

Newsletter

THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR BEREA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



investing in our students

Cheers to 20 Years of Fundraising for District Schools



Trustees Bill Young & Susan Scheutzhov

On March 5th, The Education Foundation’s Auction Committee presented their 20th annual fundraising event to support students in the Berea City School District and successfully raised over \$43,000 in one evening.

Auctioneer Bob Hale kept over 200 guests bidding on live auction items including a Columbia Hills golf outing, a Baldwin Wallace University tuition voucher, and getaways to Las Vegas, Cape Cod, and Gervasi Vineyard in Canton. Meanwhile, Tavolo 72 Ristorante chefs created custom pasta dishes for each attendee. Between dinner, drinks and bidding, participants tried their luck at the wine pull, silent auctions, gift card ping-pong pick, and \$250 end-of-evening raffle drawing.

Art is always a highlight of the Annual Auction. This year’s event featured original and custom

paintings by Joan Satow, Mel Grunau, Lauren Lloyd, Candace Brown, Clarice Cole Wallace, and Anthony Kleem. Additionally, those interested in creating their own art could bid on an in-home Paint n’ Sip experience for six donated by Andrea McGhee or on Kim Dettmer’s Art Basket.

One of this year’s most exciting items was a personalized singing telegram to be performed by members of the Berea Midpark High show choir, *Center Stage*. Four student performers, organized by Sarah Novak, serenaded the crowd and encouraged bidding with their harmonized humor.

The Auction is the Foundation’s largest annual fundraiser and it wouldn’t be successful without the generous support of the countless sponsors, patrons, donors, bidders, and volunteers who contribute. Cheers to everyone who assisted the Foundation in building our Enrichment Grant fund. Read on to see how those funds are being used to serve our students this summer.



Rebal Alhalabi, Roman Wentzel, Chris Cordova, & Josh Serrano serenade high bidder Suzanne Otero

Grant to Honor Former BCSD Library Ladies

The “Slumber Party” Grant in memory of Dottie Bowers and in honor of Rhoda Rosen was established this year by the friends and families of these wonderful ladies. Over \$1,000 was raised and is earmarked for preschool through early elementary library programming.

Rhoda Rosen is a former library staff member of Big Creek Elementary, longtime host of the BCSD Community of Learning, and even occasional host of the Foundation’s Annual Auction. She was Dottie’s best friend and together they were quite the team!

Dottie Bowers ran the Fairwood Elementary library for many years. After retirement, Dottie worked for a bookstore where she dressed in costume, had a “magic bag” of books to read to customers, and was known as “The Book Lady.” Both Dottie and Rhoda have been inducted into Berea City School District’s Alumni Hall of Fame.



Dottie Bowers and Rhoda Rosen

BCSD preschool and elementary library staff members are eligible to receive funding from this grant, which will be made available on the Foundation website when there is more clarity about this fall’s school opening and format.

Education Foundation Awards over \$38,000 in Scholarships

The Education Foundation manages over 30 scholarship funds established by private donors and organizations to support the secondary education of BCSD graduates. Information about each of these awards can be found on our website at EducationFoundationBerea.org/scholarships. This year, the Foundation's scholarship committee was pleased to award 39 scholarships to 35 deserving Berea-Midpark High School students! Congratulations to the following graduates. We wish them all the very best for a successful academic career.

HANNAH AMRICH

Midpark Scholarship

JOSEPHINE ARMSTRONG

Dr. James V. Connell Scholarship

BEAU BACHIE

Brian James Floria Scholarship

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JOHN CALLAHAN

Neal & Lynnette Knautz Hesche Scholarship

NATALIE DAGYS

Jessica Leigh Brown Scholarship

ALEXANDER GEE

D.J. Thureau Scholarship

LILLIAN HENRY

Berea City Club Scholarship

SUMMER HUSEIN

BHS Class of 1976 Merit Scholarship
Dr. Paul Gallaher Scholarship

BENJAMIN KOMAR

Paul Swaddling Memorial Scholarship

SYDNEY LANTOW

Berea Board of Education Scholarship
Bob Studier, Jr. Scholarship

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Jill Herrick Future Teacher Scholarship

BENJAMIN LUBOWICKI

Berea City Club Scholarship

ASHLEY MARTINCIC

BHS Class of 1976 Scholarship
Thomas M. Nosek & Claudia M. Nosek Science Scholarship

MADALYNN MASON

OAPSE Local 213 Scholarship

CAITLIN MEYER

Sue Ann Thayer Kratzer Memorial Scholarship

MIKALA MINERD

Berea Federation of Teachers Future Educator Scholarship

ASHLEY PRATT

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SERENA RAMSAMMY

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Erik J. Kratky Memorial Scholarship

KAYLA WOOD

Midpark Scholarship

ALEXANDER ZABOURA

BHS Class of 1962 Scholarship

NOAH ZDESAR-ODORCIC

Giant Eagle Scholarship

Date to be announced:

This year we will hold our annual online **Big Give** fundraiser in the fall. Due to Covid concerns, there will be no in-person fall fundraiser. Keep an eye out on social media and please consider participating to support our students.



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Since 1996, hundreds of volunteers and supporters have contributed their time, talents, and dollars to The Education Foundation. Their efforts have enabled the Foundation to award \$890,000 in grants and scholarships to staff members and students of the Berea City School District. Thank you to all of the Friends of the Foundation!

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Enrichment Grant Funds to Support Summer Literacy

In response to the Covid pandemic and resulting school closures, Foundation trustees consulted with BCSD administrators on how Enrichment Grant funds could be used to best serve the District overall. Superintendent Tracy Wheeler proposed that a summer literacy program for students in kindergarten through third grade would provide the greatest impact on student learning. As Wheeler explained, “research shows that students have a better chance for success in school and beyond when their families actively participate in their learning and when the students are encouraged to read at least one hour every day.”

Foundation trustee and former BCSD librarian Laurie Scriven supported the District’s proposal. She said, “reading provides the opportunity to travel beyond the walls of our own homes by engaging with people and places outside our spheres. During this time of limited access to public libraries, we are especially grateful to be able to provide books for the K-3 students.”

Federal Title 1 funding was available to cover the cost of Scholastic summer book packs for K-3 Brookview and Brook Park Memorial students. The Education Foundation provided approximately \$23,000 to extend the summer literacy program to K-3 students in Grindstone and Big Creek Elementaries. Summer book pack distribution is being organized by building principals. Parents should expect email communication about book packs soon.

While this program utilized the majority of the Foundation’s Enrichment Grant funding, there are still grant monies for 2020-2021 school year programs. Donor-directed grant funds and staff-funded Payroll Deduction Grants were not used for book packs. Applications for these types of grants will be made available when there is more clarity about the plans and protocol for the upcoming school year.