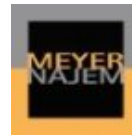


# Brownsburg Education Foundation Newsletter

February 2026

*Enhancing Education Together*

## 2026 Visionary Partners and Newsletter Sponsors



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





**ATTENTION,  
CLASS OF  
2026  
BULLDOGS!**

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON FEBRUARY 10TH  
at 3:30PM! DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO BE AWARDED MONEY  
FOR THE NEXT STEP OF YOUR EDUCATION.**

The Brownsburg Education Foundation has budgeted  
**\$83,000** to award to graduates in the Class of 2026 who plan to  
further their education after high school in any way.

# **APPLY HERE**

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about BEF Scholarships awarded to  
the BHS Class of 2025.

Scholarships that will be awarded by BEF in 2026 include:  
*(scholarships marked with an asterisk are new scholarships that BEF is  
administering this year)*

Baron Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship  
Brownsburg High School DECA Cadre Leadership Scholarship  
Brownsburg High School DECA Cadre Scholarship  
Brownsburg High School DECA Member Scholarships (3)  
Brownsburg High School Math Department Scholarship\*  
Deputy Jake Pickett Brownsburg Sertoma Memorial Scholarship  
Falcone Family Scholarship  
Judy Acton Memorial Scholarship  
Julle Bond Memorial Scholarship  
Maria West Memorial Scholarship  
Nathan Gentry Memorial Scholarship  
Peg Gordon Memorial Scholarship\*  
R.E. Dimond Engineering Futures Scholarship\*  
Ron Volpatti Memorial Scholarship  
Staff Legacy Scholarship  
Student Legacy Scholarship\*  
Brownsburg Education Foundation General Scholarships (11)  
Brownsburg Education Foundation Renewable Scholarships (2)  
BEF Scholarships funded by BCSC Staff (19)

**Is your family or organization interested in endowing a  
scholarship through a gift the Brownsburg Education  
Foundation? Create a legacy of giving that will help students  
further their education by  
[contacting Executive Director Rene Behrend](#)  
to learn more.**

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## **YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

