

BEYOND THE BASICS

A newsletter about Batesville Bulldogs from
the Batesville Community Education
Foundation

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BPS OUTDOOR LEARNING COMPLEX PLANNED BY BCEF

**TAKING EDUCATION OUTSIDE SO OUR STUDENTS CAN
LEARN EVERYWHERE**



*Location of planned outdoor learning complex
on BPS west side*

The Batesville Primary School (BPS) continues to have increased enrollment. With indoor space at a premium at a school where our youngest learners need room to move around and explore, the BCEF board of directors would like to meet this need by building an outdoor learning complex on the west side of the building. Our plans include three distinct learning spaces: an open-air gathering/classroom area (concrete and/or pavers) with seating near the school, a shade-covered seating area, and a separate, covered classroom structure farther out with supplemental seating on a patio. All areas would be connected by a green space with a winding sidewalk. A fence would safely secure the area from the parking lot. By providing BPS an additional, dedicated space outside that encourages creativity and personal connection with others in a fun, engaging, unplugged environment, BCEF hopes to give students the chance to LEARN EVERYWHERE.

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ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$333,404



BATESVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL
OUTDOOR LEARNING COMPLEX | CONCEPT PLAN



Studies show that being outdoors helps students become:

- More engaged in learning
- More focused
- Mentally healthier
- More successful academically

"This is a huge undertaking for our foundation," said Ashley Walls, BCEF vice president and Annual Campaign chair, "not only in the size of the project but in the total cost. The BCEF board of directors is committed to being flexible and creative to make this dream a reality. We need the entire community to help us achieve this goal."

To learn more about this project and view a video that showcases what we plan to do, visit www.batesvilleeducationfoundation.org.

MAJOR GIFTS

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THANK YOU



For donating the time and talent to create
our project storyboard

Seth Shields for volunteering to provide
drone footage of BPS for our video

BPS principal Brad Stoneking for his support and
for providing voiceover talent for our video

BCSC Director of Operations Tim Hunter and
BCSC Superintendent Paul Ketcham
for their support of this project

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR AN UPDATED LIST
OF GIFTS AS THE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES**

BCEF ATTRACTS 43 SPONSORS FOR 2023-24

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR THREE GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS THIS YEAR.
THEY MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO SERVE OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF.



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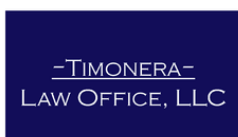
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"I LIKE THIS
QUOTE FROM
MALCOLM X:
'EDUCATION IS
THE PASSPORT
TO THE
FUTURE, FOR
TOMORROW
BELONGS TO
THOSE WHO
PREPARE
FOR IT
TODAY.'"



Scott Weisenbach



**SCOTT WEISENBACH
BHS CLASS OF 1980
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

Education and Training after BHS:

- Indiana University – Bloomington (BS in Business, 1984)

Current position:

- For the past five years, I have been National Sales Director for Sich Casket Company.

Volunteer positions and other accomplishments

- Most rewarding volunteer position was Parish Council President at Holy Spirit Catholic Church while living in Illinois.
- Currently, I serve on the Cemetery & Funeral Service Association of America Board of Directors.

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WEISENBACH (CONT.)

Accomplishments/Activities:

- My wife Jill and I are in a select group of distance runners that have run and been recognized for finishing all six Abbott World Marathon Majors (Tokyo, Berlin, London, Boston, New York, and Chicago).
- I reached the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro on my 60th birthday.
- I pride myself on accomplishing numerous challenging bucket list climbs and hikes and, most importantly, I am still around to talk about them!

Current location/residence:

- Indianapolis, Indiana



Family:

- Siblings: BHS alumni Steph (Weisenbach) Meyer (1979), PJ (1982), and Gary (1994); my sister Mary graduated from OA (1986)
- Mother: Joan (Williams) Weisenbach
- Wife: Jill (Gigrich) Weisenbach
- Children: Cora and Luke
- Stepchildren: Olivia and Sophie

Activities while at BHS:

- Cross-county- 4 years; Track - 3 years; Golf - 1 year; Drama - 4 years

Best education-related memories from BHS:

- Forty-three years after graduation, I can still name all my teachers, and list something positive I took away from every one of them. Every teacher genuinely cared about us, wanted us to learn, and shared their skills with us. This says something about the quality of teachers at BHS and is such a positive reflection of all the great memories I retain to this day of my time at Batesville High School.
- I do need to single out Ron Raver. He gets special recognition for putting up with me, as I ran four years for him on his cross-country team and three years on this track team - - - Truly a saint!

A personal quote about the importance of education:

- I like this quote from Malcolm X: "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

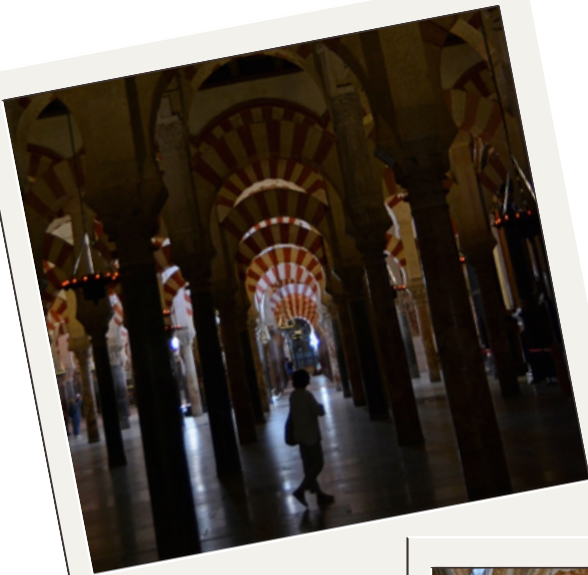
Do you know a BHS alum whom you think should be featured in Alumni Spotlight? Email us at info@BatesvilleEducationFoundation.org, telling us the alum's name, graduation year, and email address.

