Auction Raises Funds for The Education Foundation

A year’s worth of fresh flowers, Cleveland Indians tickets and a week on Cape Cod were just some of the tempting auction items up for bid at the 18th auction hosted by The Education Foundation of the Berea Schools.

The auction raised $48,000 to support Education Foundation programs. The Education Foundation uses the proceeds to provide grants to teachers and staff members who offer students enrichment programs. Such programs in the past have included reading projects for kindergartners, a program on bees, partnering special needs students with typical learners to build a radio-controlled airplane, using robots to teach programming skills to elementary school students, among other projects. The Foundation also manages over 30 scholarships, Payroll Deduction Grants supported by Berea School District employees and grants to new teachers.

“Our Auction Committee does their very best to put on a great event,” said Susan Hans, Auction Committee chair and chair of The Education Foundation Board.

More than 200 supporters attended the live and silent auction on March 8 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Heights. They were treated to a buffet where hotel chefs created made-to-order pasta dishes. Volunteers staffed tables filled with nearly 90 auction items. Conducting the live auction was Bob Hale of Benefit Auction Services.

There also were wine and craft beer pulls, a ping-pong pick for gift cards, and a drawing for a $250 prize.

Thank you to the many patrons, sponsors, donors, volunteers and attendees who helped make this event fantastic!
New Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating BMHS Seniors

Friends and family of the late SueAnn Thayer Kratzer have generously established a new scholarship to be awarded yearly at Berea-Midpark High, beginning in May 2019.

SueAnn was a 1973 graduate of Berea High School. She was involved in swimming, was an Aquateen at BHS, taught swim lessons, and lifeguards in the community. She had a successful career in the garment business, first as a buyer at May Co., Gold Circle, Bullocks, and Miller’s Outpost, then transitioned to sales. She later became Vice President of Sales for RAJ SWIMWEAR. SueAnn was fiercely loyal and developed an extensive circle of close friends from grade school through college.

The SueAnn Thayer Kratzer Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a member of the Berea-Midpark Swim Team who has shown a strong work ethic and has been a leader and contributor to his or her team.

To donate to this scholarship fund, please mail checks to The Education Foundation, 390 Fair St., Berea, OH 44017 or give online at EducationFoundationBerea.org/scholarships.

Welcome New Trustee Cori Farris

Elected to the Berea City School Board in November 2015, Cori Farris joins The Education Foundation this year as the School Board appointee. A resident of Middleburg Heights for over 20 years, her history of volunteer and public service is a demonstration of her commitment to community. She has been a member of boards of our district’s PTAs, the Middleburg Heights Food Pantry and also served eight years as a member of the Middleburg Heights Planning Commission. She currently is the Treasurer of the Friends of the Middleburg Heights Library, a role she has held for over 10 years. She is proud of her job as a school board member, including her involvement with the passage of Issue 107, our $112.5 million bond issue that will bring to life our district’s facilities plan.

“This is a very exciting time for our district. We have so much to be proud of, and so many wonderful things ahead. I believe our district is the success it is very much because of the commitment of the Education Foundation. I am proud to serve as a Trustee of this vital partner in education for the children of the Berea City School District.”

Spring Payroll Deduction Grants Awarded

**Camp Mi-Bro-Be**  
*Len Muni, Middleburg Heights Junior High*  
$1000  
Camp Mi-Bro-Be is a residential outdoor education program for 6th graders. Under the supervision of teachers, BMHS students serve as counselors for the week-long program. This grant will help provide T-shirts and caps for the BMHS student counselors.

**Practice Makes Perfect**  
*Brigid Leamon, Grindstone Elementary*  
$420  
This grant will provide speech therapy students with the Practice Makes Perfect Multimodality Home Speech Therapy program. The program is designed to enhance literacy skills by correcting speech sound errors both at home and school. Since accurate speech sound production is the foundation of early literacy skills, parents can play an important role in improving their child’s academic success.

**STEM Table Tubs**  
*Tami Arthur & Erin Blatnica, Grindstone Elementary*  
$500  
STEM Table Tubs will introduce our youngest elementary students to a variety of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics problem solving activities beginning in kindergarten. Students will learn how to share, take turns, and work together through verbal communication while developing their own problem solving skills.

**AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)**  
*Kelly Baumgartner, Berea-Midpark High School*  
$480  
AVID is a college readiness program for students who will typically be the first in their families to attend college. The program is offered to students beginning in 9th grade and culminates in special banquet at the end of Senior year. The grant will help fund the banquet for graduating seniors as well as AVID program materials and supplies.
**Message from the Chair**

The Education Foundation continues to move forward with new ways to fund opportunities for our students in the Berea Schools. Our first Big Give Day was a resounding success! Thanks to all of you who participated and to Berea Kiwanis for being a matching sponsor. We raised $3,880 in just over one day—almost double our goal of $2,018. Dan Karp, Andi Whitaker and the Marketing Committee put together a great campaign that clearly inspired you to donate!

