



# BROOKLAND-CAYCE HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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NEWSLETTER

Fall, 2009

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## BROOKLAND-CAYCE HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION OFFICERS 2009-2010

The Foundation Board of Directors elected officers on May 14, 2009. The 2009-10 Foundation president is Wade Sellers, who has served on the board since 2005.

Mary Sharpe and Jan Stamps are serving as vice-presidents for the second year. Linda Alford-Wooten retains her position as Secretary, and Carol Mayfield is the new treasurer. We would like to welcome to the Foundation this year our newest board members: Dee Dee Chewning, Bobbie Hartley, and Jerod Summer.

The Advisory Committee is comprised of ten members whose terms have expired on the foundation board of directors: John Bettis, Fred Carter, Ed Kirkland, Ben Levinson, Bob Livingston, Steve Nivens, Barbara Price, Dukes Scott, Bryant Shaffer, 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

#### OCTOBER 8, 2009

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

#### FEBRUARY 4, 2010

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Brookland-Cayce  
Educators Hall of Fame Gala  
Seawell's  
Rosewood Drive  
Columbia, 6:00 p.m.

#### APRIL 12, 2010

Golf Tournament  
Charwood Country Club  
West Columbia, SC

### Brookland-Cayce High School Education Foundation Mission Statement

The **Brookland-Cayce High School Education Foundation (BCHSE 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 **BCHSE 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 **BCHSE 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.

## EIGHTH 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 Moyer. 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. On March 6, 2008, we inducted Anne Price Mooneyhan and Sarah Pitts Lindler. 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 two newest members of the Educators Hall of Fame.

If you would like to make a nomination for the 2009 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 1, 2009, for the 2010 Hall of Fame Gala to be held in February at Seawell's in Columbia.

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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—2009

### BARBARA JORDAN PRICE



Barbara Jordan Price was born on September 28, 1932, in Wrightsville, Georgia. She was the oldest of six children born to Thomas Edward and Lila Parker Jordan. Barbara was an exceptional student, and her list of accomplishments included valedictorian of her graduating class, senior class president, and cheerleader.

In her early years, not only did Barbara guide and lead her younger siblings, but she also loved school and admired greatly the teachers who impacted her life. These experiences inspired Barbara to attend Georgia State College for Women, where she majored in English and Spanish, with plans to become a high school Spanish teacher.

Barbara graduated from college in 1952, but not before meeting and marrying Charles Price. The couple would have three children (Angie, Donna, and Tressa), while Barbara's teaching career blossomed. This career began in Georgia where she taught seventh graders for 5½ years. Eventually, Charles accepted a job with SCE&G, and the family moved to Cayce, South Carolina.

Barbara first started in the Brookland-Cayce School District (now Lexington School District Two) as a substitute teacher. In 1968, Barbara was hired full time. She taught basic, medium, and college-prep English, as well as journalism and creative writing. She also served as advisor for the BCHS newspaper and taught an AP English class. When the legendary Marguerite McCaskill retired, Barbara became Head of the English Department. In 1983, she was named Teacher of the Year.

Throughout her career, Barbara inspired students and colleagues alike with her considerable skills and steady leadership. She possessed a good sense of humor, an unflinching sense of fairness, and a commanding yet gentle presence. Most importantly, she displayed a unique knack for working with students of all learning levels. Barbara embodied the spirit of teaching, as well as the spirit of professional camaraderie.

Barbara retired in 1992 but has remained active within the BCHS community. She has become involved with the English as a Second Language program, taught Sunday School, and tutored elementary school students. Barbara was also a Board Member for the BCHS Foundation and currently serves on its Advisory Committee. In 2002, she was awarded the prestigious Hero and Heroine Award from Lexington School District Two.

BCHS has been an integral part of Barbara Price's life since she first arrived in 1968. She continues to serve B-C and her community to this day.

### VASSEY BURNELL RUFF



Vassey Burnell Ruff, the eighth of nine children, was born on July 22, 1917, in Saluda County to Ashton and Daisy Smith Ruff. Ashton Ruff was a farmer in those days, but a plague wiped out the family farm forcing them to move to Newberry when Vassey was just six years old. In Newberry, Mr. Ruff supported his family by working in a textile mill.

For much of his formative years, Vassey was defined by mill life in which hard work and a blue collar ethos governed day-to-day existence. In fact, it actually took him five years to graduate from Newberry High School, because his parents needed him to also work and help support the family. Eventhough it took a little

longer than normal, Vassey did graduate in 1936 after which he went straight to work at a cotton mill.

