



# BROOKLAND-CAYCE HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

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## NEWSLETTER

Fall, 2007

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## BROOKLAND-CAYCE HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION OFFICERS 2007-08

*The Foundation Board of Directors* elected officers on May 21, 2007. The 2007-08 Foundation president is Dr. Ben Levinson who has served on the board since 2000.

Steve Nivens is serving as vice-president for the fourth year, and joining him as vice-president is newly elected Dan Jones. Ron Moore is remaining in his position as treasurer, and Barbara Jeffcoat retains her secretary position. We would like to welcome to the Foundation this year our newest members: Cherie Nettles, Linda Wooten, and Carol Mayfield. Also joining this board is the BCHS faculty representative: Lynn Summer.

The Advisory Committee is comprised of eight members whose terms have expired on the foundation: Fred Carter, Ed Kirkland, Bob Livingston, Barbara Price, Dukes Scott, Mary Sharpe, Jan Stamps, and Patricia Way.

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

*Annual Membership Meeting  
and Barbecue Supper*

BCHS Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.  
RSVP — (803) 739-8076

#### MARCH 6, 2008

*7<sup>th</sup> Annual Brookland-Cayce  
Educators Hall of Fame*

Seawell's  
Rosewood Drive  
Columbia, 6:00 p.m.

#### APRIL 14, 2008

*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.

## SIXTH 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. On February 27, 2007, we inducted Mrs. Alice Boney Rabon, Coach John Checkovich and Mr. Paul E. Risinger. Photographs of all the recipients are hanging in the school's east wing conference room.

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

If you would like to make a nomination for the 2008 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, 2007 for the 2008 Hall of Fame Gala to be held in March at Seawell's in 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, or download the form from our website at [www.BrooklandCayceFoundation.org](http://www.BrooklandCayceFoundation.org).*

## BCHSF EDUCATORS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES—2007



### ALICE B. RABON

**Alice B. Rabon** was born in Blythewood, South Carolina, and she graduated from Blythewood High School in 1926. She earned a Liberal Arts Degree from Columbia College and a Masters in Education from the University of South Carolina. Mrs. Rabon did other graduate work at the University of North Carolina, at William and Mary College, and at USC.

Mrs. Rabon taught for 35 years in schools in South Carolina, including Hartsville, Dentsville, and at University High School in Columbia. She came to Brookland-Cayce High School in 1949, joining the Math Department. She advised the Mu Alpha Theta, the math honor society. She also taught Distributive Education and advised the DECA Club. She became Head of the Math Department in 1959, serving in that capacity her last years at Brookland-Cayce. She also was a guidance counselor and, as DECA adviser, supervised the canteen.

Alice Rabon was active in professional organizations: a life member of the National Education Association, South Carolina state representative to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, two years on the executive board of SCEA, and a member of Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International, an honorary teachers' society. She was also a 25-year member of Girl Scouts of America.

Mrs. Rabon was married to Mr. E. Blease Rabon, and they were active as members of First Baptist Church of Columbia. She shared herself in school, community and church activities.

Her students have given high praise to Mrs. Rabon. She has been described as very competitive, inspiring her students to follow her example. The DECA group won numerous awards. She had a vigorous personality, which encouraged her students to seek success. One former student described her as "strong-willed and domineering, but I loved her dearly. She was a dynamic force in my life."

Mrs. Rabon died in 1965, ending a far-reaching career. The 1966 Bearcat was dedicated in her memory. Its tribute concluded with ". . . she carved her own soul's statue."

### COACH JOHN CHECKOVICH

**John Checkovich** received his degree in 1965 from Wofford College, where he managed the basketball team and played intramural sports. He played football two years, and he was a member of Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity.

Checkovich started his teaching career in Dublin, Georgia, and then moved to Lexington District V in 1966 to teach, coach and be Athletic Director at Chapin High School.

In 1968, Coach Check came to B-C High School to teach science, social studies, drivers education, and chemistry. He was also to coach football, track, volleyball and wrestling.

Coach formed the wrestling team in 1970 and coached them for 33 successful years. Honors include individual State/Team Championships, places in Mid-State and Upper State and ranking in the Top Ten Teams in the State 24 times. He was SC Wrestling Coach of the Year 3 times and Southeastern Coach of the Year once. He helped start the SC Wrestling Coaches Association, held offices, and received their Service Award four times.

Under Coach Check's leadership, the volleyball team grew and attained Region/Lower State Championships. The 2003 team won the State AAA Championship. Coach was Region Coach seven times and also SC Volleyball Coach of the Year. In 2001, he received the Order of the Palmetto from Governor Jim Hodges.

While serving under eight Principals at B-C, Checkovich made his own niche with students. To many, he was the father figure or the caring individual who gave them direction and discipline tempered with a keen sense of humor. His joy has been to have former students thank him for setting them on the right path for success in life.

Through the years, his family changed, too. His wife Lois passed away in 1997, and in 2001, Checkovich married Jo Ann McKay. They have six grandchildren. Every summer the whole family spends time together at the Outer Banks, North Carolina. Jo Ann and Coach attend all the home USC basketball and football games, where they both work in the press box. They are active in Trinity United Methodist Church in Honea Path, where they now make their home.