# Art Supplies

## *in all elementary visual arts classes*

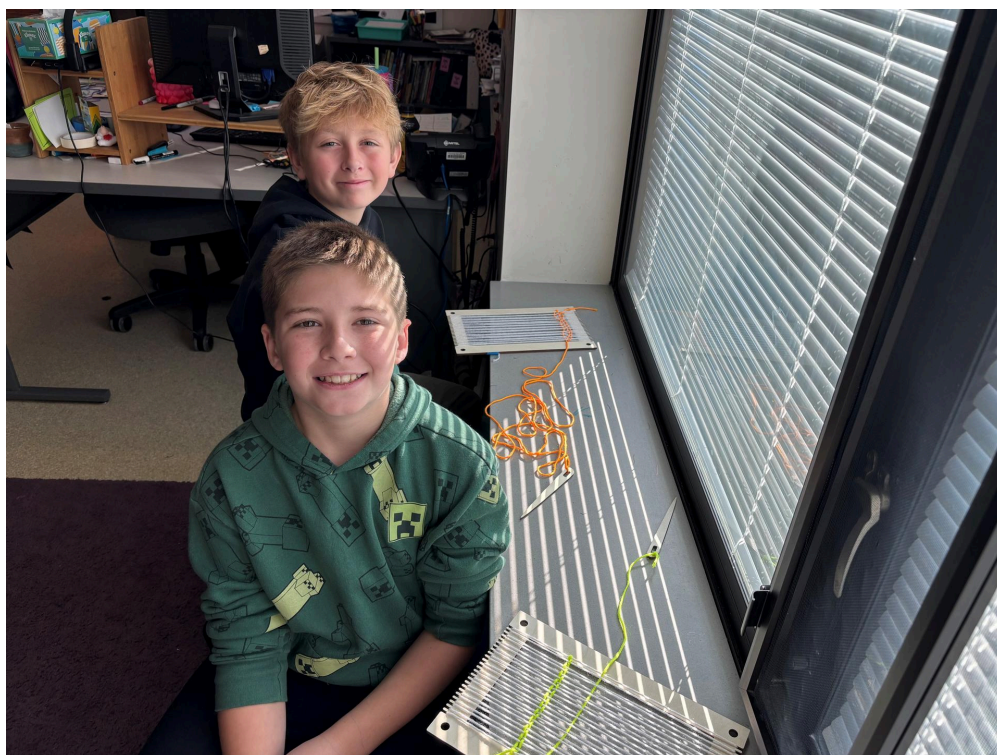


Step into any BCSC elementary art classroom, and you'll find young minds buzzing with creativity. Students aren't just learning to draw and paint - they're developing critical thinking skills, solving problems, and bringing imaginative ideas to life through hands-on artistic exploration. Thanks to a District Excellence Award grant from BEF, these budding artists now have access to exciting new materials that are taking their creations to the next level.





Puffy paint and weaving looms have opened up entirely new possibilities in elementary art rooms across the district. Students are adding eye-catching three-dimensional details to their work and experiencing the ancient art of weaving firsthand. "Thanks to this BEF grant, students will have the opportunity to experience high quality art materials they might otherwise not be exposed to due to cost," shares Eagle Elementary art teacher Donna Lubbe. "These supplies allow students an elevated 3-D art making process, and we are so grateful for the opportunity BEF has given these students through the funding of puffy paint and looms in our art rooms."



When you invest in BEF, you're doing more than purchasing supplies - you are unlocking potential, building confidence, and giving students experiences they will carry with them for years to come. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps bring more innovative projects like this to life.

**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

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## **BHS Alumni Connection**

Join the growing Brownsburg High School alumni community in 2026! 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.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**2026 Inductees to the BHS Alumni Hall of Fame!**



The Brownsburg Education Foundation is pleased to announce two more candidates who will join the [BHS Alumni Hall of Fame](#) on Friday, March 13, 2026 at the annual BEF Gala.

**Richard Jackson, Class of 1970**

**Steve Patterson, Class of 1983**

Look for more information about these new inductees [HERE](#).





**"How to Outsmart the SAT/ACT"**  
**FREE Test Prep Workshop**  
*presented by the Brownsburg Education Foundation & Club Z! Tutoring*

**SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND PARENTS:**  
Join us to learn tips and tricks for your upcoming college entrance exams.  
Each student participant will also receive access to a **FREE SAT/ACT Diagnostic Test.\***

**WHEN: Saturday, February 21, 2026\* | 10 - 11am**  
**WHERE: BCSC Board Room**  
**310 South Stadium Drive, Door #7**  
*\*Weather back-up date: Saturday, February 28, 2026*

**Advance Registration Required**

**Club Z!**  
In-Home Tutoring Services  
\*\$99 value  
Club Z! is a Community Partner of the Brownsburg Education Foundation.

*We hope to see you!*

Parents encouraged, but not required, to attend!

All high school students are welcome, but sophomores and juniors would especially find this free workshop helpful.

**REGISTER HERE**

www.KidsExploreRobotics.com

in partnership with the Brownsburg Education Foundation

# Build-a-Robot Class

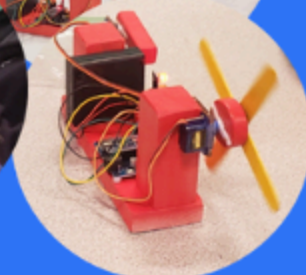
For students in grades 1-9

Parents are encouraged, but  
not required, to stay.

PRE-REGISTRATION OF  
STUDENT REQUIRED.

**\$25**

Keep the  
Robot



*Tuesday, February 24, 2026*

*4:00 – 5:00PM OR 5:30 – 6:30PM*

*310 South Stadium Drive | Door 7 | Champions Conference Room*

**REGISTER HERE**

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# MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!

