

BEYOND THE BASICS

A newsletter about Batesville Bulldogs from the
Batesville Community Education Foundation

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BHS RESERVED PARKING AUCTION RETURNS FOR 25-26

**AUCTION TO BE HELD IN MAY: BID ON A SPOT TO USE
FROM AUGUST 2025 THRU MAY 2026**

Our reserved parking auction at BHS is back! Keep your eyes on our website and social media for more details on the location of the spots and minimum bids. The auction proceeds help BCEF provide funding to the school corporation for a variety of needs.



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RESERVE YOUR PARKING SPOT AT BHS!



25-26 SCHOOL YEAR

THANK YOU TO OUR 2024-25
PLATINUM SPONSOR:

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ONLINE AUCTION: MAY 2025

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**RESERVED SPOTS FOR
STUDENT USE DURING
SCHOOL HOURS 7AM-4PM**

Spots by Auxiliary Gym. Easy access to school for student arrival in the morning and return from Ivy Tech. Bids start at \$150/spot.

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**24/7 RESERVED SPOTS FOR
USE DURING SCHOOL HOURS
AND AFTER-SCHOOL EVENTS**

Spots near current handicapped spaces. Easy access to Door N and athletic fields. Bids start at \$250/spot.



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BHS WELLNESS CENTER UPDATE

FURNISHINGS TO BE ORDERED SOON; CONSTRUCTION TO MOVE FORWARD

Thank you for your patience as we work with the school administration, architect, and general contractor to move this project forward. To the right, you will see revised plans for the new counseling and mental health center at Batesville High School.

We are thrilled to announce that we have received a separate donation, in addition to the funds already received, to specifically assist in purchasing the necessary furnishings. This brings BCEF's total fund raised to \$125,000.

BCSC Wellness Coordinator Lisa Tuveson has been a major partner in the development of this space and she has secured some grant funding for furnishings as well.

We are excited to bring this unique space to our students. The goal is still for the new space to be completed and ready for students at the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.



Revised floor plan for the new center, courtesy of possible furnishings vendor LOTH.



BCEF PROGRAM PAYS FOR 22 BCSC TEACHERS TO RECEIVE FREE CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

OUR "SHOW THEM SOME LOVE" FUNDRAISER IN FEBRUARY A BIG SUCCESS

Through BCEF's membership in the Indiana Association of Public Education Foundations (INAPEF), we are able to secure discounted registration fees for BCSC teachers who want to participate in the Donut Dash 5K in Indianapolis, where the teacher supply store Teachers' Treasures is located. Each teacher who participates in this race—either in person or virtually—receives a voucher for a free shopping spree at the store. BCEF secures the discounted rate and then steps in to pay the 5K registration fees...so 22 of our teachers can get classroom supplies for absolutely nothing.

Thank you to everyone who donated to make this possible.



HONOR STAFF SPRING SIGNS

FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD IN APRIL

With second semester already at the half-way point, in no time at all it will be the end of the school year. Who are the BCSC staff members who've made a difference this year? Who went above and beyond to make your student's experience even better? Let's not forget our bus drivers, coaches, administrators, and other staff who all work together each day.

We will open the donation portal for Honor Staff signs in mid-April, so be on the lookout. No paper forms will be sent home this time, but you can always download one and print one out if you don't want to donate online. We'll also have a few paper copies available at the administration building behind BHS if you'd like to pick one up.



BCEF SUPPORTS 11 FOR STUDY ABROAD

STUDENTS TRAVEL TO SPAIN THIS SUMMER

BCEF has donated a total of \$3,200 to the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Language (IUHPFL) in 2025 from its Andy Koors Legacy Fund to support 11 Batesville High School (BHS) students who are studying abroad this summer. 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. During the program, students pledge to speak only 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 and support of student endeavors. To date, BCEF has awarded more than \$28,000 in study abroad sponsorships for BHS students.

The eleven students will share the donation from BCEF evenly, applying the funds to their required program fees.

"We are proud to continue this program in Herr Koors' memory and look forward to hearing about these students' experiences when they return," Anne Wilson, BCEF Executive Director, said. "We want to thank the local Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1130, for contributing \$1,000 toward our study abroad donation this year, as well as their Ladies Auxiliary for donating an additional \$1,200 after our original check was sent and this photo was taken. We will forward that money to IU, as well."

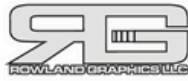
Donations are always accepted for our Andy Koors Legacy Fund. Visit our website to learn more.



