



# BROOKLAND-CAYCE HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

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NEWSLETTER

Fall, 2006

## BCHS Foundation Board

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## BROOKLAND-CAYCE HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION OFFICERS 2006-07

*The Foundation Board of Directors* elected officers on December 12, 2005. The 2006-07 Foundation president, in his second year, is John Bettis, and he has served on the foundation board since 1999.

Steve Nivens, Patricia Way, and Dr. Ben Levinson are serving as vice-presidents for the third year. Ron Moore is remaining in his position as treasurer, and Barbara Jeffcoat retains her present secretary position. We would like to welcome to the foundation this year six new board members: Wade Sellers, Erin Fitzgerald, Frank Rogers, Dan Shull, Truitt Brittingham, and Ann Bolen. Also joining this board is our Lexington District II representative: Mr. David Loadholt.

An Advisory Committee has been formulated and is comprised of the six Board members, whose terms have expired on the foundation: Mary Sharpe, Fred Carter, Dan Jones, Bob Livingston, Senator Nikki Setzler, and Dukes Scott.

Please call on the members and officers with questions or suggestions, or call the Foundation office at 803-739-8076.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

*Annual Membership Meeting  
and Barbecue Supper*  
BCHS Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.  
RSVP — (803) 739-8076

#### FEBRUARY 22, 2007

*6<sup>th</sup> Annual Brookland-Cayce  
Educators Hall of Fame*  
Brookland Baptist Church  
Convention Center in  
West Columbia, 6:00 p.m.

#### APRIL 9, 2007

*Golf Tournament*  
Charwood Country Club  
West Columbia, SC

### Brookland-Cayce High School Foundation Mission Statement

The *Brookland-Cayce High School Foundation* (BCHS Foundation) was established in 1997 as a non-profit, tax exempt organization to raise funds and promote educational programs for Brookland-Cayce High School through donations of goods, services and money from corporations, business groups, foundations, and individuals.

The *BCHS Foundation* is governed by a volunteer board of directors, composed of educational, corporate, civic, alumni, and parent leaders. The board's responsibilities are to coordinate the collection of donor funds from multiple sources, to insure the safekeeping and accurate accounting for these funds, and to approve the fair and proper disbursement of the funds.

Further, the mission of the *BCHS Foundation* shall be to continue to build on Brookland-Cayce High School's rich heritage of academic excellence. This community-based effort will provide supplemental funding for educational programs, equipment, and/or projects which may be otherwise unbudgeted.

## FIFTH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME GALA

*The* Brookland-Cayce High School Foundation established the Educator Hall of Fame in 2002 with the first gala held on March 7, 2002. Three outstanding educators were inducted into the Hall of Fame at that time: Miss Marguerite McCaskill, Miss Rosalie Shull, and Mr. James Porter. The second Gala on February 27, 2003, honored four more educators: Dr. Cyril Busbee, Mrs. Gurnelle Coker, Mrs. Elizabeth Holcomb, and Mr. George Sineath. The third Gala on February 3, 2004, honored Mrs. Barbara Griffin, Mrs. Frankie Newman, and Mr. Herbert Wood (deceased). On February 1, 2005, we were proud to induct Mrs. Joyce W. Cribb, Mrs. Elizabeth Bridges Hammond, and Mr. Benjamin Russell Moye. On February 23, 2006, we inducted Mrs. Anna Louisa Vassy Miller and Mr. Jerry Sanders Chitty. Photographs of all the recipients are hanging in the school's east wing conference room.

The Gala was well attended, and it was a huge success. Fond memories and much laughter made our stroll down memory lane a wonderful event honoring the two newest members of the Educators Hall of Fame.

If you would like to make a nomination for the 2007 Educators Hall of Fame, please contact a board member or call Nanette Wooton at 803-739-8076 for more information. A nomination form is available upon request. We will be accepting nominations until November 30, 2006 for the 2007 Hall of Fame Gala to be held in February at Brookland Baptist Church Convention Center in West Columbia.



*If you would like to nominate a former teacher to be inducted into the Educator's Hall of Fame, please contact Nanette Wooton, 739-8076, for an application.*

## BCHSF EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES—2006

### ANNA LOUISA VASSY MILLER



Quiet manner, meticulous dress, inspiration, role-model, professional, beautiful — these adjectives were used to describe Anna V. Miller. Deeper characteristics follow: “She was a loving, warm, friendly person who made me want to do my best.” More than once former students said, “She is the reason I became a teacher;” or “She is the reason I became successful at some other profession.” Anna Miller taught by example the following principles of life: Dedication, Integrity, Citizenship, Expertise, Compassion, Obedience, Responsibility, Diligence, Perseverance, and other values that build character. She expected the best from each student and showed it through her attention to each individual.

