament host. We welcomed a tournament-record 26 teams and the winning foursome was led by former Bearden golf coach Tyler Lane along with Mark Morrell and former Bearden golfers Allie Knight and Kelli Pemberton. Please consider playing in the next Bearden Golf Classic!



**Ready to Roll:** The tournament welcomed a record 26 teams to Willow Creek Golf Club and raised more than \$35,000 for Bearden High School.

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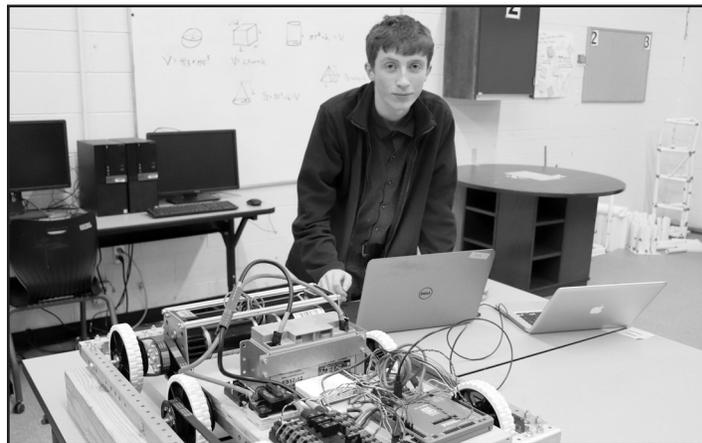
**Brain Battle:** The Olympiad tests students in earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, engineering and technology.



### FOCUS ON: Science

The Tennessee Science Olympiad is a competition for middle school and high school teams with a variety of events testing students' knowledge of scientific facts, concepts, processes, skills and applications. The Foundation awarded funds to cover registration costs to help Bearden's Olympiad team participate in this year's competition.

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**Off-roading:** What does it take to create a vehicle designed to traverse the surface of another world?



### FOCUS ON: STEM

Students in Bearden's "Principles of Engineering" class were tasked with designing, building and testing a high-tech machine to compete in NASA's Human Exploration Rover Challenge. The competition mimics opportunities, challenges and decision-making future explorers will face in interplanetary space. The Foundation awarded funds to help purchase the wide range of materials necessary. The program is an excellent example of the rigorous problem-solving fundamental to STEM education.

## Donations and grants in the 2018-2019 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.

### TOP DAWG (\$5,000 & UP)

Bertelkamp, Henry F., Jr.  
Cherokee Distributing Company  
Harris, David & Patricia

### PEDIGREE (\$1,000 - \$4,999)

American Leak Detection  
Arana, Julio & Julia  
Boyd, Jenny  
Clayton, James L., Jr.  
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Heins Laning, Margaret  
Georgiandis, George & Christine  
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Airtech Service Co, Inc.  
Bearden High Class of 1988  
Cade, Benjamin & Amanda  
Dalton, James & Lois  
Daniel, Martin  
Dayton's Pest Control Services Inc.  
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Egerton, McAfee, Armistead & Davis, PC  
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Maierhofer, Justin & Kelley  
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Robinson, C.H.  
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Wilkins, Marshall & Clar

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Biggs, Jeremy  
Cho, Sanghee  
Ferraro, Ralph  
Fisher, Keri  
Four Seasons Grounds Management, Inc.  
Heins, Buddy  
Hull, Tracy  
Lehn, Jesse & Mallory  
Mamantov, Mark & Catherine  
McGee, Bob  
Montgomery, Phillip & Colleen  
Moseley, Harry & Lori  
Oakes, Bunny  
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Pember, Donny & LeAnn  
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Rose, Richard  
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Arrant, Kimberly  
Barclay, Bonnie & David  
Barney, Sherry  
Beavers, Scott & Marcy

Belcher, David & Laura  
Benevitz, Dennis & Lisa  
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Borge, David  
Brewer, Peter & Laura  
Brice, Scott & Sarah  
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Coleman, Dawn  
Collins, Douglas & Karen  
Cooper, Robyn  
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Flynn, Kaye & Tracy  
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Harris, Frank  
Harris, Paul & Veronica  
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Heins, John E.  
Henderson, Andrew & Sarah  
Herman-Thompson, Emily  
Holmes, Winston & Michelle  
Indya Kincannon for Knoxville



### FOCUS ON: Football

The weight room inside the Jim Smelcher Athletic Complex is an important part of the Bearden football program with team lifting and training taking place almost all year long. The Foundation awarded funds to help replace the floor in the weight room with new noise and shock-absorbing tiles that also protects weights and other equipment from damage. The new floor improves the appearance, maintenance and functionality of this key football resource.



### FOCUS ON: Science

One way students learn about nature in Bearden's Wildlife Principles class is by studying animals preserved through taxidermy. While Bearden's collection of taxidermied species was in horrible shape after years of wear and use, recently retired Wildlife teacher Bob Savry left behind freezers full of amazing specimens...red fox, beaver, coyote, bear, deer, ball python, chipmunks and more! The Foundation awarded funds for a taxidermy specialist to transform the frozen, preserved remains into new classroom creatures to benefit student learning.



