

# BEYOND THE BASICS

A newsletter about Batesville Bulldogs from the  
Batesville Community Education Foundation

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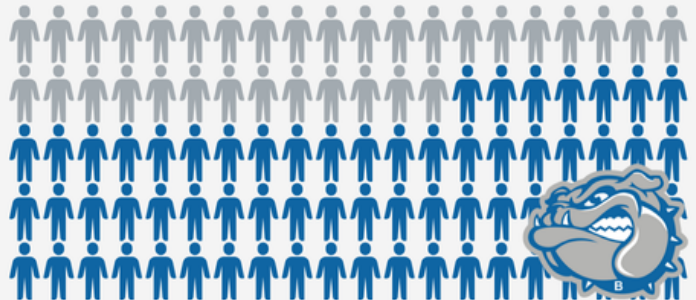
## BCEF SUPPORTS STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AT BHS

### NEW WELLNESS CENTER IS 2024 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN PROJECT

Teen mental health concerns are on the rise nationwide, and the Batesville Community Education Foundation (BCEF) plans to make a local impact to stem the tide among public school students. BCEF's 2024 Annual Campaign proceeds will help the Batesville Community School Corporation (BCSC) convert two classrooms at Batesville High School (BHS) into a new student wellness center that will address both academic counseling needs and mental health issues such as anxiety and stress.

### DID YOU KNOW?

200+ BULLDOGS STRUGGLE EACH YEAR



**DONATE TO THE BCEF ANNUAL CAMPAIGN  
TO SUPPORT STUDENT  
MENTAL HEALTH AT BHS**

"We were shocked to find out from local survey data that, over the past few years, about one-third of all BHS students reported feeling sad or hopeless for at least two straight weeks," shared Anne Wilson, BCEF executive director. "That's at least 200 of our Batesville Bulldogs every year, so it's not a small problem. When students struggle with mental health issues, academics often suffer right along with them. As the education foundation, our ultimate goal is to provide any resources that will positively impact the learning environment at our schools. Right now, helping BHS create this new space is a top priority."

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## BHS (CONTINUED)

The counselors' offices at BHS are currently located just inside the school's front lobby where outside visitors also enter. This high visibility area makes it difficult for staff to provide discreet assistance to students who may be having a difficult time; it also deters some students from asking for help. To address this issue, BCSC wellness coordinator Lisa Tuveson and BHS principal Andy Allen developed a plan to relocate the counselors' office down the hall to two classrooms near the media center. These rooms would be completely reconfigured and remodeled to not only house the counselors' office but also provide space for a stress management and resilience training lab (including a heart rate biofeedback program), a resource library for students, dedicated calming tools such as weighted blankets and stress balls, a meeting space, and a small private outdoor patio for fresh air if enough funds are raised.



The center will provide targeted assistance for students who are struggling with a variety of mental health issues impacting their ability to focus on their schoolwork and eventually offer proactive stress management skills for all students. As more students are trained to use the biofeedback program, they will hopefully be better equipped to manage stress and anxiety on their own.

"Some may say that these students just need to deal with it and grow up," Wilson said. "We think that's what they're trying to do. The number of drastic societal changes these students have experienced during their childhoods is unreal. Even though technology and social media have become an enormous part of their world, they still need our help to grow into great adults. It's not BCEF's role to figure out how we got here, but we certainly can help them by supporting a dedicated place to learn the coping skills they need to deal with the world as it is."

BCEF sponsor and architectural firm Fanning Howey donated a conceptual plan to BHS to help visualize the new space. Construction of the wellness center is due to begin soon, with funds from the BCEF annual campaign to support furnishings, resources, the biofeedback program, and the outdoor patio space.

**[Donate at BatesvilleEducationFoundation.org](https://www.batesvilleeducationfoundation.org)**

**Make a **VISIBLE** difference  
in their *invisible* struggles.**

**2024 Annual Campaign**  
**Campaign Goal: \$75,000**  
**Donations requested by Sept. 30**

# BPS OUTDOOR LEARNING COMPLEX OPEN

## GRAND OPENING HELD IN AUGUST; STUDENTS ENJOYING NEW SPACE

We had a great turnout for our open house in early August. Thank again to everyone who donated to turn our dream into a reality!

**WE GAVE THEM A SPACE TO GROW: STUDIES SHOW THAT BEING OUTDOORS LEADS TO IMPROVED LEARNING OUTCOMES.**



*BPS students have been enjoying the space since school began!*



# BCEF SPONSORS SUPPORT STUDENTS

**45 SPONSORS: OUR MOST YET!**

Our sponsors make everything BCEF does possible! Now that we are also supporting Bulldog Ready, BCSC's new community-connected educational model, their support is even more important. Please remember our sponsors as you do business throughout our community.



