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BKB FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT

Chairperson Message

Hello Summertime!! Summer is finally here after a grueling winter that just didn't want to let go. It even affected our BKB Annual 5K Run/Walk.

The past six months have been busy and filled with excitement. Our family was honored to be invited to attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) Athletics Hall of Fame Ceremony at the Greensboro Coliseum where Brian was inducted into his alma mater's Hall of Fame during this ceremony.

The College Connection trip occurred on February 9th through 11th, 2014 and was attended by eight students from Charles Hart Middle School in the District of Columbia. The trip was sponsored by the BKB Foundation and hosted by Duke University, Durham, NC. The middle school students engaged with student athletes for tours, observing an academic class, and attending a women's basketball game.

The Foundation awarded two new Brian K. Betts Memorial Scholarships this year. One was awarded to a student from Stonewall High School in Manassas, VA and one to a student from Watkins Mill High School in Gaithersburg, MD. The recipients of the two 2012-2013 scholarships met criteria established for renewal; thus the Foundation is sponsoring four current college students with scholarships.

I want to personally thank Maggie Altomare, Co-Director of the 2014 BKB Annual 5K Run/Walk, for her dedication and enormous help with the 5K. Even though the race was cancelled, countless hours of planning and hard work went into ensuring a successful outcome and we could count on Maggie being there to support the race and the BKB Foundation. Thanks Maggie!!

Have a wonderful summer!

Doris Betts



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UNCG Athletics Hall of Fame Induction

During the weekend of February 21 – 23, 2014, the University of North Carolina Greensboro (UNCG) held its 14th Annual Hall of Fame Ceremony at the Greensboro Coliseum.

The 1987-88 UNCG Women's Basketball Team became the eighth team to be inducted into the UNCG Hall of Fame. Brian's best friend, Julia Weaver, was a member of the UNCG Women's Basketball Team and was one of the inductees.

Brian was manager of the UNCG Women's Basketball Team during the 1987-88 time frame and he was also inducted into the Hall of Fame. His mother, sister and niece Emily represented him, and his mom accepted the award at the induction. All of the inductees, or their representatives, were also recognized at halftime at both the women's basketball game that was played on Saturday, February 22nd and the men's basketball game played on Sunday, February 23rd.



“Brian was just as important a part of our team chemistry as any of the players or coaches. He had the unique ability to cross the line between players and coaches and make both sides feel that what was said in anger or frustration would not be repeated. He had the maturity to value his position and to never abuse it. Everyone trusted Brian and he made us all feel like we were his best friend – even though only Julia truly was – not an easy thing to accomplish when surrounded by so many strong females.” – Carol Peschel

His mom, sister and niece heard so many wonderful stories about Brian during that weekend. It made them so proud to know so many people admired and respected him. He loved the University of North Carolina Greensboro



Brian K. Betts Memorial Scholarships



We are always excited about awarding scholarships every year to deserving high school seniors. This year we awarded two new scholarships and renewed the two scholarships from 2013.

We are so proud of Nikia Ewell, attending the University of Virginia, and Christian Carter, attending Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut. Nikia and Christian are the recipients of the BKB Memorial Scholarships awarded for the 2013-2014 school year, and were eligible for renewal if they met certain

criteria requirements. They not only met, but exceeded all the criteria requirements for renewal; therefore they will have their scholarships renewed for the 2014-2015 school year. Keep up the good work Nikia and Christian!!

A scholarship was awarded to Alexis Jones from Stonewall Jackson High School (SJHS) in Manassas, VA. Alexis will be attending Virginia State University and will major in Interdisciplinary Studies/ Elementary Education. After earning her Bachelors Degree, she plans on

Brian K. Betts Memorial Scholarships (Cont'd)



attending graduate school to receive a Masters Degree in Education, and a career in teaching in an elementary school. Thanks to Nancy Bates Russick for representing the BKB Foundation at the SJHS Awards Ceremony and presenting the award to Alexis.

The second scholarship was awarded to Jerica Skees, a graduate of Watkins Mill High School in Gaithersburg, MD. Jerica has chosen Salisbury University as her college. She will be studying art and desires to become a high school art teacher.

We wish both Alexis and Jerica much success in college!

College Connection 2014



In February 2014, a small group of eight students from Charles Hart Middle School, Washington, DC traveled to Duke University for the second College Connection trip sponsored by the BKB Foundation for Educational Enrichment.

Upon their arrival, the group was met by Doris Betts, Chairperson of the BKB Foundation and Julia Weaver, Board Representative. Meeting each of the students, Devin, Kaylynn, Kema, Daizha, Kayla, ShaeLynn, Kendrick and John was very exciting for Mrs. Betts and Ms. Weaver.

Monday included a full schedule of activities that had been planned for the students on campus at Duke University. The day started with a tour of the football facilities and they witnessed a morning practice; also a visit to the other athletic facilities, including Cameron Indoor Stadium. There was a Q & A with Sam Carpenter from Admissions, a Sports Psychology class with Duke student-athletes and they ate lunch on campus with other Duke students.

“I learned that being in college isn’t just about doing

work and being glued to a seat all day; college is fun and it really helps build a person’s character” – Kayla R.

Later in the day, while the students were making posters for the women’s basketball team, they were visited by Tyler Thornton and Rasheed Sulimon of the Duke men’s basketball team. The students were able to interact with Tyler and Rasheed and to ask questions about “a day in the life” of a Duke student-athlete. The night ended with a pizza party and cheering for Duke as they battled The University of North Carolina.

Two very special people who helped make this trip the success it was are Jacki Silar (the newest member of the BKB Advisory Committee) and Avery Rape. Thank you so very much for all you did for the students.

This trip was a wonderful learning experience for the students and each is now more knowledgeable about what it would be like to be a “real” college student. They will cherish this memory and be able to make decisions about high school academics and possibly explore opportunities in athletics.



2014 BKB Annual 5K Run/Walk

The 2014 BKB Annual Run/Walk scheduled to be held at West Potomac Park, Washington, DC on May 17, 2014, was cancelled on Friday afternoon, May 16th. The National Park Service (NPS) notified the Chairperson of the BKB Foundation that due to rising flood waters on the Potomac River, events scheduled for East/West Potomac Park and Hains Point on Saturday, May 17th, which included the BKB 5K, were cancelled. The cancellation was greatly disappointing given the efforts of the race committee and the successful registration process; however, the BKB Foundation respects and understands the rationale for this decision.

reschedule the race, but an acceptable alternative date could not be found. Unfortunately, we will not be able to reschedule the event.

A very special thank you to our sponsors, registrants, supporters, in-kind donors and our many volunteers who gave freely of their time to help organize and assist on race day for the race that "almost was".

The race may have been cancelled, but the cause wasn't. We want to thank all those special registrants who donated their registration fees to the BKB Foundation. Your support of the 5K and the BKB Foundation is greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

We collaborated with NPS to find a suitable date to

Donate Today!

DONATION PROCESS

The Brian K. Betts Foundation for Educational Enrichment strives to help students further their education and become successful in all aspects of their lives. We do this through scholarships, college connection trips and other educational programs to benefit students. Donations and support from individuals and sponsors help us accomplish this goal.

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