

# BEYOND THE BASICS

A newsletter about Batesville Bulldogs from the  
Batesville Community Education Foundation

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## CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON BPS OUTDOOR LEARNING COMPLEX

### CONCRETE POURED AND STRUCTURE PERMIT OBTAINED

Batesville Primary School students returning from Spring Break might be disappointed when they look out of the windows in the hallway on the west side of the building and see that they missed the work of construction machines and concrete trucks.

A lot has been going on behind the scenes since last December when the Batesville Community Education Foundation (BCEF) announced that it had secured enough funding to move forward with the entirety of the planned outdoor learning complex at BPS. After raising more than \$200,000 in donations and grants, including two sizable grants from Hillenbrand family foundations, the BCEF board of directors selected members Jama Linkel-Cleghorn and Ryan Holcomb, both of whom have construction experience, to lead the project management committee. Working closely with Batesville Community School Corporation (BCSC) Director of Building and Grounds, Tim Hunter, the group has spent the last several months preparing for the earth moving and concrete pouring that happened over Spring Break.



*One of the outdoor patio spaces at BPS with colored concrete that was poured by Amberger Concrete during Spring Break.*



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## BPS OUTDOOR LEARNING COMPLEX (CONT.)

“Before the construction could begin, we had to research the type of structure that would work the best for the outdoor classroom,” said Linkel-Cleghorn. “We discussed the project with several vendors, and were impressed by the options offered by Oak Roots.”

Oak Roots LLC, owned by Jake Werner, specializes in custom pergolas, which was a good fit for the open-air concept envisioned by BCEF. In addition, the company can install a SkyPoly roofing system that will protect the students from the weather and UV exposure, while still allowing some light through.



*The foundation for the outdoor classroom pergola structure is now in place at BPS on the west side of the building. The classroom will be constructed later this year.*

“With that decision made, Oak Roots started working on the plans required for our building permit, while our committee jumped head-first into researching the necessary outdoor furnishings,” Holcomb added. “We have provided funding in the past to BCSC for flexible learning spaces — Paul Satchwill’s classroom and the Bulldog Center at Batesville High School, the Batesville Middle School Bulldog Collaboration Room, and the Batesville Intermediate School STEAM Lab, to name just a few — but even then, we were not prepared for the wide range of possibilities and the expense involved in selecting outdoor furniture that would serve our students and teachers well.”

Linkel-Cleghorn met with all of the BPS teachers to get their input on the hundreds of options available, and she, Holcomb, and BCEF executive director Anne Wilson met with vendors to narrow the choices. After reviewing the project budget, the teachers’ input, and BCSC administration feedback, the BCEF construction committee coordinated with the school district to place the furniture order in mid-March.

With the building permit in hand right before Spring Break, the team mapped out the exact locations of the different learning areas for the machines to come in and make it happen, thanks to Amberger Concrete. Oak Roots has placed an order for all of the building materials for the pergola and hopes to begin construction in about six weeks.

“The complex will have dedicated learning spaces on different-colored concrete,” Wilson explained. “The outdoor classroom (pergola) will need a solid surface underneath. In addition, there will be a gathering space just outside the door from the school with modular seating, as well as a patio area on the other side of the classroom. But there will also be a lot of grass—after all, the goal is to be outside and connected to nature.”

Furnishings will be added once they are delivered and a fence to protect the students from parking lot traffic will finish off the space. Educational artwork for the complex is being designed by BHS art teachers Andrea Grimsley and Kyle Huntman, and additional STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) learning concepts will be available. BCEF plans to host a community Open House this fall when the entire project is completed.

“BCSC is grateful to the education foundation for its visionary work on this project,” said superintendent Paul Ketcham. “This unique space will allow our youngest students to benefit from learning outdoors. Once again, Batesville is leading the way with unique opportunities for its students. I’m looking forward to seeing the completed project in the fall.”

# 24 BCSC STAFF TO GO ON FREE CLASSROOM SUPPLIES SHOPPING SPREE THANKS TO BCEF

**BCEF'S "SHOW THEM SOME LOVE" FUNDRAISER PAYS FOR ENTRY FEES**

## Teachers' Treasures

Each February, BCEF conducts an online fundraiser aptly named "Show Them Some Love" to raise funds to pay for the registration fees for a number of our BCSC teachers and other education professionals to participate in the Donut Dash 5K, an event sponsored by the Teachers' Treasures free store in Indianapolis. Dollars raised from the BCEF fundraiser are used to pay for as many 5K registration slots as possible for our teachers/counselors/administrators, which are claimed by them on a first-come, first-served basis. Every BCSC staff member who claimed a slot will receive a voucher for a free classroom supplies shopping spree at the Teachers' Treasures store!

