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**ETHAN MCCARTY**

**Ron Wagner Memorial First Generation Student of Color**  
**NEW Scholarship in 2021**  
Illinois Benedictine University  
Exercise Science



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**NEW Scholarship in 2021**  
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**NEW IN 2022**

**Kristina Heinz**  
**Scholarship**



**NEW IN 2022**

**Suellen Saller Memorial**  
**Scholarship**

# THANK YOU BBCHS!

## Student Testimonials Take 2

The past four years at Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School have truly shaped me as an individual and I cannot thank the academic foundation, administration, and staff enough for their everlasting support for the students in our community. Throughout my time at this school, I have received everlasting support in the classroom that has prepared me for a college education at the University of Notre Dame. However, this support does not stop at academics. BBCHS has also supported its students, including myself, far beyond the scope of the classroom, both monetarily and otherwise. Participating in well-supported activities such as orchestra, tennis, speech, youth and government, and student council helped bring me success beyond the classroom and cement my passions and interests. I sincerely thank BBCHS for supporting these activities; they were truly highlights of my high school experience.

I also must thank the BBCHS Academic Foundation for their financial support of students like myself, even after they leave the doors of the school. Being awarded a scholarship by your foundation will truly help me find success throughout college, and allow me to expand my education without worry of financial restrictions. Your support will help the Bradley-Bourbonnais community foster a greater future, as former BBCHS students will be better set to impact those around them following a well-supported education. It is truly an honor that your foundation is supporting my college education, as it will allow me to become a more effective and educated member of our community. I cannot thank the foundation enough for their belief in me as I advance past BBCHS.

Thanks!

Thomas Musgrave, Class of 2021

Growing up in Bourbonnais, I attended BESD53 and then BBCHS (Class of 2012) and had many incredible teachers that inspired me to pursue a career in government. I loved the opportunity to discuss politics and government in a current issues course, debate in English and history courses, and generally used critical thinking skills throughout my education. However, my extracurricular engagement allowed me to explore government and cemented my interest in pursuing it as a career. I was involved in Student Council and the Youth and Government program that engages students in the lawmaking process with the opportunity to visit Springfield for a weekend long legislative session in the State Capitol. Building on these interests, I majored in Political Science at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and ran for and was elected Student Body President in 2014 where I engaged in the real state and federal legislative process on many different issues and testified to state committees on the importance of funding public higher education. After graduating from UIUC in 2016, I worked on the staff of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Illinois General Assembly where I wrote press for state representatives, staffed committees, planned in-district events, created ideas for legislation and other duties. After my time on staff, I joined the University of Illinois System's Office of Governmental Relations in my current role as an Advocacy Coordinator where I lobby for the U of I System. My career path has been fully inspired by time at BBCHS where I shaped my interests and developed the skills I needed to start this work. That is the reason I donate back to BBCHS, to help fund opportunities for current and future students to be inspired like I was a decade ago.

Cheers,

Mitch Dickey,  
Class of 2012





# FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## MEET THE FOUNDATION'S NEW DIRECTORS



Returning to her hometown after spending more than 20 years in sales, Annie is a Real Estate Broker with McColly Bennett Real Estate. Annie comes from a luxury retail background and has major market experience, having lived and worked in New York City, Miami and Chicago. Annie also has her master's degree from the Fashion Institute of Technology. She recently became a member of the BBCHS Foundation and is an active Ambassador for the Kankakee Chamber of Commerce. Annie lives in Bourbonnais with her fiancé.

Dr. Matt Vosberg is the new Superintendent at BBCHS. Matt grew up in Rockford, Illinois. He graduated from Illinois State University for undergrad and Northern Illinois University for his Master's and Doctorate degrees. He has been married for 24 years and he and his wife have two daughters.



Carol Webber attended Bradley grade schools and graduated from BBCHS. After attending Illinois State University, she taught Senior English and business courses

at Coal City High School and Herscher High School. Next, she taught business courses part-time at Kankakee Community College and worked there full-time in Human Resources, retiring as Director of Human Resources, after 28 years of employment.