In 1942, however, Vassey was drafted into the Air Force as WWII raged. He was stationed in Canada for 3½ years before being honorably discharged. Using the GI Bill, Vassey enrolled in Newberry College, where he received a two-year certificate for bookkeeping and accounting, but his activities outside the classroom would eventually govern his future.

Needing money while in college, Vassey worked as a cabinet maker and discovered he possessed a penchant for carpentry and woodworking. With a friend's encouragement and with new construction drying up work opportunities, Vassey decided to pursue a career as a teacher of carpentry. After earning the required certificates, he was hired in 1953 by Brookland-Cayce High School. Shortly thereafter, Vassey married the love of his life, Salley Harrelson, and the couple would have two children together (Sallie Rae and Chris Burnell).

Vassey taught carpentry at B-C for seven years, including a one year stint as a driver's education instructor. In 1960, he was promoted to Lexington School District Two's Supervisor of Maintenance Services. Vassey served with distinction in this capacity until his retirement in 1980.

Vassey was and continues to be active in the BCHS community. He attends Holland Avenue Baptist Church, where he has served as Deacon and Trustee. Vassey is also a member of the Lions Club and the Civitans, as well as the American Legion and the "Metallic Club," a senior citizen service group.

As a carpentry teacher and maintenance supervisor, Vassey Burnell Ruff represents those who often work behind the scenes to ensure efficiency and smooth operations. Vassey did so for twenty plus years, and he did it in an exemplary fashion.

## 2009 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

**James Porter Endowed Scholarship**—presented to a deserving, well-rounded student

**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

**Ronald Moore Memorial Scholarship**—presented to a student in the health field

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

**Beatrice Ellisor Parker Memorial Scholarship**—presented to a student with financial needs

**Debbie Smith Hoffman Memorial Scholarship**—presented to a student in the music field

**Lloyd E. Kirkland Sr. Memorial Scholarship**—presented to a student with financial needs

**Patricia Coleman Scholarship**—presented 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

**Ronald L. Moore Scholarship**—presented to a deserving, well-rounded student

**Rose Levinson Memorial Scholarship**—presented to a student in the health field

**Maysey-Hagins Memorial Scholarship**—presented to a student in the graphics field

**Jarvis Klapman Memorial Scholarship**—presented to a deserving, well-rounded student

**Robbie Stevens Memorial Scholarship**—presented to a student in the math/science 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

**Balfour Scholarship**—presented to a student with financial needs

**Dusty Rhodes Scholarship**—presented to a student with financial needs

**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

**Elizabeth Holcomb Special Ed Award**—presented to an outstanding special education student

**Gurnell Coker English Award**—presented to an outstanding English student

**Mildred Matthews English Award**—presented to an outstanding English student

**Sara Lindler Math Award**—presented to an outstanding math student

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

**BCHS Memorial Scholarship**—presented to a student in the education field

**BCHSF's Teacher of the Year-Bonnie Tucker Scholarship**—presented to 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 \$33,516 ranging from \$250 to \$2,000.

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### **Listed below are the 2009 graduates who received scholarships:**