Born in Gaffney, South Carolina, Anna was the daughter of two professional educators. She was educated in the local schools, then went to Limestone College to earn a BA degree in Education and a BS degree in Business in 1945.

Her professional career began at Nichols High School, where she taught for one year. She then taught at Lake View High School for two years. In 1948, Anna became a member of the business faculty at Brookland-Cayce High School, where she taught for 30 years. Simultaneously Mrs. Miller taught in the B-C/Airport Night School from August 1963 to 1974.

Mrs. Miller, in addition to her teaching duties, served a stint as an advisor to the Senior Class, the Future Business Leaders Club, and the *Laureate*, the school literary magazine. She was also a mentor to the many students who came her way.

Anna's professional affiliations included serving as President of Appliance Service Center, a business she owned with her husband Wade Miller, with membership in the Radio Corporation of America Dealers' Association, and the Hotpoint Dealers' Association. She was also a member of the Limestone Alumni, S.C. Education, and the B-C Education, and the University of South Carolina Faculty associations. Anna was active in the Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International, an honorary teachers society.

Mrs. Miller was a member of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, where she worked with Boy Scouts and other activities. She was active in civic organizations through the Cayce-West Columbia Women's Club, the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce, and the Cayce-West Columbia Chamber of Commerce. She was one of the co-founders of the Cayce-West Columbia branch of the Lexington County Library. She, along with her husband Wade, were avid members of the Bearcat Booster Club and enthusiastically supported sports and other school events.

She received many honors and awards. Among them are FBLA Teacher of the Year; twice named B-C Bearcat Teacher of the Year; on several occasions named Top Sales Dealer, Hotpoint Appliances, and Top Sales Distributor, Radio Corporation of America and two different terms as Business Department Head at B-C.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller had two sons, Barnett Miller and Hampton Miller, who both are graduates of B-C High School. They were both reared with their mother's philosophy — “*Do your best; prepare for your day's work; the finished product is your signature.*”

Anna Miller was indeed a Master Person and Master Teacher as evidenced by the many glowing testimonials from family, friends, fellow church members and, most of all, former students. She influenced positively many, many lives. “*She left each place a better place because she had been there.*”

### JERRY SANDERS CHITTY

On the path to being an educator from birth, Jerry S. Chitty was born in Olar, South Carolina, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Chitty. His mother taught school for 42 years, and his father was a farmer and worked at the Federal Land Bank. Jerry's mother taught him in grades one through three. She instilled in him a love for learning and her joy in helping students.

A 1958 graduate of Denmark-Olar High School, Jerry was President of the Student Body and was honored with All-State in three sports — baseball, football, and basketball. His trait as a team player was begun in his high school days. Jerry learned early to listen to other points of view and proceed with those ideas that were best for the group.

He attended Presbyterian College on an athletic scholarship. Working with children at the Thorwell Orphanage during his college career convinced Jerry that education would be his life work. He graduated from Presbyterian in 1962 and taught 1 year prior to going into the army. He served in Germany as a First Lt. Airborne Ranger Infantry officer for 21/2 years.

Jerry's continuous career in education began in 1965, when he taught and coached at Williston-Elko High School. The next year he taught and coached at Airport High School. From 1967 to 1972, he taught U.S. History and coached basketball at Bamberg-Ehrhart High School.

Jerry came home to District II in 1973 to be an Assistant Principal at Brookland-Cayce High School in 1973. He served until 1976, when he went to Saluda River Elementary School as Principal for five years. In 1981, Jerry became Assistant Superintendent for Instruction in Lexington District II, a position held until 1994 when he retired.

Jerry worked with Newberry College's Athletic Department until 2005. In the meantime, he was elected to the Lexington II School Board, where he still serves. He has been Chairman of the Board three times. During his tenure, both the new Northside and Busbee Middle Schools have been built. In all areas of employment, Jerry is known for his positive attitude and his desire to find solutions to problems.

Jerry's motto has always been “*It's all about the children.*” His motivation as a coach, a teacher, and a school board member has been to see that children receive every opportunity to learn and have materials to do so. His caring nature and his personal warmth have endeared him to children, faculties, staff, and parents. He has reminded educators often that their purpose is helping “kids” obtain tools they can use to be successful in life, including knowing their own personal value.

