

SUMMER 2017

# Newsletter

THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR BEREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## Bicycles and a rain barrel help raise funds for Auction

A pair of bicycles, a custom-designed rain barrel and plenty of tickets to Cleveland sports teams, among a host of other items, helped raise funds to support the programs of The Education Foundation at its 17th annual auction on March 9.

The auction at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Heights attracted more than 200 guests and raised approximately \$54,000 for Enrichment Grants and other programs of The Education Foundation.

The auction offered more than 75 live and silent auction items. There were themed gift baskets, Indians and Cavs tickets, a stay at a vacation home on Cape Cod and another stay at a condo in Las Vegas.



Some of the auction items were unique. Among the more popular offerings were two his and hers bikes donated by Berea City School District directors. Students in the Berea-Midpark High School AP Environmental Class and members of the Environmental Club offered a rain barrel decorated with the Titans logo.

Also on the auction block was a "Moonrock Bowling Birthday Party" at Fairview Lanes. This glow-in-the-dark party was designed for eight children.

Local artists featured their work as well. There were original creations by Frederick C. Graff, Tony Kleem and Mel Grunau. Allen Kradlak donated a handcrafted ceramic vase and there was handcrafted furniture by Terry Dobberstein.

Auction Chair Susan Hans, who also is chair of the Board of Trustees, said the Auction Committee keeps the event fresh each year. "They have really good ideas," Hans said. She also praised the Crowne Plaza, where the Auction will return in 2018. "We like to keep the auction in the district," she said. "And they (the hotel) are easy to work with."

Hans said the committee was especially pleased that quite a few newcomers attended the auction this year. "We were happy to see familiar faces from the school district but it was great to see so many new guests," Hans said.

Pencil in March 8, 2018, as the date for the next Education Foundation Auction. It, too, will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

## The Education Foundation is going green to put your green to better use!



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## Susan Hans is new Foundation Board Chair

Susan Hans, who has chaired the Education Foundation Auction since 2013, has been elected Chair of the Foundation Board. James Connell, who had been Board Chair since 2012, decided to step down as chair but will remain a trustee.

Hans said she got involved with the Education Foundation after attending the Auction for many years. "I was aware of the many wonderful projects and the Enrichment Grants the Foundation provided," she said.

She was appointed as a trustee in 2008 and Eileen Herold, the Auction Chair, asked her to volunteer on the committee. Hans said she would continue to chair the Auction. She also has served as Scholarship Chair and as a member of the Governance Committee.

It will be a busy time for Hans. Past president of Berea PTA Council, Hans will begin a two-year term as president of Ohio PTA on July 1. "It will be a challenging but rewarding couple of years," she said.

Hans has a degree in history from Brown University and an MBA from Case Western Reserve University. She is married to Dr. Mark Hans, who is chair of the orthodontics department at Case. They have three children – all whom attended Berea Schools.

## Spring Payroll Deduction Grants Awarded

### Coe Lake Outdoor Science Education

*Mary Draves, Berea-Midpark High School* \$110

In the fourth grade C.L.O.S.E. lesson, "Professor Gillmore" and his "fishistants, Squirt & Crush," (all played by BMHS students) provide water samples for the younger students to analyze and interpret. The Payroll Deduction grant will fund lab coats for the Professor, Squirt, and Crush. Every fourth grader in BCSD will attend this lesson.

### Makerspace

*Colleen Galla, Berea-Midpark High School* \$600

A STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics) Makerspace is a place where students gather to share resources and knowledge, work on projects, network, and build. It is an informal, project-driven, self-directed learning workspace that promotes tinkering, thinking outside the box, and collaboration. This grant will fund materials for the Makerspace project, which is available to every BMHS student.

### One Book, One School

*Lori Mucha, Stephanie Cox, and Teri Grimm*  
*Grindstone Elementary* \$500

This grant will help fund the purchase of books for the One Book, One School community-building reading initiative. All teachers, staff, and students will read the book *The World According to Humphrey* at the same time and participate in school-wide activities.

### STEM Challenges for Kindergarten

*Tami Arthur, Amy Murray, Erin Blatnica, and Kristina Benedict, Grindstone Elementary* \$600

This grant will fund the purchase of supplies for weekly STEM challenges. These projects will require kindergarteners to work together to design and build bridges, ladders, towers, shelves, airplanes, rockets, and all types of shelters. Students will learn how to work with others and solve problems; skills which will benefit them throughout their lives.

