Brownsburg Education Foundation Newsletter

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Thank you to our November Partner of the Month

Hendricks Regional Health

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Purdue Science Express

at Brownsburg High School

presented by

Hendricks Regional Health



Most high school science labs don't have a mass spectrometer. Brownsburg students get to use one anyway. Purdue Science Express, a program in Purdue's College of Science, delivers research-grade instruments to Indiana high schools, and the Brownsburg Education Foundation pays for Brownsburg High School science teachers to be trained on them. Once trained, they can tap into more than $4 million worth of equipment, with Purdue's team behind them.

BHS science teacher, Nick Friedman, sees the payoff in his chemistry and forensic science classes. His students use the equipment hands-on, and he says former students come back to visit, excited that they walked into a college science class

and were the only ones who already knew how to use a particular instrument.

That head start is what BEF is investing in. Purdue Science Express has reached more than 500,000 students since 1991, and it works because teachers feel confident enough to build the equipment into their lessons. Training a teacher once pays off for every class that teacher leads afterward.



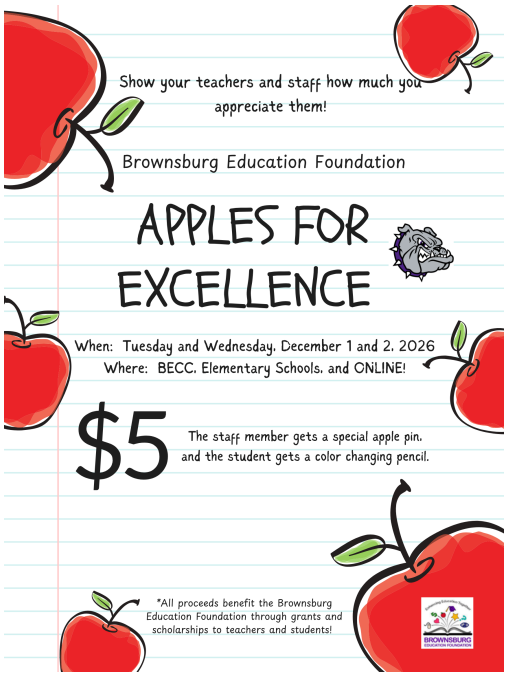
Learn more about grants awarded for this school year HERE.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A GIFT TO THE BROWNSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT OTHER GRANT PROJECTS LIKE THIS?

DONATE NOW

Apples for Excellence

Thank a BCSC Staff Member Promotion



December 1st & 2nd

$5

With your donation to BEF, the teacher or staff member will receive a golden apple pin and your child will receive a color-changing pencil. Apples can be also ordered ONLINE beginning Monday, November 23rd.

Apples ordered online by Friday, November 27th will be delivered directly to the teacher on 12/1 and 12/2. Otherwise, they will be delivered as soon as possible.

CLICK HERE
to order Apples online.

Thank you for showing teachers and staff that they are special, and thank you for supporting BEF!

GIVING TUESDAY



December 1, 2026

The Tuesday following Thanksgiving has become known as #GivingTuesday. Join people around the globe to support a cause you love. We hope you will consider including the **Brownsburg Education Foundation** as part of your day!
CLICK HERE
to learn more or to donate.

SAVE THE DATE!



Friday, March 12, 2027 | 6:30 - 11 p.m.

Cardinal Room @ Golf Club of Indiana

Tickets on sale soon!

Watch for more details in our December newsletter, social media pages and the BEF website!

BHS Alumni Connection

Join the growing Brownsburg High School alumni community! BEF is creating exciting ways for BHS graduates to reconnect and celebrate their shared legacy. Through new networking initiatives and community events, you'll have opportunities to discover what your fellow Bulldogs are up to today. Help us build a comprehensive alumni directory by **sharing your current information** and spreading the word to other graduates. Together, we're strengthening the bonds that make the Brownsburg community special.

BHS CLASS OF 1997:

Your fellow classmates are looking for you! Plans are already underway for your 30th Class Reunion next year, and the Reunion Committee would like to connect with as many Class of 1997 grads as possible! Please email brownsburgreunion1997@gmail.com with your contact information or any information you have about getting in touch with other classmates from this graduating year.

Facebook Group:
https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1842EhPJrN/

Instagram Page:
https://www.instagram.com/brownsburgreunion1997/





THANK YOU, Bulldog Spirit Shop, for donating a portion of your proceeds to BEF YEAR-ROUND!!
See all of their great items here:
https://thebulldogspiritshop.com/



Thank you to these donors who have committed to recurring monthly support for BEF! Members of the 1987 Club also receive monthly updates about the impact of their gifts as well as special invitations to events.

1987 CLUB MEMBERS

Bill and Rene Behrend
Joel and Tara Casey
Jenny Davidson
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Tarah Fettig
John Feister
Charlotte Fraley
Amber Hageman
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Brogan Hayden
Todd and Theresa Jackson
HaiQuynh Jamison
Jamie Keeler
Chad and Melissa Middleton
Pamela Miller
Brian and Laura Petraits
Jim and Betsy Snapp
Tim and Denise Zahrn
Andrew and Alicia Zeller

Click Here to Join The 1987 Club Now!

Check the box next to
"Show my support by making this a monthly donation".



Your support of this event will benefit BEF!



Donate to the Essentials for Excellence Fund Here

Strategic Ways to Support Brownsburg Students

At the Brownsburg Education Foundation, we're dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities for students in our community. Your generosity makes it possible to fund classroom grants, scholarships, and innovative programs that empower students and teachers alike. While many supporters contribute through traditional donations, there are several strategic giving options that can maximize your impact while providing potential tax advantages.

Donate Appreciated Assets
Contributing stocks, bonds, or other appreciated securities allows you to support Brownsburg students while potentially avoiding capital gains tax. You can also claim a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the asset, making your gift work harder for both you and our students.

Grant from Your Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)
If you have a donor-advised fund, recommending a grant to the Brownsburg Education Foundation is a simple and efficient way to invest in local education. You may also consider naming BEF as a beneficiary of your DAF to create lasting educational impact for generations of Brownsburg students.

Consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)
Individuals age 70½ or older can direct up to $108,000 annually from their IRA directly to qualified charities like the Brownsburg Education Foundation. This QCD counts toward your required

minimum distribution while excluding the amount from your taxable income—a win for you and for our students.

Leave a Legacy Through Estate Planning
Including the Brownsburg Education Foundation in your will, trust, or estate plan creates a lasting legacy of educational excellence in our community. Your planned gift ensures that future generations of Brownsburg students will benefit from enhanced learning opportunities.

However you choose to give—whether through an immediate donation, investment assets, or future estate plans—your support directly impacts the quality of education in Brownsburg. For more information about strategic giving options, please contact Rene Behrend at renebehrend@brownsburg.k12.in.us or 317-852-1056.

Please consult your tax or financial advisor to understand how your charitable contribution may benefit you. The Brownsburg Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, tax ID: 31-1228189.

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