Front row, L to R: BCEF Executive Director Anne Wilson, Students Cole Rippetoe, Ethan Rahschulte, Zachary Frye, James Rowland, and Sophia Hohenstein. Back row, L to R: Samuel Richardson, Tyler Hoff, Cassius Myers, Jonathan Moody, Grace Walter, and Matthew Schrand.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

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TOM LINKEL
CLASS OF 1975
BATESVILLE, INDIANA

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**DON'T BE
AFRAID TO GET
YOUR HANDS
DIRTY.**

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Tom Linkel

Career and Volunteer Summary:

- Highway as a Maintenance Foreman (13 years)
- Owner of Linkel Company, LLC for 45 years (originally owned with brother John Linkel)
- Owner of Linkel Farms, LLC - Worked and operated the farm since high school. Owner with my brother John for 30 years until John passed away. Now I own the farm with my wife of 50 years, Dee (Amberger) Linkel
- Franklin County Councilman - 2 years
- Franklin County Commissioner for 12 years - Sagamore of the Wabash Award for my service as Commissioner from Governor of Indiana
- Linkel Company, LLC is a highway maintenance contractor primarily in Indiana and Ohio. However, we have worked in Kentucky, Tennessee, and South Carolina. Most of the work completed is highway mowing, litter removal, and tree removal. However, Linkel Company, LLC also has completed part of the Cultural Trail in Indianapolis, installed a fountain in Fountain Square in Indianapolis, served as a clearing contractor for the I-69 corridor, completed debris removal on the Wabash River, provided Scour Protection throughout Indiana to protect bridges in Indiana, refurbished the Metamora Canal and aquaduct, and realigned/refurbished the headstones in the Madison Veteran's Cemetery. For many years, the company provided grounds maintenance in the Jefferson Proving Grounds and the Veterans hospitals in Indiana.

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LINKEL (CONT.)

Residence:

- Dee and I have proudly lived in the Franklin County/Batesville area all of our lives. We built our family home on the Linkel Family farm.

More about Tom:

- Although we enjoy our time in Batesville, we enjoy traveling with family. I have traveled to and have ridden my Harley Davidson motorcycle in all 50 states and seven provinces of Canada! To complete a friend's bucket list item, I traveled on a Harley from Batesville to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

Family:

- Wife - Dee Linkel (BHS Grad, Class of 1976)
- Son - Jake Linkel (BHS Grad) works at FCN Bank as a VP and Chief Retail Officer
- Daughters - Amy Wolters (BHS Grad) works at Gillman Home Center in the Corporate Office. She is married to Brad Wolters (BHS Grad) and has two daughters. Jama Linkel-Cleghorn (BHS Grad) works for Linkel Company, LLC, as the Office Manager. She is married to Shawn Cleghorn and has one daughter. Janie Linkel-Owens (BHS Grad) is an aide at a school and is married to Jeremy Owens (BHS Grad). They reside with their three children in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Activities while at BHS:

- Future Farmers of America (FFA) for 4 years
- VP of FFA, Jr. Year
- President of FFA, Sr. Year

Best education-related memories from BHS:

- While a student, I enjoyed working with my FFA sponsor (Louie Ferringer) to "fundraise" for the FFA. My favorite teachers were Ferringer, Bob Crowell, and Richard (Dick) Chaffee. All three of these teachers influenced and prepared me for owning and operating my own farm and company. Dick Chaffee taught me his favorite pastime, fishing, along with his love for general math! I remained friends with all three of them after graduation.
- Honestly, my general education classes were not of much interest to me; I often got help from my future wife and sister-in-law. However, Mr. Crowell, Mr. Chaffee and Mr. Ferringer all taught me hands-on learning experiences which resonated with my love for working on trucks, tractors, and operating a farm.



Tom checking out the installation process at Fountain Square in Indianapolis.



Tom with one of the many tractors he has owned over the years.



Tom Linkel with his wife Dee and grandchildren.

A personal quote about the importance of education:

- "Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty."

Thank you, Tom Linkel, for sharing about your experience with hands-on, real-world learning!

THANK YOU TO OUR BRONZE LEVEL SPONSORS

Financial support from businesses and organizations enables BCEF to do its work within the Batesville Community School Corporation. We extend our gratitude for these sponsors for helping us this school year.

BRONZE LEVEL



2025-26 COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE LATER THIS SPRING

JOIN OUR FAMILY OF SPONSORS SUPPORTING OUR WORK AT BCSC, INCLUDING #BULLDOGREADY

It's an exciting and crucial time to be involved with the Batesville Community School Corporation. With the launch of #BulldogReady, there's a lot to be proud of. If you're a business owner or affiliated with a local organization that would be interested in supporting our programming at the public schools, please reach out so you can get on our mailing list. With public school funding amounts currently under debate, BCEF may be more important than ever in ensuring the BCSC has the financial support it needs to continue to thrive! Sponsorship dollars help support these programs, and more!



