

THE B² LEGACY

"I will NOT let you be average." B²

BKB FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT

Holiday Message

The Holiday Season is often associated with fond memories of previous gatherings with loved ones as well as affirming the hopes and dreams for the upcoming year. During this joyous season, we would like to reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us during 2013.

The BKB Foundation has been blessed with supporters who share our mission and a desire to continue Brian's legacy of helping children. The College Connection Program, a collaboration with Duke University to open the eyes and hearts of prospective first-generation college students currently attending middle school, is one avenue to achieve this. Brian wanted his students to be successful in the classroom as well as succeed in their respective communities. He worked diligently every day of his life to help his students reach their goals and

achieve their dreams.

There are so many to thank for the success of the Foundation: our race sponsors, volunteers, friends, family and donors who share our commitment to carry on Brian's legacy. The beneficiaries of this commitment are the students that the Foundation is helping through its educational programs and will continue to help with dedication from our advocates and allies.

We at the BKB Foundation for Educational Enrichment wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Holiday Season. May God bless you and you enjoy peace, love and an abundance of good health in the upcoming New Year.

The Brian Betts Family



Why B² (Squared)?

In the course of Brian's tenure as a teacher and administrator, he would often use the signature "B²". His colleagues and staff grew very accustomed to seeing B² as a message of support and acknowledgement of their work. Thus, the Brian K. Betts Foundation for Educational Enrichment dedicates this biannual newsletter in honor of Brian, trusting in his support and approval of the Foundation's activities.

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Stonewall Jackson High School Memorial Garden



As so many of Brian's friends and high school classmates were mourning his death, and wondering what could be done to ensure his memory was kept alive and his story was told, an idea came to light. Terri Aufmuth Stevens, SJHS Class of '84 and owner of Cornerstone Landscaping in Bristow, VA, approached me (Becky Smith Crowne, (SJHS Class of '85) with the idea of building a memorial garden to honor Brian's spirit and love of education. We felt it was fitting to build the garden near the choir room doors at Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, VA.

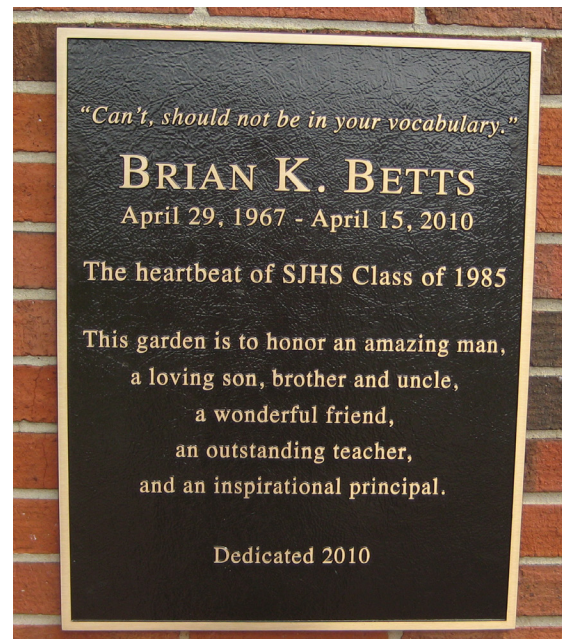
Terri worked on a design and we set a date for the dedication of the garden. We spread the word using email and Facebook. Donations and orders for engraved bricks began arriving from several of Brian's family members and many of his classmates. The messages ranged from personal to inspirational and came

from as far away as Afghanistan and The Netherlands!

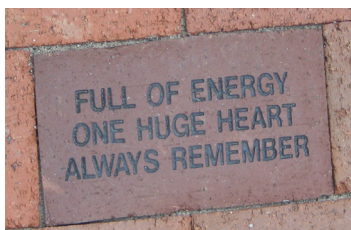
On August 21, 2010, the garden was dedicated with many of Brian's family and friends in attendance. After words of thanks from Mrs. Betts and a few speeches given and memories shared by friends, balloons were released and a short prayer was given by Nancy Bates Russick (SJHS Class of '85), one of Brian's friends since childhood. After the dedication, a beautiful plaque was installed. Today, the garden continues to grow with the recent addition of benches, donated by Stonewall Jackson High School and its principal, Mr. Richard Nicols. There are a few more bricks to be installed and maintenance will continue to be done on the garden each spring and fall.

Our hope was to build a place not only to remember and honor Brian, but to inspire students. From the calm and peaceful surroundings to the messages on the bricks, the hope is that students will find this a place of peace and inspiration.