Jerry has been honored professionally by being named Basketball Coach of the Year/Teacher of the Year three times each, and in 1970 Outstanding Educator in Bamberg County. In 1970 he took his basketball team to the State Championship title. Students voted him the recipient of the Student-Faculty Service Award at B-C in 1976, and Scott Newman, Student Body President — the same Newman who is Principal at B-C today — presented the award.

Jerry and his wife, Betsy, whom he calls his best friend, have a son Scott and a daughter Liz Castles, a son-in-law Dr. Trey Castles, and three very important little people — Tradd, Sanders, and Sullivan Castles. Jerry also has a brother Charles who lives in Beaufort.

Jerry and Betsy are members of Mt. Hebron Methodist Church, where he has served on various boards and committees. A “people person,” Jerry has a knack for telling stories. His terrific sense of humor helps him deal with all types of people. His warmth and positive attitude draw people to him and help him serve as an inspiration for hard work. His sense of fairness is based on the idea that “*No one is better than anyone else.*” Yes, that philosophy is the guiding force of Jerry Chitty, Educator.



## 2006 FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

*The Foundation* serves businesses and individuals who wish to present a scholarship to a graduating senior at Brookland-Cayce High School. Because the Foundation is chartered as a 501 © (3) organization, gifts are tax deductible. The Finance Committee is authorized by the board of directors to invest the funds donated to the Foundation and designated for scholarships. Endowments are invested and only the interest is used to fund the scholarships awarded each spring. Memorial contributions made at the time of death may be designated for a particular scholarship in the individual's name. If interested in making scholarship/memorial donations, please contact Nanette Wooton at 739-8076.



### *These are endowed scholarships presented by the BCHS Foundation:*

- Mr. and Mrs. Barry Bolen and Family Scholarship**—presented by BC Foundation with financial need by the Bolen Family Endowment
- Ben Moye Scholarship**—presented to a student outstanding in academics and athletics with financial need in honor of Coach Moye through an endowment presented by the BCHS alumni and friends
- Brookland-Cayce High School Memorial Scholarship**—presented by BC Foundation through the teacher memorial scholarship fund.
- Julia Derrenbacher Jamison and Harriett Kaigler Derrenbacher Scholarship**—presented to a student entering the teaching profession by Mr. John Derrenbacher's endowment
- Mary Dreher Hook Academic Achievement Award**—presented to the class valedictorian through the Wayne Hook endowment
- Marguerite McCaskill Scholarship**—presented to a student with educational interest preferably in English or Language Arts
- Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stamps and Family Scholarship**—presented to a student with financial needs
- Lowell C. "Butch" Spires, Jr. Family Scholarship**—presented to a student with financial needs

### *Families have established these scholarships in memory of a family member:*

- Beatrice Ellisor Parker Memorial Scholarship**—for a student with financial needs
- Lloyd E. Kirkland Sr. Memorial Scholarship**—for a student with financial needs
- The Patricia Coleman Scholarship**—to a student pursuing a career in nursing presented by Mr. Tommy Wessinger and matching gift from Bank of America
- Mitchell A. Bagwell Memorial Fund**—presented to an athlete with financial needs
- Eddie Jeffcoat Memorial Scholarship**—presented to a student with financial needs
- Rose Levinson Memorial Scholarship**—presented to a student in the health field

### *Businesses/Individuals present these awards through the Foundation on an annual basis:*

- Southern Anesthesia and Surgical Scholarships**—for students with financial needs
- Coca Cola Scholarship**—to an outstanding student
- Reeley's Body Shop Scholarship**—presented to a student with financial needs pursuing a vocational career
- Don Ackerman Scholarship**—presented to a student pursuing a career in education
- Frankie Bowman Scholarship**—presented to a former Claude A. Taylor Elementary School student

### *The Foundation Board of Directors presents:*

- Barbara Jeffcoat Academic Scholarship**—for an outstanding student
- School to Work Scholarships**—for two interns who work in the Guidance Center

Scholarships are awarded through an application process conducted by the Scholarship Committee with assistance from the BCHS Guidance Center. These spring scholarships totaled \$14,150, ranging from \$250 to \$2,000.