**"WE CARE"
STAFF SUPPORT
GIFTS**



**ART ON MAIN
STUDENT MURALS**



BCEF SUPPORTS #BULLDOG READY GUARANTEED EXPERIENCES

EXPENSES FOR THESE THREE GRADE LEVELS SUPPORTED BY BCEF THIS SPRING WITH MORE TO FOLLOW NEXT YEAR

What is a Guaranteed Experience?

These intentional, hands-on experiences empower students with practical skills, career awareness, and a sense of community engagement. By providing students with opportunities to connect with professionals, explore diverse pathways, and engage in meaningful learning experiences, we are fostering a generation of graduates who embody the Bulldog Ready Attributes: Confidence, Authenticity, Empathy, Leadership, Resilience, Drive, and Integrity.

2nd Grade - Greenacres Farm Visit

Overview: Students will explore the life cycles of plants and animals while learning about their interdependence within the ecosystem. By interacting with Greenacres' natural environments, students will gain hands-on experience in observing and understanding biological processes.



Portrait of a Graduate Tie-In: Exposure to the Bulldog Ready Pathway: Agriculture. Deepen understanding of subject matter through experiential learning.



5th Grade - Media Takeover & Living Library

Overview: This immersive experience introduces students to the media industry by connecting them with professionals in radio, journalism, graphic design, broadcasting, podcasting, and social media. Students will engage in two key activities:

- Living Library Event: Professionals from various media fields will serve as "human books", sharing insights into their careers, responsibilities, and skills required for success.
- Media Takeover Tour: Students will rotate through six interactive media-focused stations, each hosted by a different professional in the field.

Portrait of a Graduate Tie-In: Exposure to the Bulldog Ready Pathway: Digital Design. Deepen understanding of subject matter through experiential learning. Sharpen communication skills through practice and feedback. Expand community awareness to become responsible citizens.

8th Grade - Bulldog Ready Summit

Overview: The Bulldog Ready Summit will provide all 8th-grade students with an immersive experience focused on financial literacy, goal planning, decision-making, and future success. Through a series of interactive stations, students will engage in real-life decision-making scenarios that help them understand personal finance and career planning.

How It Works: Students will rotate through multiple stations, each designed to challenge them with real-world financial and career-related decisions. Each station will be led by a community expert who will provide insights and guidance as students navigate scenarios such as budgeting, career choices, and financial planning. The experience aims to equip students with essential life skills that prepare them for their future academic and professional journeys.

BHS Experience: BHS Principal, Andy Allen will speak to 8th Graders about their opportunities at BHS and welcome them; 8th Grade Students will eat lunch in the BHS Cafeteria to help with the transition from BMS to BHS; 9th Grade students will host a student panel to talk about their experiences in the Freshman Community; 8th Grade students will pick one of eight pathway hands-on lessons to explore in the afternoon.

BCEF LOOKS FORWARD TO SUPPORTING MORE GRADE LEVELS IN 2025-26!

BCEF HELPS UPPERCLASS STUDENTS

NEW WORK-BASED LEARNING FAIR SEEKS TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN FINDING JOB SHADOWING PLACEMENTS

It's our traditional job fair with a new twist! With diploma requirements changing, more BHS students are opting to participate in work-based learning (previously known as mentorship), for class credit. To assist them, BCEF is sponsoring a work-based learning fair. If you work at a business that would be willing to host a student for class credit to get a behind-the-scenes look, please reach out to Bulldog Ready Community Coordinator Tricia Jennewein as soon as possible to secure your spot at this event or to get additional information. She can be reached at BulldogConvenerCouncil@outlook.com. BCEF sponsors receive some special perks as students and employers are matched. For that info, reach out to BCEF executive director Anne Wilson at awilson@batesville.k12.in.us.



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**SIGN UP TODAY
TO SECURE YOUR
SPOT!**

WORK-BASED LEARNING FAIR

Connect: Meet BHS students seeking meaningful work-based learning placements for the 2025-2026 school year, ready to contribute to your business.

Discover: Pair with students who align with your business needs - students will have 3 business cards to give out to potential businesses that they would like to work with.

Engage: Plan ahead! Consider how many students you can host and which schedule works best for your business - Wednesday/Friday blocks or Tuesday/Thursday blocks.



Date

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025



Time

10:00-11:00 AM



Batesville High School

AUX GYM & COMMONS

