

# BEYOND THE BASICS

A newsletter about Batesville Bulldogs from the  
Batesville Community Education Foundation

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## "STUDENTS CHOOSE" GRANTS

**BCEF'S BOBBIE BRANDES LEGACY FUND ALLOWS BHS  
AND BMS STUDENTS TO HAVE A SAY THIS YEAR**



*BHS student Max Baumer's artwork comes to life on the lockers through a collaborative grant by BCEF and the Batesville Area Arts Council.*

Thanks to the generosity of the family of the late Bobbie Brandes, the BCEF Legacy Grants Fund supports one of our school buildings each semester with a \$500 grant. Dubbed "Students Choose" by our foundation, this money must be used for a grant idea on which the student body has direct input.

Last fall, the Student Council at Batesville High School proposed using our \$500 fall grant to apply inspirational decals on some of the lockers. Student Council advisor Paul Satchwill worked with art teacher Kyle Huntman to have digital design students develop images for the graphics.

Thanks to additional funding provided by Batesville Area Arts Council's Art in Education program, three different designs were produced by Rowland Graphics. Business owner/BHS alumnus Jimmy Rowland was able to visit BHS recently to demonstrate the decal application process with students, providing them with a hands-on art experience. We thank BAAC for its generous collaboration with BCEF on this project to make this "Students Choose" grant have a bigger impact.



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## STUDENTS CHOOSE (CONT.)



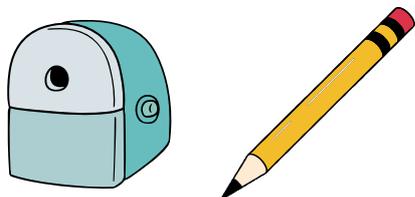
*Ethan Goodin with his pawprint decal.*



*Tod Jones finishes installing fellow student Evan Berkemeier's Bulldog B design as Jimmy Rowland looks on.*

Batesville Middle School was awarded the \$500 grant for the spring semester and their Student Council got right to work.

After proposing several ideas, the entire student body voted and selected:



**ELECTRIC PENCIL SHARPENERS FOR ALL OF THE CLASSROOMS!**

BCEF loved this idea as it certainly isn't anything that the grants committee would have proposed. Having input on grants helps our students have ownership of their learning environment.

We thank the Brandes family for its support of this unique initiative.

If you'd like to donate specifically to the "Students Choose" grant program, please use this website page:

<https://batesvilleeducationfoundation.org/programs/school-grants/bobbie-brandes-legacy-fund-to-benefit-grants/>



**THE BMS STUDENT BODY'S SELECTION OF PENCIL SHARPENERS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WHY BCEF LOVES THIS PROGRAM. WE NEVER WOULD HAVE CHOSEN THAT IDEA. BUT IT WAS WHAT WAS IMPORTANT TO THEM. THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT.**



*Anne Wilson  
BCEF executive director*

# SHOW THEM SOME LOVE



## NEW BCEF FUNDRAISER PROVIDES 21 BCSC TEACHERS WITH A FREE CLASSROOM SUPPLIES SHOPPING SPREE



Earlier this month, BCEF held an online fundraiser called "Show Them Some Love," raising money to pay for the registration fees for some of our BCSC teachers to participate in the Circle City Donut Dash 5K in Indianapolis on March 18 at no cost to them. Teacher participants in this event receive a voucher from Teachers' Treasures, a teachers' supply charity in Indianapolis, for a free school supplies shopping spree! Last year, the average shopping spree netted each participating teacher about \$500 in supplies.

Thanks to our generous donors, we raised enough money for 21 registrations for our teachers.

We appreciate everyone's support of our teachers!

## BRONZE LEVEL SPONSOR SHOUT-OUT

### OUR COMMUNITY SPONSORS SUPPORT EVERYTHING WE DO

Special thanks to our Bronze Level sponsors this year. We are grateful for their commitment to education. For a list of all of our sponsors, please visit our website.



## REMINDER TO THE CLASS OF 2023: BCEF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 1 BY 4 PM

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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**BRANDEN NOBBE**  
**BHS CLASS OF 2000**  
**HAMBURG, INDIANA**



**EDUCATION LEADS  
TO OPPORTUNITIES.  
DON'T DISCOUNT  
WHAT THAT  
OPPORTUNITY  
MIGHT BE.**



*Branden Nobbe*

## Education and Training after BHS:

- 2004: Graduated from Purdue University with BS in Mechanical Engineering Technology
- 2008: Graduated from Indiana Institute of Technology with MBA

## Career summary:

- 2010 – Current: Honda – Indiana Auto Plant
  - Weld & Stamping Department Manager
    - Manage general operations across multiple production shifts with approximately 500 associates
  - Production Engineering Unit Manager
    - Lead a regional team of engineers at the Indiana Auto Plant with the responsibility of equipment installation, technical support, and characteristic improvement
  - Engineering Team Manager
    - Lead a cross-functional team of equipment engineers, maintenance, quality engineers, and new model project leaders
- 2004 – 2010: Carrier Corporation
  - Manufacturing Engineer
    - Install, maintain, troubleshoot, and repair automated stamping and assembly equipment

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## NOBBE (CONT.)

### Family:

- My parents are Rodger Nobbe (Hamburg, IN) and Candis Musser (Otterbein, IN). I'm happily married to Kandi for 17 years and have two awesome boys: Chase (12) and Carson (10). We have a busy life keeping up with our boys' activities: soccer, football, baseball, basketball, 4H, and guitar. In our free time, we love to hunt and go camping.