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*Listed below are the 2006 graduates who received scholarships:*

Lindsay Langdale—USC-Columbia  
Curtis Murphy—Spartanburg Methodist  
Destinee Cole—Coker College  
Andrew Bristow—USC-Aiken  
Laura Macauley—Wofford  
Holly Gleaton—USC-Columbia  
Kimberly Peagler—Columbia College  
Brittany Brunson—Midlands Tech  
Zahid Chinwalla—USC-Aiken  
Darius Adams—Midlands Tech  
Kimberly Mack—USC-Aiken  
Camille Petty—USC/Honors-Columbia  
Tiffany Livingston—USC-Aiken  
Vivi Koutrakas—USC-Columbia  
Lauren Causey—Columbia College  
Rosalyn Capps—USC-Columbia  
Margie Jade Johnson—Lander University  
Joseph A. Randall—Spartanburg Methodist  
Chandler Whisnant—USC-Aiken  
Jake Jacobs—Wofford  
Melissa Ryan Looney—Clemson  
Amanda Thorton—Midlands Tech  
Jason Priester—USC-Aiken  
Elizabeth Claire Hite—College of Charleston  
Caitlin Harley—Lander University  
Melanie "Kayla" Smith—Georgia College & State University  
Blake Hinton—Lander University  
Jessica Rosebrock—LeNoire-Rhyne



## TEACHER GRANTS 2006— BCHS FOUNDATION PRESENTS \$10,551

*The Foundation's* contribution in teacher grants provided \$10,551, meeting all the teacher requests and needs for the upcoming school year. Some of this year's items purchased includes physics EMD kits, digital cameras, scanner, printer, LCD projector, tutor control software, electric hospital bed, etymology dictionaries, and materials for seven Bearcat Courtyard benches, and other technical equipment/services, which will enable BC teachers and students to have the educational tools necessary to excel in the classrooms.

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

*Our 2006 Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Martha Zion, and she was awarded a \$250 check by the Foundation. Mrs. Zion teaches in the Social Studies Department at B-C. Congratulations, Martha.*

*We are so proud of you,  
Mrs. Martha Zion*

## FOUNDATION GIVING THROUGH YOUR CLASS REUNION EVENT

If your class has a reunion this year and you would like to distribute information about the Foundation, please call Nanette Wooton at 803-739-8076. The Foundation also has framed prints of the school and monogrammed black golf shirts with the school logo for sale.

In the event you have money left over after your reunion activities, you can donate to the scholarship fund in honor of your graduating class or in memory of any class-mates who are deceased. It is a very significant way to honor friends and loved ones.



## BCHS FOUNDATION MENTORING — “WINGMAN” PROGRAM

The mentoring program at Brookland-Cayce High School was proposed in the fall of 1998 by president, Ed Kirkland. His goal was to develop a program that would provide a “wingman” (an aviation term, the wingman supports the lead aircraft) for B-C students who need extra support in their lives. Thus, the present BCBS Foundation Wingman Program consists of volunteer adult mentors who meet with and serve as positive role models for identified B-C students.

The foundation also sponsors the Junior Wingman program. Selected eleventh grade students are trained and supervised by teachers and counselors to serve as mentors for ninth grade students through an organized program of activities. Adults interested in volunteering as a mentor can contact the BCBS Foundation.

## 2006 Message From the Principal



I bring you greetings from the students, staff and faculty here at Brookland-Cayce High School. The school year has gotten off to a great start. Classes are well underway, the fall sports season is getting started, and the teachers and students seem genuinely excited about their teaching and learning opportunities.

Brookland-Cayce is such a unique place that truly brings the school, her alumni and the community together. The existence and purpose of the Brookland-Cayce Foundation is a clear example of why B-C is so special. The Foundation, its membership, and their accomplishments have had a significant and positive influence on the students and staff at Brookland-Cayce High School. Last year alone, your Brookland-Cayce Foundation contributed over \$20,000.00 back to B-C in the form of student scholarships and teacher grants. I want to personally thank you, on behalf of all the people associated with B-C, for your role in the Foundation's commitment to make Brookland-Cayce the best high school possible.

I look forward to meeting you at the Kick-off Membership Dinner on September 14, 2006. And again, thank you for your continued support of Brookland-Cayce High School.

Sincerely,

Scott Newman  
Principal, B-C High School

### TO JOIN . . .

If you would like to join the **BCBS Foundation** or make a donation in memory of or in someone's honor, complete information below and mail to **BCBS Foundation, P.O. Box 2482, Cayce, SC 29171.**

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$250.00 - \$499.99	Sustainer	<u>Circle one below:</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000.00+	Society of 1932	● New Member
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