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BKB FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT

From The Chairperson

Congratulations to all 2016 graduates!

It's an exciting time of year for the students graduating high school and eager to begin a new phase of their lives. The BKB Foundation awarded two new scholarships this year - one to Ashlyn Johns from Stonewall Jackson High School and one to Elida Vasquez Serrano from Watkins Mill High School. Both students plan to major in education. We wish them all the best as they continue to pursue their educational goals.

We will also be renewing the scholarships for Nikia Ewell and Christian Carter. Nikia and Christian are the recipients of the renewable scholarships from the 2013-2014 school year, and they will be entering their senior year in the fall.

All of us here at the BKB Foundation are especially excited this year. Jennifer's daughter, Brian's niece and our granddaughter, Nicole Altomare, graduated from Calvert High School with Distinction, and will be attending the University of Maryland in the fall. She graduated in the top 5% of her class and was ranked 10th in her class. Congratulations Nicole! Uncle Brian would be so proud of you.

Doris Betts



Ashlyn Johns is the BKB Scholarship recipient from Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, VA. Ashlyn will be attending James Madison University in the fall and her anticipated major is Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies; Elementary Education. College was never in question for Ashlyn. She always knew she would go to college. She wants to teach to change someone's life, like some of her teachers did for her.



Our scholarship recipient from Watkins Mill High School this year is Elida Vasquez Serrano. Elida plans on pursuing an education major and will be attending Montgomery College. She gives teachers credit for having a huge impact on her life. They taught her to reach her potential and to never give up. She wants to major in Education and then she wants to become an Autism Spectrum Specialist.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Brian K. Betts Foundation promotes academic excellence and educational enrichment for students and faculty who seek to improve and progress in their education or career.

Brian Betts' legacy as an educator and administrator is best remembered through an often-repeated message to his students and staff:

"I will NOT let you be average."

By funding scholarships, awards, and grants for educational activities and professional educational programs, the BKB Foundation will meet its paramount goal for those students or faculty who seek academic or professional improvement.



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BKB Initiative – College Connection Trip

DUKE STUDENT - ATHLETES INSPIRE HART MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

On February 1st, seven students from Hart Middle School in Washington, DC visited Duke's campus via an educational enrichment program provided by the Brian K. Betts Foundation. This program is designed to inspire students to strive for excellence and to better appreciate the importance of education. This was the fourth annual College Connection program campus visit to Duke.

The seven Hart Middle School students were Tone'ya, Tyray, Helen, Marcus, JaQuan, Reynard, and Deonte. They traveled to Durham on Sunday and met with members of the BKB Foundation. On Monday, their day began with a tour of the athletic facilities. This tour included watching an offseason workout of the Duke Women's Volleyball Team followed by tours of the Yoh Football Center, Cameron Indoor Stadium, and the Krzyzewski Center. Afterwards, each student was partnered with a current Duke student-athlete to shadow for part of the day. The student-athletes who volunteered their time as mentors include: Alyssa Chillano (Field Hockey), Track and Field's Megan Clark, Urina Harrell, and Chaz Hawkins (Track & Field), and Duke Football's Zavier Carmichael, Cody Robinson, and Chris Taylor (Football). The mentors took their mentees to a class, toured campus, and ate lunch with them before the middle school students departed for an Admissions and Leadership enrichment session.

Sam Carpenter from the Duke University Admissions Office discussed what the admissions process is like for prospective students and what it would take to attend Duke University. Afterwards, each middle school student created a vision board. Their vision board focused on what makes them happy and what they want to achieve in life. Their visit concluded by cheering on the Duke Women's Basketball Team as they took on #3 ranked Notre Dame. Helen, a Hart Middle School student, whose goals include attending an Ivy League School, stated BKB's College Connections trip helped her understand that she "needs to work hard to achieve her goals and stay focused on being herself."

After a phenomenal day of exploring the different aspects of life as a student at Duke University, the Hart Middle School students returned to their Washington, DC homes on Tuesday morning to work toward making their visions a reality.



On April 13, 2016, a group of students from A. Mario Loiederman Middle School participated in the second BKB Foundation sponsored College Connection Trip to Johns Hopkins University.

The day started with a DISC Leadership exercise that required the students to interact with each other and the host athletes. It worked as an excellent ice breaker, and was also a fun exercise for the students to learn a little bit about their characteristics and how they relate to leadership styles.

The students received a welcome and a message from Director of Athletics, Tom Calder, and then headed out to a Social Psychology class. The class was an excellent choice. The Professor was very engaging and the topic of the lecture (components of personal relationships) was one that the students could connect with, without being enrolled in the class for the entire semester. The lecture was in one of the larger lecture halls at the university and held a very large class. The professor even came by to see the group after the lecture to greet the students.

After the class, the students were treated to a tour of the university given by a student athlete who also was trained as a campus tour guide. She was very knowledgeable about the university and kept the group interested in all parts of the campus. They were able to tour a dorm room in one of Hopkins Freshman dorms. After the tour, they were taken to the dining hall for lunch with the student athletes. There was a good bit of interaction between the group of students and several of the athletes during lunch.

After lunch, they had a tour of the athletic facilities, including the recreational sports facilities and the pool. They then visited the turf fields at Homewood as well as the baseball field. After the tour, the group got some down time in the Student Athlete Lounge and made posters for the lacrosse game. The students attended the lacrosse game at Homewood field before having a pizza party and departing for home.

It was a full day, but a very good day. At the end, when asked about the highlight of the day, the answers were detailed and varied across most of the events of the day.

BOWLING FOR STUDENTS

**Brian K. Betts Foundation for Educational Enrichment
Fundraiser**



When: Saturday, August 13, 2016

Time: 6:00P.M. – 9:00P.M.

**Where: Bowl America Bull Run
10641 Balls Ford Road
Manassas, VA 20109**

Cost: \$25.00 (includes 2 games and shoe rental)

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