

# Newsletter

THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR BEREA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



investing in our students

## \$50,000 raised at 19th Annual Foundation Auction

A very successful Education Foundation Auction raised \$50,000 to support Berea City School District students this past March. Art, jewelry, vacation getaways, sports tickets, gift baskets, and experience packages provided just some of the excitement at our 19th Annual Auction.

The crowd of over 200 enjoyed dinner and drinks catered by Tavolo 72 Ristorante on March 7 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Heights. Wine and craft beer pulls, a ping-pong pick for gift cards, and a raffle drawing for a \$250 prize were available for attendees to try their luck.

Auctioneer Bob Hale kept bidders on their toes as he moved from a Nemaocolin Woodlands weekend getaway package to a glassblowing experience for four at the Glass Bubble Project and a private dinner for six at Mike's Bar and Grille. In addition to live auctions, the evening featured silent auction tables with items appealing to a range of tastes. Multiple handmade or custom pieces were donated by local artists including Lauren Lloyd, Joan Satow, Cyril Kleem, Mel Grunau, Susan Scheutzhaw, Anthony Kleem, Ross Rolland and Lakehouse Photography.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this event a success. The Foundation's Auction Committee - Kim Dettmer, Marlea Fulchiron, Susan Hans, Irene Joyce, Lessie Kilgore, Consolina Templeman, Dave Tressel, and Peg Wayner - spent several months planning, organizing, and promoting the Auction. So many others contributed to the event that it would be impossible to name them all.

Thank you to the sponsors and patrons who lent their names and financial support, to the individuals and businesses who donated items for bid, and to the dozens of volunteers who made the night run smoothly. Your support made our Auction - and next year's Enrichment Grant programs - possible!

## New Fall fundraiser puts Berea City Schools in the limelight

Turn a night out at the theater into educational opportunities for BCSD students by joining us at Broadway for Berea Schools on Tuesday, November 19.

This fall Baldwin Wallace University's music theater program will present the first ever US collegiate performance of *Kinky Boots*, the winner of every major best musical award. Featuring original songs by Cyndi Lauper and based on the book by Tony Award-winner Harvey Fierstein, *Kinky Boots* is a major hit worldwide.

At the November 19th performance, Baldwin Wallace and The Education Foundation will collaborate to turn your theater ticket purchase into Enrichment Grants for classroom programs. Join us for an entertaining evening of song and dance, then meet the stars of the show at an exclusive after-show cocktail party.

You can bet your boots that Broadway for Berea Schools will be an evening of fun. More information about this event will be posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages, as well as on our website: [EducationFoundationBerea.org](http://EducationFoundationBerea.org).



## Welcome new trustee Jeff Haas...

Jeff Haas joins The Education Foundation this year as a trustee. A resident of Berea for 44 years, his service in numerous community and civic organizations has been a testimony to his commitment to the community. He retired from NASA in 2012 as Chief of the Testing Division after a 42-year career.

Jeff has served as treasurer of the Berea High School and Berea-Midpark High School Athletic Boosters for over 20 years. He is also chairman of the Berea High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. At St. Mary's, he serves as a lector and extraordinary minister as well as serving on the Finance Committee and developing the monthly ministry schedules. He was previously President of the Berea Baseball Association for 4 years and served in many other capacities in that organization.

Jeff has been a member of the Berea Kiwanis Club since 2013 and currently serves as its president. He has also been a member of the Berea City Club since 2015 and currently serves as its treasurer. He has assisted the HansonHouse Brain Injury Clubhouse in raising money for its operation and was recognized in 2017 for assisting in community advocacy and support. In recognition for all his community volunteer service over a long period of years, Jeff was awarded the Grindstone Award in 2018 by the Berea Chamber of Commerce. The trustees of The Education Foundation welcome Jeff and look forward to working with him. His dedication to service in our community is truly extraordinary and he brings a wealth of experience to the Foundation.



## ... and farewell to trustee Marlea Fulchiron

The Education Foundation regretfully accepted the resignation of trustee Marlea Fulchiron. During Marlea's 14 years as a trustee, she served on several committees and also was the Foundation treasurer. She was a mainstay on the Auction committee, contributing new ideas and many hours to ensure the success of the event.

Marlea and her husband Richard will be moving to Frederick, Maryland to be close to family. While we will miss their active participation with the Foundation, all the trustees wish them much happiness in their new community. Thank you so much, Marlea, for your dedication and commitment to The Education Foundation and our students!