ANDY KOORS STUDY ABROAD SPONSORSHIP RECIPIENTS SHARE THEIR STORIES

IAN CARPENTER

I am currently a senior at Batesville High School. Last year, I applied for the IU Honors Program of Foreign Languages, and I was fortunate enough to be accepted. At that time, I wasn't able to fully grasp how life-changing of an experience this was going to be. The opportunity to participate in this program was a gift, and looking back, I can't imagine not having taken part. I wanted to learn their language, understand their way of life, and have stories that would stay with me forever. I stayed in Ciudad Real, Spain, but places like Granada, Cordoba, Madrid, and Toledo also became part of my adventure. For six weeks, I lived with a family there, and those weeks turned into memories that are really important to me.

When I first got to Spain, it was a bit of a surprise. I didn't understand much of what people were saying, and that was a bit overwhelming. There were these stores called "Chinos" on almost every street corner, which was something new for me. The Spanish culture is pretty lively, and people often stay up until around 3 AM, which was different from what I was used to. I didn't know much Spanish before, but I practiced a lot once I found out I was going to Spain.



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CARPENTER (CONT.)

I saw some really amazing cathedrals and monasteries during my trips to places like Toledo, Granada, and Cordoba. I also got to taste traditional Spanish food like paella, thanks to my host mom's cooking. I went to local parties and festivals, which were a lot of fun. Because I stayed with a family there, I got to meet people my age who lived in Spain. By the end of my trip, I could understand almost everything they were saying, which was a big achievement for me. My Spanish got so much better that I could express myself clearly.

At the beginning of the trip, I wasn't very good at Spanish, but by the end, I was one of the better students in our group. This experience helped me grow a lot. Now, I want to use what I've learned to help others. I want to volunteer and make a positive impact in different parts of the world.

At first, I was worried about how much the trip would cost. But then I found out about the BCEF scholarship for students studying foreign languages abroad. This scholarship helped me pay for a big part of my trip. So, a big thank you to BCEF and everyone who helped me raise money for the trip!

Looking back, this trip to Spain was really special. It taught me so much and gave me a new perspective on things. It's something I'll always remember, and it's inspired me to do more to help people in the future.



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ELENA KUISEL

I am a senior at Batesville High School and last summer I went on a trip of a lifetime in Ciudad Real, Spain. Around Fall 2022, after countless discussions with my parents, teachers, and even friends, I made the decision to apply for the Indiana University Honors Program Foreign Language. Luckily, out of the 1,200 applicants that applied, I was one of the 100 students who were accepted into this program.

On June 7, 2023, I began my trip in the Indianapolis Airport with 24 other strangers from around Indiana. This also happens to be where I met some of my new best friends. In the few hours that we were allowed to speak English, we tried to learn everything about each other. We even thought we were prepared to take on Spain but that was not the case when we stepped off the plane. The first few days I had some of the oddest experiences. From not being able to form a simple sentence with my friends on the bus, not understanding a single word at the dinner table with my family, and even getting lost in a city that is 17 times bigger than Batesville and having to explain to my mother where I was. Even with that all being said, I truly do not think I have been genuinely that happy in my life.



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KUISEL (CONT.)

Some activities that I participated in were going to classes, eating ice cream everyday with my friends, singing in the kitchen with my family, and participating in community-led activities. Some cities I visited were Granda, Córdoba, Toledo, and Madrid. Most importantly, some of the lessons I learned on my trip were sticking up for myself, adaptability, and that confidence is the key to anything in life.

Although my experience abroad was only a short six weeks, I am so grateful for every single second that I had in Spain. In addition, I am extremely grateful to have received the BCEF Andy Koors Scholarship which helped make my dreams reality. To future students who might consider the IUHPFL program, the BCEF sponsorship is a great way to show that money should not be a deterrent when an opportunity like this comes along.



BCEF JUMPS RIGHT IN WITH A "WE CARE" GIFT ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

BECAUSE WE KNEW THAT STAFF MIGHT NEED A "BREAK"



BCEF dropped in at all four school buildings, the administration building, and the bus barn on the first day of school to bring a treat. This is part of our "We Care" staff support program, made possible in part this year by our Gold Level Sponsors: Fanning Howey, Linkel Company LLC, and Wood-Mizer. Several times a year, board members and staff of BCEF surprise all 300+ staff and bus drivers with a small gift.

BHS RESERVED PARKING AUCTION SIGNALS SUCCESS

In just our second year of auctioning off reserved parking spots at Batesville High School, we brought in nearly twice what we did the year before, signaling that we're onto something. Especially popular this time was the new "Buy Now" option, that allowed bidders to secure the spot they wanted by simply bidding twice the minimum bid. We want to thank everyone who bid. Donations from this fundraiser will go in our general fund to help us with our mission at the Batesville Community School Corporation.



To read more about what BCEF does in the Batesville Community School Corporation, visit our website: <https://batesvilleeducationfoundation.org/>