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BOILER UPDATE

An Alumni Newsletter Provided by BBCHS Academic Foundation

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WHERE IS YOUR SPOTLIGHT SHINING?

Determines how we see the world

During these ever-changing and unpredictable times, many of us are seeking our usual sense of normalcy. Whether it be attending our favorite fall sporting events, hearing the cheers from the Red Surge, the smell wafting from the Alumni brat tent or the glow of the shining Friday night football lights in the stadium, we are definitely missing some of our treasured, fall activities and things may just seem dull.

While it is easy to lose focus on what truly matters, Greg Bell, author of "What's Going Well?" reminds us to cultivate a positive mindset. He challenges us to look for the positive in everything we do and find the light that shines. The BBCHS Administration, Faculty and Staff live to educate students and help them shape their futures. Their light is focused and shining brightly on all students of BBCHS. As we try to understand all the nuances that this year brings, we continue to come together to conquer this unfamiliar terrain.

Throughout our journey, we have come to know:

- We move forward better when we face obstacles together with hope.
- When we commit with determination, we succeed.
- When we rely on teamwork, we can move mountains.

We are BOILERMAKERS!!

Keep seeking the light that shines and tackling the obstacles we face as a team. In the future, we can look back at 2020 and know that, in the end, we reached new summits together!



Foundation's New Mailing Address: 700 W. North St. Bradley, IL 60915



Andrew Smothers



Haylee Beck

2020 Teacher Grants

Andrew Smothers and Haylee Beck shared the Academic Foundation's annual \$1,000 Teacher Scholarship for their continued education.

Andrew is participating in a UIC co-hort with four teachers working towards a Master's in Special Education and four social workers working towards their Master's degree in school social work.

"We meet (virtually) with speakers from across the country who have helped create systems and policies to improve education in juvenile detention centers, better overall outcomes for students after they return home, and influence government policies. It has been an inspiring and life-changing experience to say the least."

GOING GREEN!

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2020-21 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPENS OCTOBER 1

Due March 5, 2021

Once again, the BBCHS Academic Foundation will distribute \$ to BBCHS Seniors to help them achieve their higher education goals. All college bound BBCHS seniors are encouraged to apply beginning in October 2020. The Common Application may be accessed at: bit.ly/BBScholarships. Students must be logged in to their BBCHS Google account to access the application.

Encourage your student to apply!



NEW IN 2021 - THE RON WAGNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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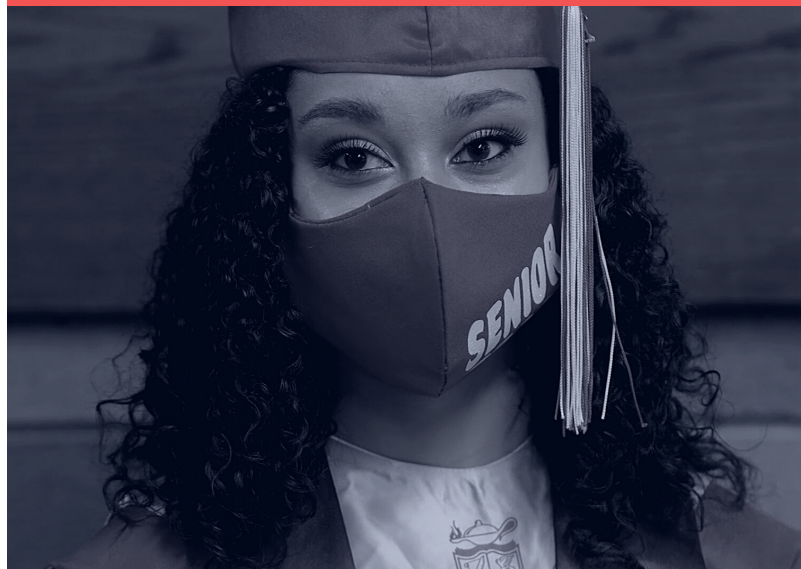
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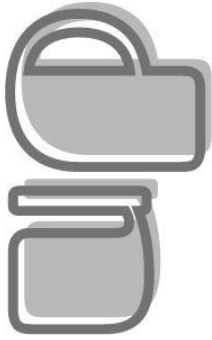
Student Testimonials

"I couldn't be more grateful for everything that Bradley Bourbonnais has provided me with, I think that the number of opportunities that I was presented really gave me a step up when it came to college preparation. As someone who tries to work very hard, scholarships like the Maria Arseneau Memorial Scholarship brings me one step closer to being able to achieve a college degree doing something that I love!"