## \$2,750 in Spring Payroll Deduction Grants awarded

### STEM Bins

*Gina Steele, Big Creek Elementary* \$350

This grant will fund STEM Bins to be used in Mrs. Steele's first grade classroom and shared throughout the grade level. STEM Bins are boxes filled with a manipulatives such as LEGO bricks, pattern blocks, Dixie cups, toothpicks and play dough, Popsicle sticks with Velcro, etc. Students will be able to use STEM Bins individually or in groups for problem solving activities.

### AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

*Anthony Santori, Berea-Midpark High School* \$400

AVID is an elective course that mentors and trains traditionally under-served populations, preparing them for college success. Students are expected to maintain enrollment in a rigorous course load that includes higher level classes such as Honors, Advanced Placement, and College Credit Plus. This grant will fund the purchase of standing white boards for AVID programs.

### Boys 2 Men Mentoring

*Christopher Scott, Transportation* \$400

Boys 2 Men Mentoring Program provides quality mentoring to boys ages 14-17 using education and guidance in areas of life skills, focus planning, and career pathways. The grant will fund program supplies such as workbooks, T-shirts, paper and pens, and recreational equipment.

### Osmo

*Emily Hall & Andrea Bockmore, J&G Snow School* \$600

Snow School is located on the Ohio Guidestone campus and staffed by Berea City School District. This grant will fund an interactive learning program that encourages creativity and can be used by students in all grade levels. Osmo is facilitated through the use of an iPad and is designed with reflective artificial intelligence, a groundbreaking technology that bridges the real and digital realms. Students will strengthen their academic skills by utilizing a hands-on interactive program that will build upon their math, critical thinking, reading, and vocabulary skills. They will be provided the opportunity to engage in 21st century learning while closing learning gaps.

### Camp Mi-Bro-Be

*Leonard Muni, Berea-Midpark Middle School* \$1000

Camp Mi-Bro-Be is a residential outdoor education program for BCSD 6th graders. Over 120 high school students serve as volunteer counselors for the four weeks of camp. This grant will fund the purchase of hats and T-shirts for the counselors. Having a staff uniform makes the counselors more visible to campers. It helps them bond as a group and be more effective in their role. The shirts and hats are also a token of appreciation for these student volunteers.

## New Scholarship available for students entering the medical field

The DiFrancesco Family Medical Studies Scholarship was established this year in memory of Cynthia M. DiFrancesco, 1955-2015. Mrs. DiFrancesco graduated from the Cuyahoga Community College and Ashland University Schools of Nursing and had a career as a Cleveland Clinic Foundation Registered Nurse. She was a “Berea Mom” and a dedicated supporter of the Berea City School District.

Beginning next school year, this scholarship will be available to Berea-Midpark High School graduating seniors who plan to attend a college or university to pursue studies in the field of medicine. Priority will be given to students interested in a nursing career.

Scholarship applications will be made available on BMHS students’ Google Classroom in December. For more information on this and other Education Foundation scholarships, please visit [EducationFoundationBerea.org/scholarships](http://EducationFoundationBerea.org/scholarships).



*DiFrancesco Family: son Bryan (BHS '00), daughter-in-law Julie (BHS '01) & son Nick (BHS '03) with grandson Alex, Don, Cindy, & son Kyle (BHS '07)*

## Education Foundation awards over \$36,000 in scholarships to BMHS Seniors

The Education Foundation manages over 30 scholarship funds, all established by private donors or organizations to support the secondary education of Berea City School District graduates. Information about each award can be found on our website at [EducationFoundationBerea.org](http://EducationFoundationBerea.org). This year, the Foundation’s scholarship committee was pleased to award 36 scholarships to 32 deserving students! Congratulations to the following seniors:

### CARA ABRAHAM

Dean Kelly Scholarship

### JACOB ANDREWS

Berea City Club Scholarship

### ALEXIS ATEN

Jessica Leigh Brown Scholarship

### AMY BACIAK

Jeffrey D. King Scholarship

### SAVANNAH BAHER

Rob Deutsch Memorial Scholarship

### RYAN BOLING

Paul Swaddling Memorial Scholarship

### NOAH BUNCHER

Thomas M. Nosek Science Scholarship

### MACKENZIE BURNS

Berea Board of Education Scholarship

### JENNIFER CHANG

Midpark Scholarship Scholarship

### IAN DAUGHERTY

Dr. James V. Connell Scholarship

### KATHRYN FASSIH

Berea Federation of Teachers  
Future Educator Scholarship

### ALYSE HANCOCK-PHILLIPS

BHS Class of 1976 Scholarship

### KODI HICKS

Brian Adkins Scholarship

### JACKSON HOST

Dr. J.R. Andrisek Scholarship

### ABBY KOMAR

Neal & Lynette Knautz Hesche Scholarship

### ALEXIS LASH

Carolyn Kreighbaum Memorial Scholarship

### SAMANTHA MATESE

BMHS Activities Department Scholarship

### NICOLE PETERSON

OAPSE Local 213 Scholarship

### JACOB PETRUS

Midpark Scholarship

### JUSTIN POPOVICH

Rob Deutsch Memorial Scholarship

### RYAN RIVERA

Brian James Floria Scholarship  
Bob Studier, Jr. Scholarship

### ALEXIA RODRIGUEZ

Berea Federation of Teachers  
Academic Achievement Scholarship

### ALEXIS SCHULLER

Sue Ann Thayer Kratzer  
Memorial Scholarship

### ROSE SON

Berea City Club Scholarship

### JACOB STACK

D.J. Thureau Scholarship

### MOLLY STACKHOUSE

Frederick C. Graff Art Scholarship  
Claudia M. Nosek Art Scholarship

### EMMA THOMAS

Berea Board of Education Scholarship

### THAI TRUONG

BHS Class of 1962 Scholarship  
BHS Class of 1976 Scholarship

### MAYA WARGELIN

Giant Eagle Scholarship

### SYDNEY WHITTAKER

Dr. Paul C. Gallaher Scholarship

### JOSEPH WOZNIAK

Jill Herrick Future Teacher Scholarship  
Madzy Lineman Scholarship

### MATTHEW YAKIMOW

BHS Class of 1976 Scholarship



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## CALENDAR

August 22.....First Day of School Grades 1-9  
 August 23.....First Day of School Grades 10-12  
 August 29.....First Day of Kindergarten  
 September 2.....NO SCHOOL - Labor Day  
 October 11.....NO SCHOOL - NEOEA Day  
 October 25.....No SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day  
 November 5.....No SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day  
 November 19.....Broadway for Berea Schools  
 November 27-29.....Thanksgiving Break  
 December 23-January 3.....Winter Break  
 March 12.....**EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL AUCTION**



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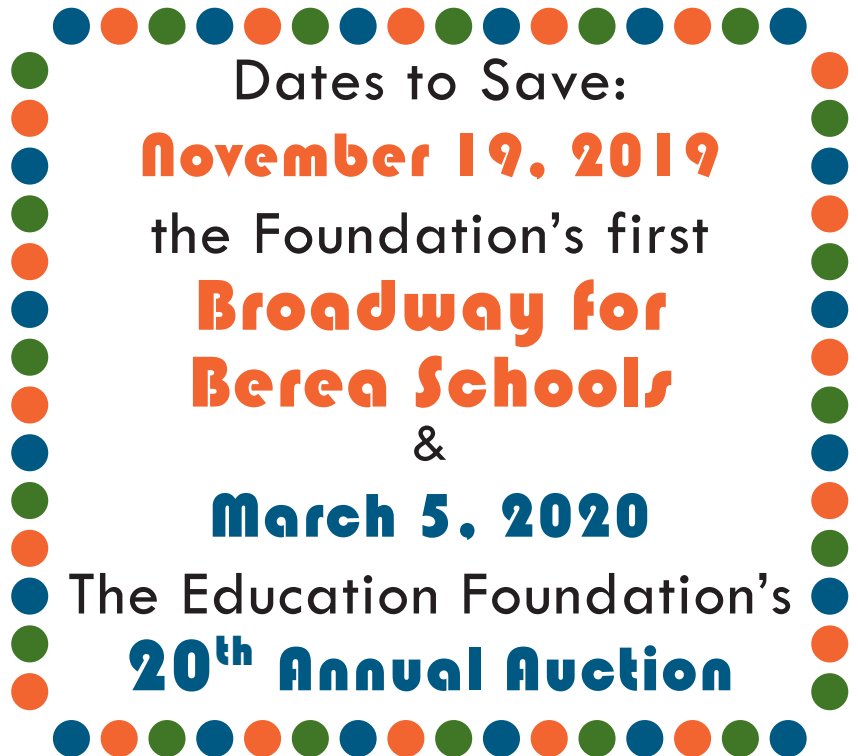
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 Dates to Save:  
**November 19, 2019**  
 the Foundation's first  
**Broadway for  
 Berea Schools**  
 &  
**March 5, 2020**  
 The Education Foundation's  
**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction**



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