In 2023, 19 BCSC teachers took advantage of this free benefit, bringing back to their classrooms a collective \$17,472.50 worth of supplies. That's a 2200% return on investment from the money BCEF donated to Teachers' Treasures for their registrations. This year, BCEF raised enough for 24 staff members to get free classroom supplies. Even better, participants will have the opportunity to shop twice at the free store in 2024. Thanks so much to the donors who supported this event.



*Some of the BCSC 2024 Donut Dash participants sent in photos from their event. Some participated in person in Indianapolis. Others completed the 5K virtually and sent us photos from as far away as California!*

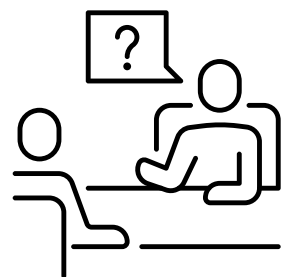
## BCEF SPONSORS VOLUNTEER FOR MOCK JOB INTERVIEWS WITH ALL BHS SOPHOMORES

### BHS CAREER FAIR TO TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 25

Some of BCEF's sponsors are donating their time in addition to their dollars this year as a part of BCSC's new "Bulldog Ready" community-connected educational model. A new feature has been added to BCEF's annual job fair for BHS students with foundation sponsors: a five-minute mock job interview for all sophomores.

"This new segment of the BCEF event will give our sophomores a chance to interact with business professionals and experience a mock job interview with a neutral party," said Kyle Laker, Bulldog Ready coordinator. "I'm grateful to BCEF's relationship with these businesses that are willing to help."

Participating sponsors are H&R Block, Batesville Tool and Die, Moore Law, Timonera Law office, Fanning Howey, First Financial Bank, Friendship State Bank, Pulskamp's, Crum Trucking, Ollier Masonry, Batesville (Casket), and Global Atlantic Financial Group.



# 10 BHS JUNIORS SPONSORED FOR STUDY ABROAD

## ANDY KOORS' MEMORY LIVES ON THROUGH BCEF'S SPONSORSHIP



**THE IU HONORS PROGRAM IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE IS AN INVALUABLE, LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITY THAT MOLDS THE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE AND CULTURAL COMPETENCE OF THESE STUDENTS. THANK YOU TO BCEF FOR THIS SUPPORT.**



*Judd Klingerman  
BHS Spanish III teacher*



*Students participating in the 2024 IUHPFL group from BHS are Lucy Abplanalp, Sarah Bedel, Abigail Hartz, Lydia Haskamp, Kailey Schaeffer, Matthew Skinner, Ava South, Isaac Trossman, Georgia Voegele, and Jenna Zimmerman. The students will share the donation from BCEF evenly, applying the funds to their required program fees.*

The Batesville Community Education Foundation (BCEF) has donated \$3,000 to the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Language (IUHPFL) from its Andy Koors Legacy Fund to support 10 Batesville High School (BHS) students who are studying abroad this summer, announced executive director Anne Wilson. These students qualified for the IUHPFL, which sends high schoolers to other countries for about a month to further their study of a foreign language by being immersed in another culture. Programs last between four and five weeks, and students pledge to only speak the host language during their entire stay.

The BCEF board of directors created the Andy Koors Legacy Fund in honor of the former BHS German teacher who passed away unexpectedly in 2017, using 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. To date, BCEF has awarded more than \$25,000 in study abroad sponsorships for BHS students.

“Besides this program, we are evaluating new ways that we can honor Andy's legacy within our school community to impact students,” Wilson said. “We look forward to hearing about these students' experiences when they return.”

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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**MADDI (FULLENKAMP) VOHLAND**  
**BHS CLASS OF 2007**  
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**“WHAT YOU THINK  
YOU BECOME,  
WHAT YOU FEEL  
YOU ATTRACT,  
WHAT YOU IMAGINE  
YOU CREATE.”**



*Maddi Vohland*

## Education and Training after BHS:

- Ivy Tech for Medical Assisting/Nursing

## Career Summary:

- I was a stay-at-home mom with my first daughter, Stevie. After she turned a year old I accepted a job at Major Hospital in Shelbyville, IN. I worked in an office specializing in Internal Medicine. Later, was offered a job at Margaret Mary at the Primary Care office. I worked there for four years before I decided to take a leap of faith in becoming an entrepreneur. I'm going on three and a half years of running the local plant shop in town, Sunshine Sisters. I've always had a passion for houseplants and I'm so grateful to have this opportunity to share my passion with our community. We named the shop 'Sunshine Sisters' after our three girls. My husband's family owned Vohland Nursery, Inc. out of Greensburg. After my in-laws became ill with neurological issues (Parkinson's and Alzheimer's) we had to liquidate the nursery that had been in the family for three generations starting in the 1930's. It was a tough decision, but we are happy to have plants still linked with the Vohland name in our own way.