His favorite challenge: "Always take great pleasure in achieving the thing that people tell you is impossible or that you cannot do—no matter how big or how small." He has had that pleasure more than he can remember.



### PAUL E. RISINGER

**Paul Risinger** graduated from Eau Claire High School in 1955. He earned an AB Degree in Education and Social Studies from the University of South Carolina, while working at the John L. Hensel Company.

Risinger began his teaching career at Airport Middle School in 1959. He moved to Airport High School, where he became Principal in 1962. He worked at the State Department of Education, back at Airport, then in Sumter at Edmunds High School before returning to Lexington District II. He became Principal of Brookland-Cayce High School in 1971. His tenure at B-C lasted nine years, during which the curriculum grew, and students received an excellent education.

From 1980 to 1999, Risinger served District II in a variety of capacities. In 1998 he returned to B-C as Interim Principal, retiring in 1999. He was willing to do whatever job came his way in order to serve the District and give students an education.

Mr. Risinger still holds membership in many professional organizations, and he was a nominee for the Jaycees Young Man of the Year Award.

Since retiring, Risinger has been working at Glen Forest School, where he is currently Associate Head. The stories of young lives he has touched in his varied career testify to his aim to make a difference wherever he serves.

Risinger says he is most proud of his time at Brookland-Cayce High School with its strength and community loyalty. He said B-C always had teachers who gave students a strong academic preparation for life. He loved watching students grow, mature and become solid citizens. Mr. Risinger can tell many stories of kids who needed adult interest and guidance in order to be successful. He has spent his life giving young people that opportunity, and he isn't finished yet.



## 2007 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 Moyer Scholarship**—presented to a student outstanding in academics and athletics with financial need in honor of Coach Moyer 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:*

- Stamps Family Scholarship**—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
- Alice Rabon Math Award**—presented to an outstanding math student
- B-C Class of 1959 Scholarship**—presented to a student with financial needs
- Sara Lindler Math Award**—presented to an outstanding math 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 \$20,000, ranging from \$250 to \$2,000.

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*Listed below are the 2007 graduates who received scholarships:*

Sarah Crouch—College of Charleston  
Morgan Hunter—Midlands Tech  
Brittany Bundrick—Clemson  
Melanie Parker—Lander  
Ashley Price—USC-Columbia  
Kathryn Puryear—Newberry  
Kenyada Adams—Spelman College  
Jeffrey Reid—Newberry  
Brittany Browy—USC-Aiken  
Kristen Childs—Newberry  
Erica Collum—College of Charleston  
Pei Pei Guo—USC-Columbia  
Elizabeth Whittle—Winthrop  
Caitlin Poole—Clemson  
John C. Gypin—Limestone  
Kenneth Keitt—Clafin  
Michael Council—USC-Upstate Spartanburg  
Allyn Jones—Midlands Tech  
Jasmine Whitehead—USC-Beaufort  
Carlos Harris—Newberry  
Christopher Boyd—USC-Columbia  
Jocelyn Kohn—Clemson  
Ike Okoli—Mount Union College  
Katie Taylor—USC-Columbia  
Quinton Jones—Midlands Tech  
Jason Galloway—Midlands Tech  
Shontevia Lofton-Williams—Midlands Tech  
Justin Muller—USC-Columbia  
Brian Drafts—USC-Aiken  
Carolina Horton—USC-Columbia  
Dexter Austin—SC State University  
Antionette Hill—SC State University  
Heather Daugherty—Midlands Tech  
Elizabeth Berado—Newberry  
Auburn Brewer—USC-Aiken  
Travis Self—Clemson  
Francisco Larocca—Duke University  
Yahnique Edwards—Allen University

## TEACHER GRANTS 2007— BCHS FOUNDATION PRESENTS \$14,943

*The Foundation* awarded \$14,943 in teacher grant money. The money this year is being divided among all the departments who submitted grant requests. Some of this year's items purchased include camcorder equipment, classroom DVD sets, computer software organizers, kitchen oven, skeletal system, English/Spanish dictionaries, audio book sets, cardiovascular machines, and other technical equipment/services, which will enable B-C teachers and students to have the educational tools necessary to excel in the classrooms.

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR

*Our 2007 Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Lynn Summer, and she was awarded a \$250 check by the Foundation. Mrs. Summer teaches in the Physical Education Department at B-C. Congratulations, Lynn.*

*We are so proud of you,  
Mrs. Lynn Summer*

## 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.

For the latest updates, Hall of Fame nomination forms, golf tournament information and other items of interest, please check out our new website at <http://www.BrooklandCayceFoundation.org>.



## 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 BCHS 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 BCHS Foundation.

## 2007 Principal's Message



I bring you greetings from the students, staff and faculty here at Brookland-Cayce High School. The 2007-2008 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.

I have always known that Brookland-Cayce is a special place, but coming off of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration last spring, it brought home to me once again that we are truly blessed to be a part of this high school, this community and specifically this Brookland-Cayce Foundation. 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 \$24,000 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 hope you will make plans to attend the Foundation Kick-off Membership Dinner on September 25, 2007, as well as the many events the Foundation sponsors throughout the year. Thank you again for your continued support of Brookland-Cayce High School and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,  
Scott Newman  
Principal, B-C High School



### TO JOIN . . .

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

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<u>Level</u>	<u>Membership Type</u>	
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