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"I will NOT let you be average." B²

BKB FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT

Holiday Message

The Holiday Season is a time of remembrance and rejoicing with family and friends. It's a time to reflect on past accomplishments and look forward to new ones filled with excitement and expectations. As you shop this Holiday Season, we hope you will consider a gift to the BKB Foundation. That special gift will help us carry on Brian's legacy and help a student further their education.

All of us at the BKB Foundation want to thank you for your support and donations, and wish you a new year filled with peace, understanding, love and much happiness.

The Brian Betts Family



BKB Bowling in Chicago

On Saturday morning, August 13th, Vinny Cousineau and Doug Nelson initiated the BKB Bowling for Students, raising funds for the BKB Foundation in Chicago. Vinny and Doug were volleyball teammates of Brian for several years, and both continue to support the Foundation with their time, talents and contributions.

Vinny, in his lovable type-A math-oriented way, created a Facebook containing a variety of ways to pledge (per pin, per strike, per open frame, etc.) whereas, Doug, having embraced the more laid-back South Florida lifestyle, simply asked for direct donations. Hence, Doug did not experience guilt when any bowling balls hit the gutter during his games (and there were a few). He managed to break 100 each time to save his dignity, while Vinny hit a turkey (three consecutive strikes) and kept knocking down pins.

Kudos to Alex Benjamin, who knew Brian through the volleyball leagues, who made a significant contribution, as well as approximately twenty family members or friends who donated more than \$1200 to the Foundation or the Scholarship Fund.

BKB Bowling in Virginia

Following the BKB Bowling Fundraiser in Chicago, the second one was held in Manassas, VA at 6:00p.m. We had a fun evening, and our sincere thanks to everyone who came out to support the BKB Foundation. Stonewall Jackson High School, Neelsville and Loeiderman Middle Schools were represented again this year.

Thanks to the donors for the Silent Auction (Chateau O'Brien at NorthPoint, Carr Fleet & Automotive, Chantilly, VA, Bowl America Bull Run, Mia Strickland (Pampered Chef), Hazelwood Title & Escrow plus a couple of anonymous donors). We also appreciate and thank our lane sponsors: Get Fit With Herve, The Rising Athletes, Dr. Chris Mesick, E&S Renovations, Maggie Altomare, The Gill Girls, The Cullum Family, Julia Weaver, The Altomare Family and The Betts Family.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again next year! Let's make the third BKB Bowling for Students Fundraiser the best ever. We will let you know when a date has been set, so everyone will have sufficient time for planning purposes.



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BKB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT INTERVIEWS



NIKIA EWELL

Nikia Ewell, the first BKB Scholarship winner from Brian's high school alma mater, enters her fourth year at the University of Virginia with a 3.6 GPA, planning to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She is currently working on a Distinguished Majors Program Undergraduate thesis for her sociology degree.

Beyond her academic commitments, Nikia is completing student teaching observations at Baker-Butler in Albemarle County, as well as working with the Princess and Prince Club in West Haven (a housing project in Charlottesville) after a two-year hiatus. The club focuses on elementary aged kids (K-5) with lessons and activities centered around the Bible and Christian values.

Her on-campus life includes preparations for the 4th year 5K with her friends – a UVA tradition. She will be attending the Black Ball in early February. She attended a Christian youth group conference during early November.

Following graduation, she plans to get involved in African American Teaching Fellows (AATF), an organization that helps to build competent African American teachers to put into schools in the Charlottesville and Albemarle County areas to enhance diversity. Nikia will remain in Charlottesville for her 5th year student internship (student teaching required for Curry), and work for either Charlottesville City Schools or Albemarle County through the help of AATF. The organization helps new teachers with career building through placements in the Charlottesville region.

When asked about how the BKB Scholarship assisted her, Nikia noted that she was wearing a BKB shirt that Mrs. Betts had sent her. She can't wait to put the quote "I will not let you be average" up in her classroom.

Nikia also highlighted, "Mrs. Betts and the rest of the BKB Foundation have believed in me and my ability to do great things, and that is bigger than any monetary contribution (although that has been a huge blessing)! The monetary support as well as the encouragement, have kept me strong at UVA. On days where I just want to quit, I remember that the Foundation, Mrs. Betts and in a way, Brian Betts' spirit, is counting on me to finish my degree and do the right thing by the students in any community I decide to teach in!"

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**Christian Carter
acting as a Senior Producer for SHU's TV News
Magazine Show, "The Pulse." Standing next to him
is Joe Alicastro, Christian's professor and Executive
Producer for "The Pulse".**

Christian Carter, one of the first BKB Scholarship winners, enters his senior year at Sacred Heart University with gratitude inspired by the BKB Scholarship. Christian was one of Brian's students during his middle school years in Washington, DC who recalls how Brian emphasized the importance of academic achievement and reaching for one's dreams.

Christian's studies focus primarily on Broadcast Journalism and Media Relations, as he aspires to complete his Bachelor's of Media Arts in Communications. He will be taking 18 credits this semester, and will also serve as a teacher's assistant for the Television Production course.

BKB Foundation supporters can look up "The Pulse SHU" on YouTube to review the recent ninth edition of the campus thirty-minute newscast, "The Pulse," in which Christian served as the Senior Producer. His name is listed first on the credits at the end of the show.

Following graduation, Christian plans to earn his Master's Degree in Communications and then transition with a job in the NJ/NY/CT television market.

Christian appreciates the BKB Scholarship as it was one of the key financial resources to fund his education. He remains mindful of the lessons Brian taught him during middle school, to both count your blessings and to help others in the local community.

A special thanks to Doug Nelson, a representative of the BKB Foundation, for conducting the interviews with Nikia and Christian.

UpComing Events

- **Bowling Fundraisers - TBD**
- **College Connection Trips**
Duke - February 2, 2017
Johns Hopkins University - Spring 2017

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.

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

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