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Supporting Bulldog Ready & other programs  
for students & staff at the  
Batesville Community School Corporation

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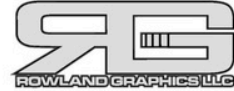
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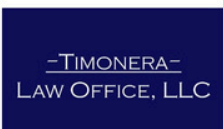
### BRONZE LEVEL



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# BULLDOG "PUP" RALLY RETURNS SEPT. 27

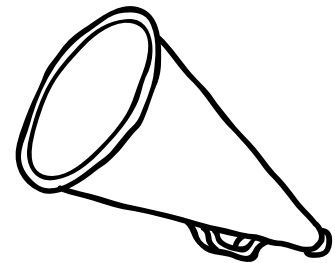
DON'T MISS A CHANCE FOR BULLDOG FAMILY FUN AFTER THE HOMECOMING PARADE



Join BCEF on Friday, September 27 (Batesville High School's Homecoming) for a fun, family-oriented, community-building event. Held in the west parking lot of Batesville Primary School between the parade and the start of the football game, our "Pup" Rally is a chance for current, former, and future Bulldogs and their families to grab a bite to eat, enjoy some activities, and visit.

Our event features;

- Food available for purchase via various food trucks
- Activities for children (some may charge a small fee)
- Resources for Bulldogs
- A visit from the BHS marching band and dance team
- A lot of Bulldog spirit



You don't have to be going to the game to join us. See you there!

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Food trucks confirmed to attend our 2024 event and donate 10% of their event proceeds to BCEF:

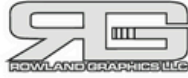
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**JIMMY ROWLAND**  
**BHS CLASS OF 2004**  
**BATESVILLE, INDIANA**



**ART CLASS  
GAVE ME THE  
FOUNDATION  
AND  
INSPIRATION  
TO BECOME  
WHO I AM  
TODAY.**



*Jimmy Rowland*

#### Education and Training after BHS:

- I attended Ball State University for one year and realized a 4-year school was not for me.
- I learned many foundational skills through several online courses, learning photography, graphic design, and typography, and refining my art skills. Most of what I learned was self-taught or learned from online tutorials.

#### Career Summary:

- I worked many odd jobs from welding and construction to restaurants and customer service. None were the right fit, but all provided me with a rounded set of life skills and experiences. I started a job in Cincinnati as a vinyl installer and worked in that position for a few years. I then transferred departments and started working in the art department, designing vehicle wraps.
- Rowland Graphics started as a hobby in the spare bedroom of my home. Having a graphic design background, family, friends, and community members reached out to me for design and vinyl graphic needs. As they continued to reach out to me more and more, my hobby quickly grew into a part-time job. My wife encouraged me to take my passion to the next level, and Rowland Graphics was officially established in 2019. As we continue to grow, we remain focused on still being that small-town connection that provides graphic needs on a personal level. We may not be the biggest company out there, but we strive to always do our best.

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## ROWLAND (CONT.)

### Community Involvement:

- BCEF Board member and sponsor
- BCEF Art on Main partner
- Batesville Area Arts Council sponsor
- BHS mentorship partner
- Artist-in-residence at BHS for the past several years.

### Residence:

- I currently live in Batesville.

### Family:

- Parents: Jim and Susie Rowland
- Sister: Crystal Simmons
- Wife: Cassie (East Central High School teacher)
- Children: James (Junior at BHS) and Landen and Carter (1st grade at BPS)



### Activities while at BHS:

- Wrestling
- Football

### Best education-related memories from BHS:

- Voted most artistic, Class of 2004
- Mrs. Focke and Mrs. McCabe were my art teachers at BHS whom I loved learning from. They were always supportive of me and encouraged me to pursue a career in art.

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

- "Art education is very important in schools. For me, art class was not just as important, if not more important than the 'core classes.' It gave me the foundation and inspiration to become who I am today."



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.



# BHS STUDENTS ENJOY SPAIN

## BCEF'S ANDY KOORS LEGACY FUND PROVIDES DONATION TO HELP OFFSET COSTS

BCEF is proud to have provided a donation to every BHS student who participated in the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Language study abroad program in the summer of 2024. Here are a few photos from their trip. For the complete story, visit our website at [BatesvilleEducationFoundation.org/programs/andy-koors-legacy-fund/](https://BatesvilleEducationFoundation.org/programs/andy-koors-legacy-fund/).



## JUST WHO IS PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSOR FANNING HOWEY?



- 2024 is the 45th anniversary of architecture firm Fanning Howey's partnership with the Batesville Community School Corporation.
- Designer for more than 40 projects, including the BPS building and subsequent additions in 1998. Designer for additions/renovation to BIS and the major additions/renovations to BHS in 2018.
- Most recent work includes design for the BHS stadium and athletic complex improvements and the recently-opened Innovation Center.

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**RELATIONSHIP-"BUILDING": FANNING HOWEY HAS WORKED WITH 4 DIFFERENT SUPERINTENDENTS AT BATESVILLE AND HAS BEEN A BCEF SPONSOR SINCE 2023.**