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Residence:

- We currently live in Batesville. My husband and I lived at Lake Santee when we were first married. We moved to Batesville after our first daughter was born to raise our family here. I love this community so much and could not imagine raising my family anywhere but here.

Family:

- I met my husband, Josh Vohland, in 2012. We married in July of 2016. We are blessed with three wonderful daughters. Stevie (9), Elsie (6) and Lola (3). We are animal lovers and have two dogs, a cat, and a bunny.
- Parents: Tom and Jenny Fullenkamp. My in-laws are Jana and (the late) Chuck Vohland of Clarksburg, IN.
- Siblings: Jillian Haakinson. She owns a pet grooming & boarding business in Batesville, Golden Sudz Grooming.

Activities while at BHS:

- Tennis Team

Best education-related memories from BHS:

- I have so many wonderful memories from BHS. One specific memory doesn't stick out to me more than another. The teachers and staff we always so wonderful. Throughout my time in Batesville schools, art was always my favorite class to be in.

A personal quote about the importance of education:

- "What you think you become, what you feel you attract, what you imagine you create."

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.

# RAVER RELAYS TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP

**SOME OF APRIL 6 TRACK & FIELD EVENT PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT BCEF FUND**

In honor of Coach Ron Raver's dedication to Batesville sports, the community, and Batesville athletes, the Batesville High School Track and Field program will be holding its inaugural Raver Relays on Saturday, April 6 at 10 AM. Proceeds from this unique event will benefit the track and field program and BCEF's Ron Raver Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Competitors in this event will be from at least six area schools and—unlike a regular track and field event—most events will be relay-style. Awards will be given to the top teams immediately following the completion of each event.

Coach Ron Raver was a man with disabilities who had a lot of perseverance and dedication to the sport he was coaching. Because of his disabilities, one of the most important positions on his team was that of manager! His managers had to be on time, organized, able to anticipate what would be needed and carry out the responsibilities that Coach Raver could not do himself. One manager from each team will also receive a special award.

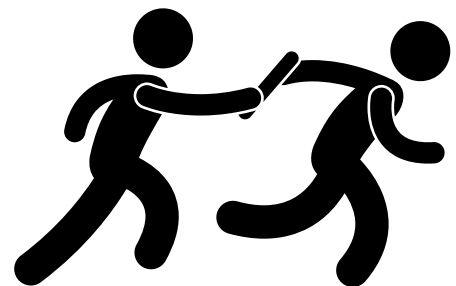
BCEF would like to encourage everyone to come out to honor Coach Raver and cheer on the athletes.

Ways to sponsor:

- \$100 can sponsor one event/relay
- Monetary donations are accepted (can split donation 50/50 with track and field or 100% to scholarship fund)

Sponsors will be recognized throughout the meet.

For more information, please contact BHS track and field head coach Lisa Gausman at [lgausman@batesville.k12.in.us](mailto:lgausman@batesville.k12.in.us).



# 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.



# SPRING HONOR A STAFF MEMBER

## TELL THEM THANKS WITH A SIGN FOR THE WHOLE TOWN TO SEE!



Our spring Honor a Staff Member sign campaign is coming in April! This wildly popular campaign raises funds while raising the spirits of our staff at the same time.

For just \$10 per honoree, a sign with the staff member's name and position will be placed in the yard of their school building during National Teacher Appreciation Week in early May. But this isn't just for teachers...it's for ANY BCSC staff member or coach who has made a difference.

Watch social media or sign up for our email list so you don't miss the deadline!

# FEEL-GOOD PROGRAMS

## WE'RE ALL ABOUT SCHOOL SPIRIT AND SUPPORT



Left: All BCSC staff members received a pack of gum because "BCEF couldn't CHEWS a better staff" as part of our "WE CARE" staff support program.

Right: Batesville Intermediate students created a montage for their entry into our Art on Main project in downtown Batesville. Look for the BMS entry very soon!

