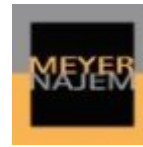


Brownsburg Education Foundation Newsletter

May 2025

Enhancing Education Together

2025 Visionary Partners and Newsletter Sponsors



**Thank you to our May
Partner of the Month**



Congratulations!

2025 Brownsburg Education Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Rebecca Copeland - Four-year Renewable Scholarship
Josiane Umwari - Four-year Renewable Scholarship

Jag Singh - Baron Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship
Jag Singh - BHS DECA Cadre Leadership Scholarship
Yves Guelce - BHS DECA Cadre Scholarship
Opeyemi Olufintuyi - BHS DECA Member Scholarship
Tristan Sandy - BHS DECA Member Scholarship
Rachel Wetli - BHS DECA Member Scholarship
Erica Weber - Deputy Jake Pickett Brownsburg Sertoma Memorial Scholarship
Sofia Ledesma - Falcone Family Scholarship
Kian Perry - Judy Acton Memorial Scholarship
Addison Altman - Julle Bond Memorial Scholarship
Lehem Gebremichael - Maria West Memorial Scholarship
Madison Bower - Nathan Gentry Memorial Scholarship
Lydia Hansen - Staff Legacy Scholarship

Manuela Ahon
Eiman Ali
Alexander Bastuk
Sydney Beecham
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Josiah Bousum
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Aaron Ferkowicz
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Ayla Lathrop
Macy Laycock
Ria Merkle
Nyasa Patel
Dylan Price

Grace Rody
Joseph Spagnuolo
Mackenzie Steele
Maya Taylor
Emma Tranter
Ashlyn Upton
Hue Voong
Drew Walker Jr.
Mary Welde
Allison Williams
Carson Willis
Yosia Yemane

**Harris Academy recipients will be announced on May 28, 2025.*

BEF is proud to have awarded **\$84,000** in scholarships to the graduating class of 2025, thanks to your generous gifts! Visit our website soon to learn more about these students, their majors and where they will be attending post-secondary school.

(Harris Academy recipients will be announced in the June newsletter after their awards ceremony on May 28, 2025.)

HOW ARE NAMED BEF SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED?

The Brownsburg Education Foundation is honored to award scholarships such as the Baron Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship, Judy Acton Memorial Scholarship, Julie Bond Memorial Scholarship, Maria West Memorial Scholarship, Deputy Jake Pickett Brownsburg Sertoma Memorial Scholarship, Ron Volpatti Memorial Scholarship, Nathan Gentry Memorial Scholarship, Falcone Family Scholarship, Staff Legacy Scholarship and BHS DECA Scholarships.

Have you considered establishing a scholarship through BEF in honor or memory of someone you love?

Scholarships are established in two ways:

1) Annual Scholarships - Make a one-time gift to BEF of at least \$1,100 by December 31st of any year and donors can designate this donation to be used as a named scholarship for the following year's graduating class. These scholarships are one-time scholarships and, if the scholarship is desired to be given year after year, donors can give a scholarship gift annually.

2) Endowed Scholarships - Make a one-time gift of \$25,000 or more to the BEF endowment and establish a named scholarship in perpetuity. While donors of these funds do not participate in the selection process of the recipients, donors are invited to establish criteria, if they wish, when the scholarship fund is set up.

Contact the BEF office if you would like to discuss establishing an annual or endowed scholarship.

It's Teacher Appreciation Week!

Show your gratitude by honoring an educator or staff member with an [Apple for Excellence](#).

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT YEAR-END THANK YOU GIFT?



*Take a minute to tell a teacher or
BCSC staff member
that they made a difference.*



**Visit the BEF website
to send an Apple for Excellence!**



Write a message to any current BCSC teacher or staff member.

**Make a donation to BEF to have a golden Apple for Excellence
sent to this person with your message.**



Make someone's day.