### Activities while at BHS:

- Football and baseball

### Best education-related memory from BHS:

- Mr. Wuestefeld's drafting classes first introduced me to some basic engineering concepts. Plus, you could chat with your buddy next to you and get a snack and pop!

### A personal quote about the importance of education:

- "Education leads to opportunities. Don't discount what that opportunity might be."



Do you know a BHS alum whom you think should be featured in Alumni Spotlight? Email us at [info@BatesvilleEducationFoundation.org](mailto:info@BatesvilleEducationFoundation.org), telling us the alum's name, graduation year, and email address.

# BCEF SPONSORS TWO FOR STUDY ABROAD

## ANDY KOORS PROGRAM CONTINUES WITH TWO \$2500 SPONSORSHIPS IN 2023

BCEF is pleased to announce the selection of two Batesville High School (BHS) students as recipients of Andy Koors Study Abroad Sponsorships for 2023. To be considered for financial support from this BCEF-specific program, students must first qualify for the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Language (IUHPFL), which sends students to other countries for the summer to further their study of a foreign language by being immersed in another culture. BHS juniors Ian Carpenter and Elena Kuisel will each receive \$2500 from BCEF, which will cover more than one-half of their program fees for IUHPFL. The BCEF Andy Koors Study Abroad Sponsorship Program is named for the former BHS German teacher and Class of 1976 alumnus who passed away unexpectedly in February 2017. He had made arrangements for BCEF to receive the proceeds from one of his life insurance policies upon his passing. The BCEF board of directors created the Andy Koors Legacy Fund in his honor, managing it to promote initiatives that foundation board members believe reflect the values displayed by Koors during his life, such as his dedication to the study of foreign languages and his generosity to students. This sponsorship program is one of those initiatives, along with a donation toward the multi-purpose Bulldog Center at BHS.



*BHS juniors Ian Carpenter (left) and Elena Kuisel (right) were selected for this year's sponsorships.*

"We are thrilled to be able to continue this program in Andy's honor," Anne Wilson, BCEF executive director, explained. "He was known for taking money out of his pocket to help students in need. This program continues his legacy and fosters experiences that stretch students' capabilities."

Both students will be sharpening their grasp of the Spanish language in Spain. Programs last between five and six weeks, and students pledge to only speak the host language during their entire stay.

"The Andy Koors Study Abroad Sponsorship Program is one of our most popular programs in the community," Wilson concluded. "We're looking forward to receiving reports from these students when they return. Thanks to Andy's foresight, these two BHS students will be able to experience travel abroad with fewer out-of-pocket costs. Even though he is no longer with us, his donation is still allowing our students to explore the world."

Donations to the Andy Koors Legacy Fund are always being accepted. Information about the Andy Koors Legacy Fund and the donation portal can be found on the BCEF website.

# WE NEED YOUR HELP MORE THAN EVER!

## AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM ELIMINATED; JOIN US AT KROGER REWARDS

With the announcement by Amazon that it is eliminating its popular Amazon Smile program (which many of you used to donate a portion of your purchases to BCEF), we need your help more than ever...and you can do it without spending any extra money.

Make those inflated prices at the grocery store work for your local public schools! If you sign up for Kroger Rewards and choose BCEF as your designated charity, we will receive a portion of each purchase you make as a donation from the Kroger Community Rewards fund. While we can't make groceries any cheaper, we can promise you we will put that donation to great use.



**How to sign up :**

1. Sign in to your digital account.
2. Search for your organization here.
3. Enter Batesville Community Education Foundation.
4. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save".

Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your Account details.

# JOB FAIR AT BHS TO BE HELD ON APRIL 27

## ANNUAL EVENT BRINGS BCEF SPONSORS TO CAMPUS TO DIRECTLY CONNECT THEM TO BHS STUDENTS

Through its community sponsorship program, BCEF provides local businesses the opportunity to support public education in Batesville. In return for their investment, BCEF hosts a workforce roundtable and job fair for its sponsors on the Batesville High School campus each spring.

This year, the event will be held on the morning of April 27 in the BCEF Bulldog Center. Sponsors will have a chance to provide input regarding curriculum offerings that would help meet their workforce needs with the school administration. Following that discussion, BHS upperclassmen will visit booths set up by BCEF sponsors to learn more about job opportunities and future employment. Students attending the job fair are asked to wear appropriate interview attire to school that day.

We appreciate the support of our 2022-23 sponsors!



*Abbie Ziegler (left) and Nicole Shields (right) shared about their family business with students at last year's Job Fair.*



If your BHS graduating class plans to have an upcoming reunion or you have alumni news, please send the info to [info@batesvilleeducationfoundation.org](mailto:info@batesvilleeducationfoundation.org) so we can share the information!

## BHS CLASS OF 1968 REUNION

**MAKE A NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR**



The BHS Class of 1968 will be having a 55-year reunion on September 9, 2023, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Contact Bertha (Schott) Hazelwood for information at [bhazelwood@batesville.k12.in.us](mailto:bhazelwood@batesville.k12.in.us).

## WE CARE STAFF SUPPORT

### BCEF "POPS IN" TO DISTRIBUTE FIRST STAFF GIFT OF THE SPRING SEMESTER

We “popped in” to Batesville Community School Corporation one day in February to bring staff another surprise treat as part of our “WE CARE” staff support program.

BCEF popped and filled more than 300 bags of popcorn and delivered them to the staff at all of the buildings and to the bus drivers. Special thanks to Bertha Hazelwood from the BCSC athletic department for the use of their popcorn machine.

We appreciate the support of our Gold Levels sponsors this academic year, Linkel Company LLC and Wood-Mizer, without whom this program would not be possible.

