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BKB FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT

## Brian K Betts Memorial Scholarships

The Brian K. Betts Foundation for Educational Enrichment is always honored to recognize the outstanding students who receive the Brian K. Betts Memorial Scholarships each year. These students are individuals who excel academically and work very hard to achieve success.



**Kenneth Miller**

**Stonewall Jackson High School Recipient**

This year we congratulate Kenneth Miller for being the 2015 recipient of the Brian K. Betts Memorial Scholarship offered through Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, Virginia.

Kenneth will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall and his anticipated major is History. He plans on entering a Masters program to obtain a degree in secondary education after completing his undergraduate degree in History.



**Dede Gaba**

### Renewable Scholarships

Christian Carter, former recipient from Dunbar High School in Washington, DC, and Nikia Ewell from Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, VA, have both met the criteria established for renewal, and will have their scholarships renewed for the 2015-2016 school term. Christian and Nikia will be entering their junior year this fall. Christian is a student at Sacred Heart University and Nikia is attending The University of Virginia.

Congratulations Christian and Nikia!

### Watkins Mill High School Recipient

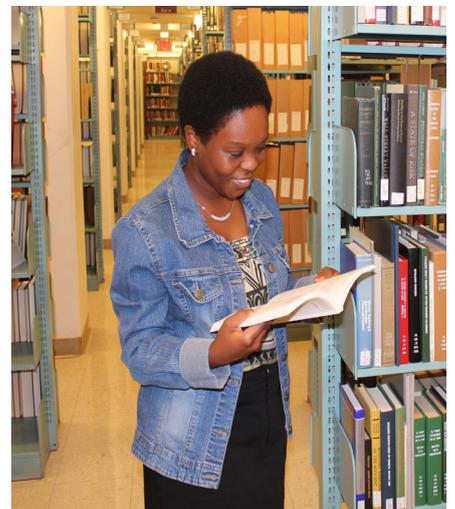
We are delighted to recognize Dede Gaba as the 2015 recipient of the Brian K. Betts Memorial Scholarship offered through Watkins Mill High School in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Dede will be entering Towson University in the fall. She has always enjoyed working with children, and her educational goal is to major in Early Childhood Education.

We wish both of these well deserving students the very best in achieving their goals.



**Above Photo: Christian**  
**Below Photo: Nikia**



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### College Connection Trip to Johns Hopkins University

On March 25, 2015, Johns Hopkins University (JHU) in Baltimore, Maryland was host to a group of students from A. Mario Loiederman Middle School in Silver Spring, Maryland. The students were on a College Connection trip sponsored by the Brian K. Betts Foundation for Educational Enrichment.

Upon arrival at JHU, the students were greeted by Kelsie Gory, Assistant Athletics Director/SWA-Game Operations, Mike Cosgrove, BKB Foundation Representative, Doris Betts, Chairperson of the Foundation and student-athlete mentors. After enjoying a continental breakfast in the Student-Athlete Lounge, the Athletics Director of JHU, Mr. Calder, welcomed the students and spoke with them briefly.

They met with an Admissions Officer and learned about the admission process. The students were then treated to a very informative campus tour and attended their first college class - Psychopharmacology. After class, they had lunch with the student athletes, toured a residence hall, enjoyed a facilities tour, watched part of a baseball game, and then headed to the lacrosse field to watch JHU win over Vanderbilt.

As the day came to a close, they headed back to the Student-Athlete Lounge for a pizza dinner, debriefing and departing for home. It was a full and exciting day for the students. This experience will help them become more focused on what they need to do academically in the upcoming years to be prepared for college. The students will continue to remain in contact (via email or text) with the student-athlete assigned to them during their visit.

This was the first BKB Foundation sponsored College Connection Trip to JHU and we are looking forward to many more trips. Thanks to everyone who gave of their time for the students. A very special thanks to Mike Cosgrove, Kelsie Gory, Shannon Cosgrove, and the student-athlete mentors for making the trip a successful and memorable one.

### College Connection Trip to Duke University

This year on February 2nd, eight students from Hart Middle School in Washington, DC rode down on Super Bowl Sunday and began Monday morning with a meet and greet with Doris Betts and Julia Weaver of the BKB Foundation. They began the long day with a tour of the athletic facilities such as the Yoh Football Center, Cameron Indoor Stadium and the Michael W. Krzyzewski Center. They watched the members of the 2015 Duke Football squad prepare for their upcoming spring practice. Sam Carpenter from the Duke University Admissions Office visited with the middle school students and discussed the admissions process and what it will take for them to one day attend Duke University or the college of their choice.

Duke football players Zavier Carmichael, Dezmond Johnson and Johnathan Lloyd, and track and field pole vaulter Megan Clark talked about why they chose to attend Duke University and their experiences as students-athletes. The middle school students attended their first college course in Sports Ethics in the Wilson Recreation Center.

They started the afternoon off with lunch at the Penn Pavilion with their mentors. After lunch, they took a tour of West Campus, including the Bryan Center, the Duke Chapel, and the Perkins and Bostock Library.



The middle school students then met with assigned student-athlete mentors. Quinn Cook of the men’s basketball team visited with the middle school students as a guest speaker and discussed his time growing up in the Washington, DC area and his journey to Duke. They finished the day by cheering on the Duke women’s basketball team during their Monday night victory over No. 8 Louisville. Each student was paired with a student-athlete mentor and will communicate with them monthly via email, or text. We are pleased to add this component to the College Connection initiative. Looking forward to another trip next year where we can inspire more students to think about college as not just an option, but a reality.



## Spotlight Article

### **BKB Bowling For Students Fundraiser**

An enjoyable evening was had by all at the BKB Foundation Bowling for Students Fundraiser in Manassas, Virginia on Saturday, May 30th. Cathy and her staff at Bowl America Bull Run are to be commended for accommodating all our requests and ensuring everything was done to our satisfaction. It was a pleasure working with them!

The bowling fundraiser was a huge success and plans are in the making to do it again next year. Everyone had an exciting evening bowling with family and friends. Many of Stonewall Jackson High School alumni were there and Neelsville and Loiederman Middle Schools were also represented.

We want to thank all our lane sponsors (The Patriot Varsity Club, The Rising Athletes, Get Fit With Herve, Dr. Chris Mesick, Hazelwood Title & Escrow, E&S Renovations, Maggie Altomare, Realtor, The Gill Girls and the Betts & Altomare Family). We appreciate your sponsorship.

Also, a very special thanks to Michelle Hawkins of Sugar Cookie Creations for the wonderful cookies and Nancy Wallace of The Farmer’s Daughters Cupcakes for the delicious cupcakes.

Another special thanks goes to Doug Nelson and John Pizzo who bowled “remotely” from Fort Lauderdale, FL. They raised \$810.00 for the BKB Foundation in support of scholarships and the College Connection program for middle school students in the DC metro area. To all the individuals who sponsored Doug and John for this event, we

thank you so very much.

Thanks to everyone who attended, made donations – and the many who just stopped by to lend their support to the BKB Foundation.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year and hope those who were unable to make it out this year, will come and join the fun next year! Our hope is to grow this into an even bigger event for the BKB Foundation.



## BKB Bowling Fundraiser



Left: Bowl America Manassas

Right: Florida Team



## 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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