**Stuffed animals:** Preserved specimens bring an unmistakable element of realism to the classroom.

Jacoby, William & Jennifer  
 Jernigan, Nicole  
 Jones, David & Jeanne  
 Jones, Jenny & Kevin  
 Kammann, Kristin & Scott  
 Karnowski, Dana & Thomas  
 Kauffman, Christopher & Sarah  
 Keziah, Christopher & Carolyn  
 Klenck, Chris & Laura  
 Lane, Tyler & Kathryn  
 Law, Margaret & Douglas  
 Leslie, Scott & Jennifer  
 Lipsey, Steven & Abigail  
 Lundberg, Brian & Melissa  
 Maples, Preston K.  
 Martz, Scott & Tara  
 McGill, Megan  
 McGregor, Michael & Marcia  
 McManus, Steve  
 McMillen, John & Mary Jane  
 Mellen, Earl & Nancy  
 Melton, Paul & Lindsay  
 Morrell, Danna  
 Morrell, Mark  
 Moses, Jeffrey  
 Myers, Rachel  
 Myers, Jason  
 Nagdeman, Eric & Nancy  
 Natour, Maurice & Kathy  
 Nelms, Tony & Suzanne  
 Niemeyer, Carolyn  
 Norris, Christopher & Laura  
 Orlor, Robert & Jennifer  
 Pelot, Reuben  
 Peters, Bradley & Heather  
 Pilkington, Leonard  
 Pleasant, Jennifer  
 Pruitt, Mary Nell & Gregg  
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 Rice, Todd & Christi  
 Richardson, Michael & Lauren  
 Roberto, Andrew  
 Roberts, Michael & Jennifer  
 Rush, Gerald  
 Schriver, Elise  
 Sherrod, Teddy  
 Shiflett, David  
 Shoffner-Kalthoff MES, Inc.

Siegel, Frederick & Nicole  
 Siegel, T.C. & D.P.  
 Smith, Eddy & Wendy  
 St. John, Barbara  
 Standifer, John & Susan  
 Stansberry, Don & Priscilla  
 Stansberry, Frank & Carolyn  
 Steele, Samuel & Susan  
 Straus, Marc & Stacy  
 Stubbs, Brian & Elizabeth  
 Subramanian, Bharath  
 Uhde, S. Raby  
 Vaught, Jennifer  
 Vester, Thomas & Blanche  
 Victorson, Thor & Jacqueline  
 Vogel, Michele & Todd  
 Watkins, Thomas & Linda  
 Webster, Frank & Natalyn  
 Williams, Jon & Antoinette  
 Williams, Susan  
 Wilson, Charles & Jaclyn  
 Wood, Bryan & Charl Main  
 Wright, Todd

#### SCHOLARS

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 Barnes, Dana & John  
 Bartlett, John & Tonya  
 Bise, Robin  
 Blackstock, Rick & Betsy  
 Browning, Debbie  
 Burgin, Anna  
 Burnette, Phillip & Mary  
 Carr, Michelle & Clifford  
 Cloud, Douglas & Betty  
 Cope, Astra  
 Corbitt, David & Sandra  
 Crowder, Michelle  
 Davis, William & Tammy  
 Doyle, David & Kathleen  
 Duncan-Morin, Stephen & Jennifer  
 Elmore, Catherine  
 Eltz, August & Lori  
 Estes, Paul & Vanessa  
 Faircloth, Charles & Barbara  
 Flanary, Apryl  
 Ford, Richard & Alessandra

Forrest, Jennifer  
 Fuller, Aimee  
 Ganusov, Vitaly & Elena  
 Gardner, William & Rachel  
 Gluck, Joel  
 Haaland, Douglas & Diane  
 Hafner, Anton & Natalia  
 Harmon, Gary & Katherine  
 Haun, Elizabeth Bowman  
 Holste, Greg & Angela  
 Hudson, J.W.  
 Jackson, David & Kacey  
 Jones, Marilyn  
 Kay, Anita  
 Kelley, Harvey & Lisa  
 Kelley, Joseph & Paula  
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## FOCUS ON: Math

Whiteboard tables are being introduced into classrooms and schools all over the world. The movement towards writeable tables is driven by a desire to create spaces that enrich collaboration and empower visible thinking. The Foundation awarded funds to the Math department to purchase rectangular whiteboard tables (along with new chairs) to help our teachers create the best learning environment possible.



**Timely texts:** *Not surprisingly, up-to-date text books can be essential tools for teachers and students.*



## FOCUS ON: Social Studies

AP Human Geography focuses on the processes, patterns and challenges of today and the future rather than on the events and issues of the past. Consequently, the course requires the most current, up-to-date resources possible. Another challenging course, AP United States Government and Politics, was relying on a textbook published in 2008 that not only was outdated but out of line with new standards and structures. The Foundation awarded funds to purchase new textbooks for both AP classes.

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