~Becky Smith Crowne



A "very special thanks" to Terri Stevens and Greg & Becky Crowne for their inspiration and commitment to making this beautiful garden a reality. We would also like to thank them for always being there to support the BKB Foundation.



Memorial Bench at University of North Carolina Greensboro

As we approach the winter months and as the days pass, the seasons change, but one thing remains constant - our memories. Those memories are of mine and Brian's days at UNCG. Brian Betts bled blue and gold and he was a true "Spartan", not only for his dedication and loyalty, but also because of his commitment to education.

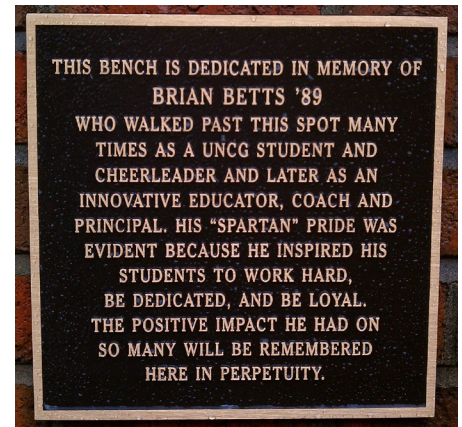
He will forever hold a place in our hearts, and his legacy lives on as others view the words on the plaque and the "Spartan" spirit that lives on in the bench location near the athletic fields and Fleming Gymnasium.

This year, the cheerleaders posted this on their Facebook page – "In the spirit of homecoming 2013, we remember former cheerleader, Brian Betts, whose memorial bench was dedicated two years ago during

Homecoming celebrations. May we always remember to work hard, be dedicated, and be loyal lets go G#UNCGHomecoming"

He would be so proud that others are instilling his words of wisdom. I am proud to have called him, Friend!

~Julia Weaver



A "huge thank you" to Julia Weaver and the individuals at UNCG who were instrumental in the establishment of the bench and plaque project. It was a team effort and we thank everyone who was involved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

College Connection (2014)

The Brian K. Betts Foundation will partner with Duke University again to sponsor a College Connection trip for students from Charles Hart Middle School in Washington, DC. The trip is scheduled for February 9-11, 2014.

Check our website www.bkbfoundation.org and also Facebook at www.facebook.com/bkbfoundation after the events for articles and pictures of the trip.

Scholarships (2014)

For the 2013-2014 school year, the BKB Foundation will award two new scholarships in the May/June 2014 timeframe to deserving graduates from the Washington Metropolitan area. We will also continue the scholarships for the two recipients from 2012-2013, provided they meet criteria established for continued financial support.

"...he set us all on a path that made us want to push for more than what we had." ~ Stephanie

"All he wanted was his students to succeed." ~ anonymous student

UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

BKB ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK

The second annual BKB 5K Run/Walk will again be held at West Potomac Park in Washington, DC. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a morning of exercise and lots of fun on Saturday, May 17, 2014.

Registration will be available starting in February. Registration is \$25 (goes up to \$30 on May 10th). Student registration is \$20. The 5K Run will start promptly at 8:00a.m., with the walk commencing after all runners have crossed the start line. If you are interested in a sponsorship opportunity for the BKB Annual 5K, please email us at BKBAnnual5K@bkbfoundation.org and we will send you a sponsorship package.

More info on the race can be found at our Foundation website, www.bkbfoundation.org and at www.facebook.com/bkbfoundation.

All proceeds from the race benefit the Brian K. Betts Foundation for Educational Enrichment. This is our major fundraiser of the year. Your support is greatly appreciated and needed to continue to help students who need our help.

Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/bkbfoundation>

DONATION PROCESS

One of the primary goals of the BKB Foundation for Educational Enrichment is to help students further their education and become successful in all aspects of their lives. This is accomplished through fundraisers and donations from individuals, like yourselves, who are enthusiastic about helping students succeed. There can never be a donation too small or too large. We appreciate all the help and support that is extended to the Brian K. Betts Foundation.

During this time of year, many look at how they may be able to help others. We sincerely hope you will consider a donation to this extremely worthy cause –

helping us help students!!

Donations in the form of checks should be made payable to BKB Foundation/CFNCR and mailed to:

CFNCR

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Suite 420

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Donations may also be made by credit card. Visit www.cfnr.org and the BKB Foundation name can be found in the drop-down menu of choices (there is an additional fee for credit cards).



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*“...wouldn’t it be wonderful to have
an administrator like him in every school
so that every child could have a champion
like him.” ~ anonymous parent*

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