Megan Kijewski, Class of '19

"Because of the independence I acquired through the help of my teachers I am able to achieve success and maintain my drive without getting easily overwhelmed. Also, thanks to the wide variety of A.P. offerings at BB, I'll finish my first year with 57 credits-3 shy of a junior academic standing." Joi Strickland, Class of '19





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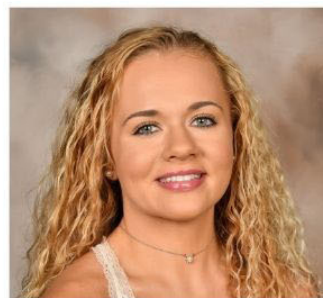
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possible**

MIKE DOWNEY

2020 Alumnus of the Year



Bill Gamble, retired Principal of BBCHS, nominated Mike Downey, Class of 1980 for the 2020 Alumnus of the Year award.

My first interaction with Mike was when he was working as an official and I was coaching basketball at Reed-Custer High School. As you would expect, we didn't always agree on what we were seeing. As time moved forward, our paths crossed again at BBCHS. He was a Board Member and I was hired as Athletic Director and then became the Principal. His passion and desire to make BBCHS a better school was clear from our first meetings. Mike truly cared about the experience and education that the students received during their four years. He served as a member of the Board of Education for BBCHS from 1993-2019. During that time, he held the position as Secretary of the BOE for 10 years. When one thinks of Mike Downey, School Board Member, the words respect and trust come instantly to your mind. I am proud to call him a friend.

After graduating from BBCHS in 1980, he attended college at Western Illinois University. He graduated in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement Administration. Our community was lucky to have him return to our area. He began working in the criminal justice system in Kankakee County as an Adult Probation Officer following graduation. In January of 1995, he was hired as the Chief of Corrections for the Kankakee County Sheriff's Office.

His professional development accomplishments are truly impressive, some examples being: Completing the 12-week Basic Police Training Academy in December of 1997, Graduating from Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2002, in 2005, Mike was one of four Certified Jail Managers in the State of Illinois, and Graduating from the 10-week F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Va. One of his most important accomplishments was being instrumental in the design of the new jail which opened up in 2005. In 2014 he was appointed to the position of Undersheriff and on May 10, 2016 was appointed as Sheriff following Sheriff Bukowski's retirement. Mike was elected Sheriff in November 2016 to fulfill the remainder of Sheriff Bukowski's term and elected to a four-year term in November of 2018.

His commitment to our community is unquestioned. In addition to the school board and his role as sheriff, Mike has found time to be an IHSA basketball official for 30 years, officiating jr. high, high school and small college games. He was the assignor for 20 years for the River Valley Conference and Interstate 8 Conference for both boys and girls basketball. In addition, Mike has served as a volunteer coach for Bradley-Bourbonnais Little League, Bradley-Bourbonnais Pony League, Maternity BVM and Lorenzo Smith Jr High School in Pembroke. In summary, he has been a positive influence on many people. Those of us who know Mike realize quickly the most important part of his life is his family. He has been married 34 years to Meghan (Martin) Downey. They have two children Kevin (Abby) & Shawn who both graduated from BBCHS, and 1 granddaughter, Sloan. If he is not working or spending time with his family, you can find Mike golfing or watching the Chicago Cubs. This recognition is well deserved. Mike truly represents Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School with class at all times.

nominate a boilermaker

Do you have a classmate or friend that you would like to nominate for recognition in the future?

Call or email Laurie Blake at (815)937-3707 x 6003, lblake@bbchs.org for an application.

ADAM KARR

2020 Outstanding Achievement Award

Ken Goodwin, retired BBCHS Guidance Counselor nominated Adam Karr, BBCHS Class of 1989 for the Outstanding Achievement Award.

My introduction to Adam Karr was the result of his friendship with my son during their high school years. Those years pass quickly and except for reunions or social media contacts, the past only occupies an occasional recollection of youthful memories as we move on to other, hopefully better, places in our lives. As those memories become faded and foggy, many forget by design or distraction that sense of time and place of our less complicated phase. As I remember Adam Karr to be a quiet, uncelebrated achiever who clearly had ambitions beyond his Boilermaker years, I know that the current place in the resume of his life has not crowded out his awareness of where he came from. Adam has grown so much in so many ways since 1989 and yet his humility keeps him grounded and respectful of where his starting gates were set.

Karr is the managing director at Orbis Investment Management. He and his wife Tonia have endowed scholarships at Northwestern, Stanford, Harvard and **BBCHS**. Adam and his wife have created and endowed several scholarships focused on providing support to students of color interested in teaching at inner city schools.