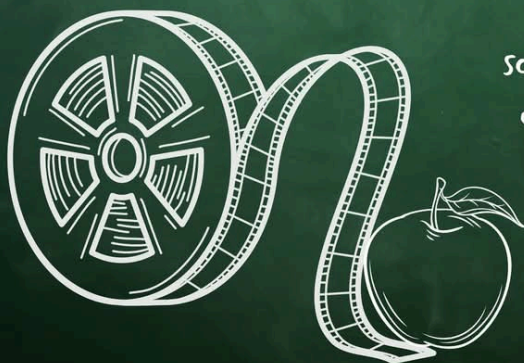


GQT Brownsburg 8 GDX movie theater invites all
teachers to see a FREE MOVIE this week!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teachers get a free ticket all week long!

May 5 – May 9



*school ID, badge or proof
of employment required.*

**standard tickets only*

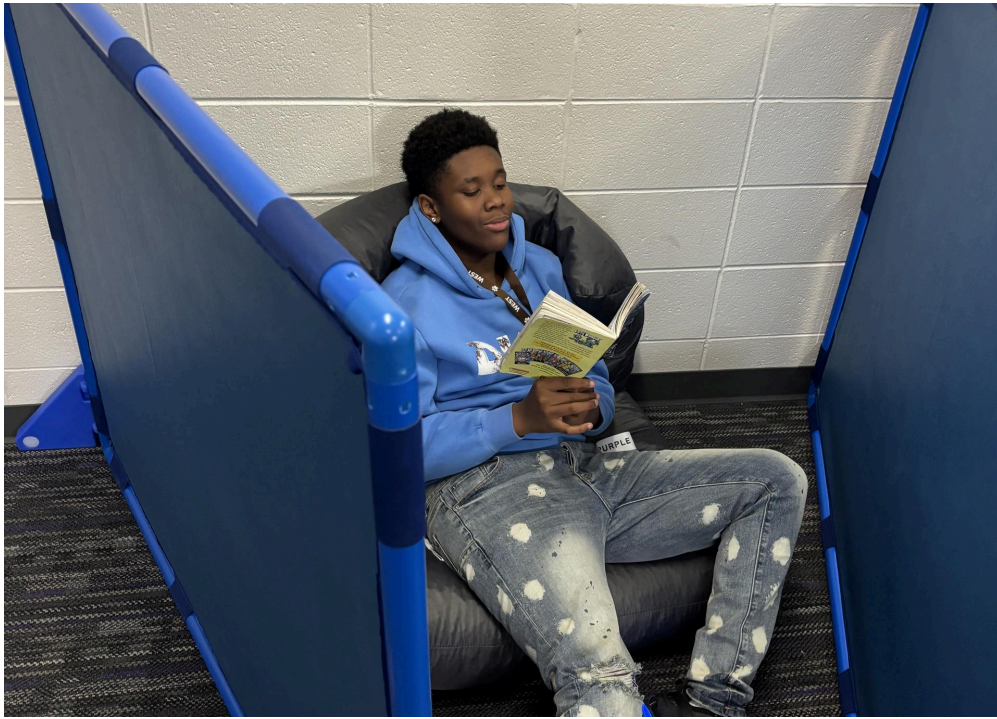
**YOUR DONATIONS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**
Safe Learning Spaces
in East and West Middle School
BASE classes

sponsored in part by

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Thanks to the generous support of BEF donors, the Safe Learning Spaces grant has transformed the BASE classrooms for middle school special education students in remarkable ways. This initiative has equipped these classrooms with essential self-regulation tools - large panel dividers, soothing lights, and comfortable beanbags - all designed to help students navigate emotional challenges and create conditions for successful learning.



Each day, students enter the classroom with varying needs for regulation support. The thoughtfully selected items have become invaluable resources in their educational journey. When overwhelmed, students can sink into beanbags that provide comforting pressure and a sense of security. The gentle, calming lights help quiet overstimulated minds and bodies, creating a peaceful atmosphere that encourages focus. When sensory input becomes too much, the divider panels offer a temporary sanctuary—a personal space where students can reset without feeling isolated from the classroom community.