### Flat Stanley Reading

*Moira Lusky, Big Creek Elementary* \$150

This grant will fund the purchase of 50 new *Flat Stanley* books for second graders at Big Creek Elementary. When Stanley returns from his visits, classes are able to tie in maps, cultures, and letter writing. It is a great activity for the whole family!



### Photography

*Cassandra Dracup, Berea-Midpark High School* \$600

This PD grant will provide funds to purchase two new digital cameras for a BMHS photography class, which gives students a strong foundation in photographic principles using film and darkroom equipment, digital cameras, lighting equipment, and Photoshop to create original artwork.

### AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

*Kelly Baumgartner, Berea-Midpark High School* \$500

For a variety of reasons, some students do not consider a college education a possibility. AVID's goal is to encourage these students to enroll in college after high school graduation or after military service. The grant will help to fund the end of the year banquet and tutors.



## Announcing our new Executive Director, Andi Whitaker



The Education Foundation is pleased to announce our new Executive Director, Andi Whitaker. The Executive Director is responsible for the daily operations of The Education Foundation. In addition, the Executive Director is responsible for the planning and execution of fundraising initiatives and strategies. Andi began her position in March 2017.

Andi's past experience in marketing, education, grant-writing and her many leadership roles with various nonprofit organizations will certainly benefit the Education Foundation. Susan Hans, the president of the Education Foundation board said, "I am looking forward to working with Andi and am confident that she will play a large role in moving the Education Foundation to the next level."

Since 2012, Andi has been involved in various Berea City School District related activities including: Grindstone Elementary PTA Advocacy chair, Brook Park Memorial Elementary PTA President, an active member of the district strategic planning committee and more. She is truly invested in and an advocate for the students of our school district. Andi attended University of Delaware where she received her BA and MBA.

When asked about her new position, Andi said, "I am excited to serve our district as Executive Director of the Education Foundation. The Foundation is a fantastic resource that I hope to grow and promote."

## Education Foundation awards \$26,000 in Scholarships to BMHS Seniors

Congratulations to the following seniors, who were awarded Foundation scholarships on May 17th:

### **BRENN A AURAND**

Giant Eagle Scholarship

### **ZACHARY BOLEDOVIC**

Thomas M. Nosek Science Scholarship

### **HANNAH BUNCHER**

Midpark Scholarship

### **KRYSTEN CASTENIR**

Berea Board of Education Scholarship

### **JULIA CHAPMAN**

Carolyn Kreighbaum Memorial Scholarship  
Joe Stitt Memorial Scholarship

### **GRETA DRAGER**

Berea High School Class of 1976  
Scholarship

### **MATTHEW EBEL**

Berea-Midpark Activities Department  
Scholarship

### **MARCUS FIEVET**

Jeffrey D. King Scholarship

### **CECILIA HIROS**

Claudia M. Nosek Art Scholarship

### **JACOB KLIER**

Madzy Lineman Scholarship

### **CAMERON KOLESAR**

Berea Education Association  
Paul Swaddling Memorial Scholarship

### **ALEXIS MASON**

Jessica Leigh Brown Scholarship

### **RYLEIGH MULLENAX**

Dean Kelly Scholarship

### **SARAH PAULCSAK**

Jill Herrick Future Teacher Scholarship

### **LYDIA PINO**

Dr. James V. Connell Scholarship

### **JOHN PORCH**

Brian James Floria Scholarship  
Bob Studier, Jr. Scholarship

### **BELINDA RICKMAN**

Berea Board of Education Scholarship

### **MICHAEL ROBINSON-JONES**

Brian Adkins Scholarship

### **RACHEL SANGRET**

Berea City Club Scholarship

### **TAYLOR STRNAD**

Midpark Scholarship

### **SAMANTHA THAI**

Dr. Paul Gallaher Scholarship

### **CALLIE TRUONG**

Dr. Paul Gallaher Scholarship

### **JENNIFER UJZCO**

Medical Mutual Scholarship

### **MADISON VARGO**

Dr. J. R. Andrisek Scholarship

### **ADAM WADE**

Berea City Club Scholarship

### **JOSHUA WAITE**

D. J. Thureau Scholarship

### **JOSHUA WRIGHT**

Berea High School Class of 1962  
Scholarship





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## CALENDAR

August 22.....First Day of School  
 September 4.....NO SCHOOL - Labor Day  
 October 20.....NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day  
 November 1.....NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day  
 November 22-24.....Thanksgiving Break  
 December 20-January 2.....Winter Break  
 March 8.....**EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
 ANNUAL AUCTION**

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