In a personal statement in an article from a Northwestern alumni publication, Adam indicated that working toward something that has great purpose is important and fulfilling to him. In the practice of managing money professionally he has found work that is challenging and engaging. His success in this field has allowed him to help create opportunities for others through coaching, mentoring and opening doors that may not otherwise have been there.



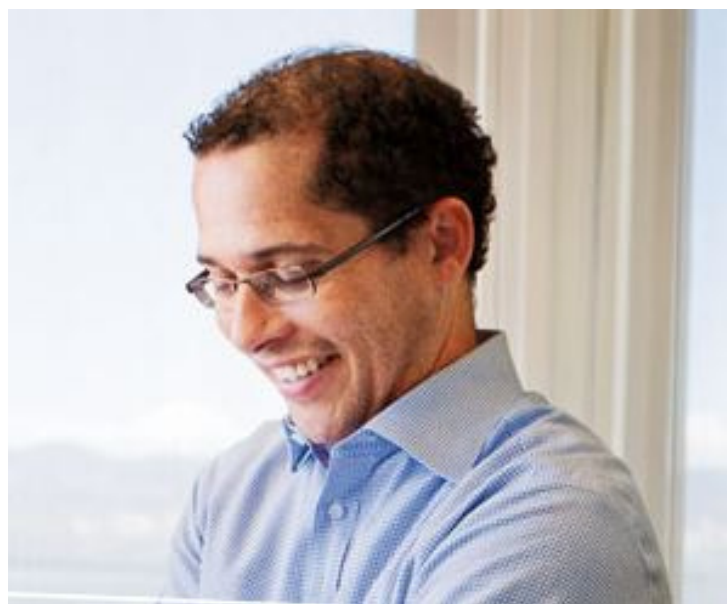
SAVE THE DATE!

November 4, 2021

The Academic Foundation hosts an Annual Dinner to recognize two BBCHS Alumni for the Outstanding Achievement and Alumnus of the Year awards. The purpose of the award is to recognize achievement and also to serve as a means for current high school students to be aware of others before them who have made contributions to society. Mike Downey and Adam Karr are BBCHS graduates who model character, citizenship, collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking in their daily lives. Their commitment to their families, the community and charitable works make BBCHS proud to call them a Boilermaker.

Mark your calendars for November 4, 2021.

We will be recognizing both Mike Downey & Adam Karr with the 2021 honorees due to the cancellation of the 2020 celebration. The 2021 honorees will be announced in the Spring.



The BBCHS Academic Foundation is pleased to be the recipient of a \$15,000 grant from **THE ADAM & TONIA KARR CHARITABLE FUND**. The generous donation will be used to provide Classroom Grants and Scholarships for BBCHS students and teachers.

BBCHS ACADEMIC FOUNDATION DIRECTORS



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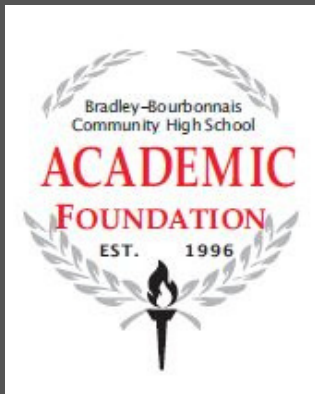
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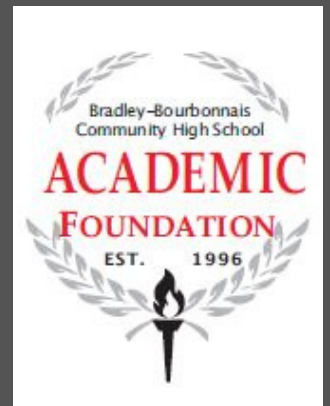
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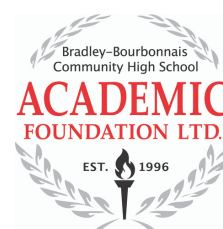
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Thank you to all of our BBCHS alumni and community members for your continued support of the Academic Foundation. Through your generosity, the Foundation has awarded \$20,238.77 in grants in the 2020-21 school year!
Annually the Foundation awards \$25,000-29,000.

We invite you to be key catalysts for change. Your contribution is imperative in ensuring students have equitable access to educational oportunities.

Please help us reach our goal this year of \$15,000 dollars.

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The BBCHS Academic Foundation has provided over \$290,000 in grants and scholarships since its inception.
The Mission of the Foundation is to mobilize community resources to support and enhance public education outside the school budget.

The BBCHS Academic Foundation is a 501C3 non-profit organization, making your donation tax deductible.

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