"When students feel safe, they can learn," explains teacher Nicholle Smith. This simple yet profound insight encapsulates the impact of your donations. By creating environments where students can effectively self-regulate, they are not just addressing immediate emotional needs – they are building the foundation for academic success. Students who once struggled with regulation challenges are now developing essential coping strategies while remaining engaged in their education. The Safe Learning Spaces grant exemplifies how thoughtful investments in our specialized classrooms create ripple effects that extend far beyond the physical items themselves, empowering students with tools that will serve them throughout their educational journey and beyond.

Learn more about grants awarded for the 2024–2025 school year [HERE](#).

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

DONATE NOW

Congratulations

to the 2025 - 2026 BEF Officers!



Melissa Middleton
President



Kat Fenoglio
President-elect



Dana Thomas
Secretary



Kevin Hall
Treasurer



Melanie Harris
Past President



BHS ALUMNI CONNECTION

Join the growing Brownsburg High School alumni community in 2025! BEF is creating exciting ways for BHS graduates to reconnect and celebrate their shared legacy. Through our new alumni spotlight series and networking initiatives, you'll discover what your fellow Bulldogs are up to today. Don't miss our signature event - a free Homecoming Tailgate in 2025 where alumni can reunite with classmates and relive cherished memories. **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.



These 1990's BHS graduates, Scott and Stefanie (Harmon) Sheppard, emphasize that being present, putting phones down, and participating in clubs/sports create a fulfilling high school experience. Scott, who has spent nearly 30 years in mechanical engineering, values the lifelong friendships formed with his former BHS football teammates. Both Sheppards fondly remember the popular 1992 basketball teams that brought the community together. For Stefanie, playing basketball in the old Varsity Gym remains a treasured memory. Now working in advertising with clients like Dairy Queen after graduating from IU's Kelley School, Stefanie advises current students: "You don't have to figure everything out right now. Enjoy the moment and participate in activities." The couple lives in Brownsburg with their children - Kelsey (BHS '21), a Ball State senior, and Owen, who graduates from BHS this spring.



Scott & Stefanie Sheppard
Class of 1993 & 1996

BHS Alumni Spotlight



BROWNSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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SUMMERS
Plumbing, Heating, & Cooling



June 13, 2025 | 8:30 a.m.

at West Chase Golf Club

REGISTER HERE

THANK YOU

2025 CHIP IN FOR THE KIDS PARTNERS

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BEF PIONEER CAMP

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Only 1 spot left!
Register before May 31, 2025.



**23 - 26
JUNE
2025**



**MONDAY - THURSDAY
9AM - 2PM**

\$200

Brownsburg Education Foundation



Looking for a great summer experience?
JOIN US for hands-on fun and learning!
Spend a week as a pioneer child, participate in engaging activities, and make new friends!

Register at
www.brownsburgeducationfoundation.org
by May 31, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

Camp takes place at
310 South Stadium Drive,
Open to all EXITING
3rd - 5th grade students.
**LIMITED TO THE FIRST
20 REGISTRANTS!**
Once registered, there are
NO REFUNDS.
Funds will support the
BEF Log Cabin Homestead Project.

Cooking
Building
Insect Study
Fishing
Crafts
Games
Tree Identification
Music and Dancing
Gardening
Bird Watching
Sewing




All exiting 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are invited to attend!

Enjoy cooking, sewing, building, nature study, crafts, gardening and learning about life as an Indiana child in 1850.
SO MUCH FUN!

"I love that it was hands-on and educational! My kids actually want to do chores and help with cooking at home now. They really loved the woodworking projects, fishing, and field trip to the farm! And grandma is helping them finish the embroidery project."

-parent of 2024 camp participants



CLUB

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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Click Here to Join The 1987 Club Now!

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



Visit GQT Brownsburg 8 GDX movie theater on May 31st for this special showing of the Lilo and Stitch movie!