What else is new at the Education Foundation? We regretfully accepted the resignation of trustee Roz Painter-Goffi but were pleased to welcome Cori Farris as our School Board trustee.

As always, students benefited from a variety of enrichment experiences made possible by grants to BCSD staff. You make these opportunities possible through your generous support of the Education Foundation and I truly appreciate your confidence in our Board of Trustees and your belief in our mission.

**Education Foundation awards over $45,000 in Scholarships to BMHS Seniors**

This year, to mark their 20th anniversary, the Berea City Club provided an extra 10 scholarships for our graduating seniors. Special thanks to the Berea City Club for their outstanding dedication to our community. Because of the Club and all of our donors, we were able to award a record number of scholarships: 41 awards to 41 deserving students! Congratulations to the following seniors, who were presented Foundation scholarships on May 24th:

**Olivia Armendarez**  
Berea City Club Scholarship

**Molly Rambeau**  
Berea City Club Scholarship

**Margaret Bartlett**  
BHS Class of 1976 Scholarship

**Kayla Reece**  
Brian James Flora Scholarship

**Jordyn Carosella**  
Bob Studier, Jr. Scholarship

**Noah Reyes**  
Berea City Club Scholarship

**Stevan Citovic**  
Giant Eagle Scholarship

**Jaylen Rivers**  
Berea City Club Scholarship

**Joseph Cressman**  
Berea Federation of Teachers Academic Achievement Scholarship

**Kylie Roden**  
Berea Federation of Teachers Future Educator Scholarship

**Gabriella Dashiell**  
Berea Board of Education Scholarship

**Qadr-Rifky Ruzbihan**  
Berea City Club Scholarship

**Kylie Davis**  
Dr. Paul C. Gallaher Scholarship

**Kayla Scherer**  
Dr. James V. Connell Scholarship

**Trent Evans**  
Joe Stitt Memorial Scholarship

**Isabelle Senoyuit**  
BHS Class of 1962 Scholarship

**Emily Force**  
Jessica Leigh Brown Scholarship

**Shayne Silver-Riskin**  
Berea City Club Scholarship

**Philip Hunt**  
Madzy Lineman Scholarship

**Kayla Simonitis**  
Frederick C. Graff Art Scholarship

**Mustafa Hussein**  
Berea City Club Scholarship

**Rebecca Spangler**  
Dean Kelly Scholarship

**Jordyn Carosella**  
Bob Studier, Jr. Scholarship

**Angelo Svigelj-Smith**  
Brian Adkins Scholarship

**Stevan Citovic**  
Giant Eagle Scholarship

**Brian James Floria Scholarship**

**Amya Johnson**  
Berea Education Assoc. Paul Swaddling Memorial Scholarship

**Morgan Saballos**  
BMHS Activities Department Scholarship

**Trinity Kiml**  
Jeffrey D. King Scholarship

**Kayla Scherer**  
Dr. James V. Connell Scholarship

**Alyssa Klimo**  
Neal & Lynette Knautz Hesche Scholarship

**Isabelle Senoyuit**  
BHS Class of 1962 Scholarship

**Kevin Korman**  
D.J. Thraru Scholarship

**Jared McFadden**  
Berea City Club Scholarship

**Morgan Saballos**  
BMHS Activities Department Scholarship

**Alexis Lee**  
OAPSE Local 213 Scholarship

**Kayla Simonitis**  
Frederick C. Graff Art Scholarship

**Lisa Martin**  
Jill Herrick Future Teacher Scholarship

**Rebecca Spangler**  
Dean Kelly Scholarship

**Brendan Fudale**  
Berea City Club Scholarship

**Angelo Svigelj-Smith**  
Brian Adkins Scholarship

**Shaarav Ghose**  
Dr. J.R. Andrisek Scholarship

**Rebecca Spangler**  
Dean Kelly Scholarship

**Matthew Gorman**  
Thomas M. Nosek Science Scholarship

**Kayla Simonitis**  
Frederick C. Graff Art Scholarship

**George Hinton**  
Berea City Club Scholarship

**Angeal Svigelj-Smith**  
Brian Adkins Scholarship

**Madeleine Hiros**  
Dr. Paul C. Gallaher Scholarship

**Katherine Valencic**  
Carolyn Kreighbaum Memorial Scholarship
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CALENDAR

August 23.........................First Day of School
September 3....................NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
October 12.......................No School - NEOEA Day
October 26..........No School - Teacher Work Day
November 6........No School - Teacher Work Day
November 21-23................Thanksgiving Break
December 24-January 4........Winter Break
March 7.........................EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL AUCTION

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THE 19th annual auction

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