Robyn Taylor—Norwich University, VT  
Lindsay Blaire Goodwin—USC-Aiken  
Kristin Bradford—Columbia College  
Kayla Braxton—USC-Columbia  
Colby Murphy—Spartanburg Methodist  
Jeremy Brazzell—USC-Sumter  
Donna Fox—Columbia College  
Colby Greer—USC-Columbia  
Austin Harris—Tri-County Tech  
Thomas McDuffie—Winthrop  
Mollie Ellisor—College of Charleston  
Emily Taylor—Winthrop  
Whitley Earle—South University  
Rico Jackson—USC-Sumter  
Dia Rivera—Midlands Tech  
Brittany Sizemore—Winthrop  
Fralick Taylor—USC-Columbia  
Tre'Von Williams—Coastal Carolina  
Brittany Pedings—Midlands Tech  
Tyler Oswald—USC-Columbia  
Shannon Wright—College of Charleston  
Camlin Cothran—Clemson  
Kaitlyn Pennington—USC-Columbia  
Dakota Dozier—Furman University  
Shemaiah Shell—USC-Columbia  
Jeremy Davenport—Midlands Tech  
Robert Pierce—Spartanburg Methodist  
Alexander Nettles—USC-Columbia  
Joshua Day—USC-Columbia  
Teresa Sanchez—Midlands Tech  
Edwin Scott—Clemson  
Christopher Beckham—Midlands Tech  
Adam Keller—USC-Columbia  
Haley Mathias—Columbia College  
Quinten Epting—USC-Columbia  
Jewel Anna Brown—USC-Columbia  
Ashley Toney—Newberry  
Victoria Blaine Goodwin—Newberry  
Chelsea Daniels—Columbia College  
Lauren Robbins—Lander University  
Kelly Kennedy—USC-Columbia  
Jewel Pierce—Spartanburg Methodist  
Mark Anthony Heaton—Spartanburg Methodist  
Mackenzie Cleland—Clemson  
Shavonta Smalls—Francis Marion  
Joy Fuller—Clemson  
Victoria Leitner—USC-Columbia  
Takis Smith—Columbia College  
Thomas Gilmore—Midlands Tech  
Brianna Williams—Lander University  
Jeremy Free—USC-Columbia  
Tiara Tucker—Benedict College  
Tony Ditolla—Wofford  
Brieann Wrezbinski—Newberry  
Griffin Gunter—Newberry  
Zack Derrick—Midlands Tech

## **TEACHER GRANTS 2009 — BCHS FOUNDATION PRESENTS \$11,310**

The Foundation's contribution in teacher grants provided \$11,310, meeting most of the teacher requests and needs for the upcoming school year. Some of this year's items purchased include speech texts, bowling equipment, LCD projectors, printer supplies, Novel units, wellness equipment, Smartboard, statistical software, JROTC/FBLA/DECA travel funds, and other technical equipment/services which will enable BCHS teachers and students to utilize the educational tools necessary to excel in the classroom.

### **TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Our 2009 Teacher of the Year is Ms. Bonnie Tucker, and she was awarded a \$250 check by the Foundation. Ms. Tucker teaches in the Foreign Language/Social Studies Department at BC. Congratulations, Bonnie. We are so proud of you, Ms. Bonnie Tucker.

**2009 Principal's Message**



I bring you greetings from the students, staff and faculty here at Brookland-Cayce High School. The 2008-2009 school year was another year of achievement for Brookland-Cayce High School.

Academically, B-C realized gains in SAT scores, ACT scores and first attempt HSAP Exit Exam scores. The Graduating Senior Class of 2009 earned scholarship monies totaling over \$3,250,000. Twelve graduating Bearcats were recognized as Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Winners, as well as five seniors who were recognized as South Carolina Academic Achievement Honors Award winners.

Success was not limited to the academic classroom as our Fine Arts Department garnered Superior Ratings in Chorus, Orchestra and Band for the sixth consecutive year. Members from all three groups were named to All-State Status. The Brookland-Cayce Band was also awarded the State Achievement Award for their cumulative work for the 2008-2009 school year. Our Army JROTC unit was designated as an Honor Unit with Distinction for the 13th consecutive year. Our career and technology educational program produced many state award winners and participants in national competitions. Our school yearbook, The 2009 Bearcat, was inducted into the Gallery of Excellence, a distinction awarded to outstanding yearbooks across the nation. Brookland-Cayce High School was also the recipient of a Community Service Award for outstanding contributions to the Cayce-West Columbia area.

Our Bearcat athletic teams also gained regional and state recognition in a number of areas. In addition to winning the AAA Lower State Championship in softball, Brookland-Cayce won the region in girls golf and qualified for the State Playoffs in football, volleyball, girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer and baseball. Several members of our athletic teams were named to All-Region and All-State as well.

Physically, the campus of Brookland-Cayce enjoyed several new additions and renovations during the year. Among the new areas were the renovated Media Center, a new Fine Arts Wing, a new Cafeteria and renovated Art Room and a Computer Lab. All in all, over 12 million dollars of improved and new facilities were completed during the 2008-2009 school year.

The tradition and heritage of Brookland-Cayce High School is still very evident as B-C enters her 78<sup>th</sup> year of existence. The longer I am around this great

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institution the more I realize how blessed it is 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 almost \$30,000 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 October 8, 2009, 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.

Scott Newman  
Principal, B-C High School

**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.

**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.**

2009-2010



**Level**

- \$25.00 - \$49.99
- \$50.00 - \$99.99
- \$100.00 - \$249.99
- \$250.00 - \$499.99
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