# BROWNSBURG EDUCATION FOUNDATION



RALLY FOR OUR KIDS

*Gala*

**SADDLE UP SOIRÉE**

*presented by*



**Friday, March 13, 2026 | 6:30 – 11 p.m.**  
**The Golf Club of Indiana**



Hosted by:  
Annie & Cole  
from

**Country 97.1**  
**HANK FM**

*Music by*  
**Dave & Rae**





*Thank you to our Gala Partners\**



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Indy Rooftops  
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Stifel Financial  
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Ice Miller, LLP  
Indiana Members Credit Union  
KI Furnishing  
Team Turley - Fairway Home Mortgage  
Mowery Heating & Cooling

*\*Gala Partners as of 1/26/2026*

**MAKE YOUR GALA RESERVATION HERE**

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**PIONEER CAMP  
REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!**

**Learn more here!**



**22 - 25  
JUNE  
2026**



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](http://www.brownsburgeducationfoundation.org)  
by May 31, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

**Monday - Thursday  
9am - 2pm**

**\$200**



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 Long 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!"*

*-parent of previous camp participants*

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# THANK YOU 2026 COMMUNITY PARTNERS!



## The Brownsburg Education Foundation is grateful to all of its 2026 Community Partners.

### CORPORATE VISIONARIES



### CORPORATE CHAMPIONS



West Hospital



BUSENBARK CLARK & ASSOCIATES  
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Griener Brothers, Inc.  
Heinekamp Financial Planning  
Hostetter & Associates

Rose Promos  
Safety Resources, Inc.  
Tri Kappa - Brownsburg

### BEF FRIENDS

Atlas Excavating  
Green Street Cleaners  
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Mary & Martha Home  
The Pfahler Group - Weichert REALTORS - Cooper Group

### MEDIA PARTNER

Hendricks County Community  
**CONNECT**

## Would your business like to partner with BEF in 2026?

The impact of the Brownsburg Education Foundation is not possible without the generous and committed businesses in our community who support education through BEF. **THANK YOU!** YOUR BUSINESS can join these dedicated partners to help BEF further its mission of creative and innovative experiences in Brownsburg classrooms. Contact the BEF office at 317.852.1056 or [BEF@brownsburg.k12.in.us](mailto:BEF@brownsburg.k12.in.us) to learn more about getting involved with 2026 events and about opportunities to enhance education in the Brownsburg community!



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  
Bob and Becky Duncan  
Tarah Fettig  
John Feister  
Amber Hageman  
Jamie Hall  
Brogan Hayden  
Todd and Theresa Jackson  
HaiQuynh Jamison  
Jamie Keeler  
Chad and Melissa Middleton  
Pamela Miller  
Brian and Laura Petraits  
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".*

## BEF Spring Brick Special



Don't miss this opportunity to order a brick for your 2026 Graduate!

**DEADLINE: MARCH 20, 2026**

**Bricks ordered from February 14, 2026 through March 20, 2026 are eligible for \$10 OFF the regular price.**



Visit [www.brownsburgeducationfoundation.org](http://www.brownsburgeducationfoundation.org) to learn more or to place your order.

Order your Graduate Walk Brick here

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**February 10, 2026**

**Indiana Public Education Foundation Day** reminds everyone of the vital role that public schools play in shaping our communities. By investing in public education and supporting initiatives that enhance teaching and learning, you can ensure that all students have access to quality education and the opportunity to succeed.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Brownsburg Education Foundation (BEF) has existed for 39 years, and is one of the first education foundations in the state of Indiana.

BEF has given back over \$3 MILLION to the students and staff of the Brownsburg Community Schools in the form of classroom grants, student scholarships, corporation-wide initiatives and special projects.

BEF has budgeted over \$225,000 to give back in 2026.

**YOU can be a part of maximizing the impact of BEF by [making a donation](#), [attending an event](#), [volunteering](#) or [applying to be on the BEF Board of Directors](#).**

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[Donate to the Essentials for Excellence Fund Here](#)

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## 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](mailto: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.*