Currently, she is a member of several service organizations, has been a member of the Kankakee County Board since 2013, and is

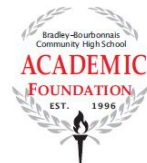
chairman of the County Board's Community Services Committee and vice-chairman of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

She and her husband Butch have lived in Herscher, IL, for more than 50 years and have three grown children who all are employed in education-related fields.

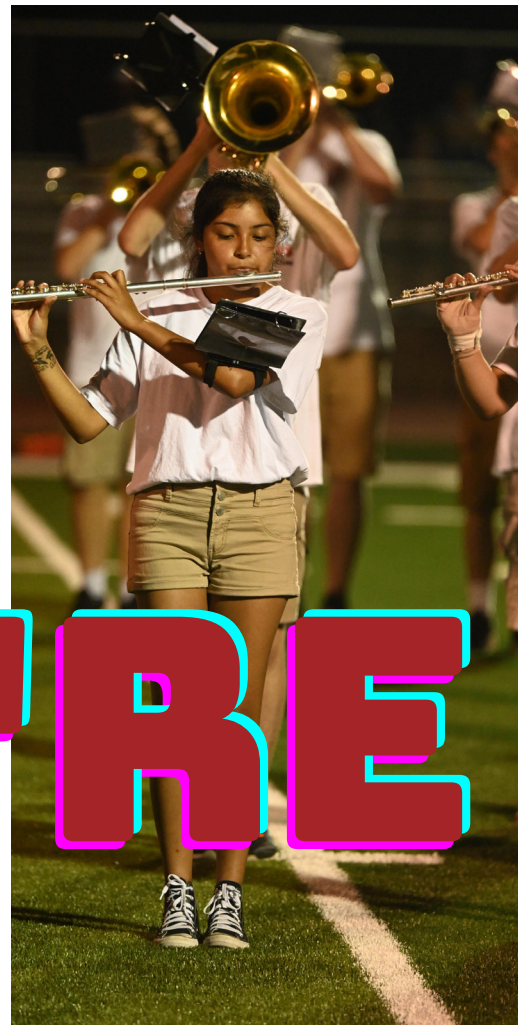
Her dedication to the BBCHS Academic Foundation is based on the several scholarships she was granted as a senior at BBCHS, enabling her to attend ISU.

We would also like to welcome Shannon Swilley and Charlene Eads as new Foundation directors.

Thank you all, for your dedication to BBCHS!



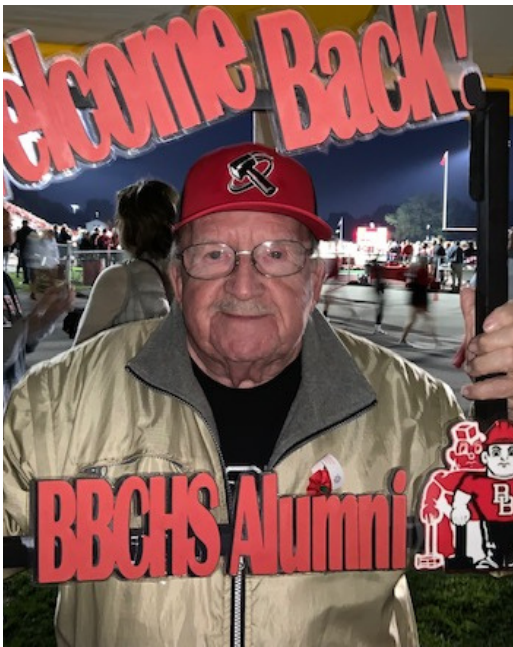
**ACTIVELY SEEKING FOUNDATION MEMBERS - Are you interested in learning more?**



**WE'RE**









# SOAR

## 2021-22

The BBCHS Equity Team and the Academic Foundation are excited to announce their partnership to create a student organization at BBCHS, Students Organized Against Racism.

The foundation will be helping to fund \$14,000 of the project through the Karr Family donation.

Student voice is essential to the work of eliminating the barriers to achieving racial equity that are often unseen or overlooked by adults, and their leadership must be a significant force in accelerating that transformation. SOAR, Students Organized Against Racism, is designed to empower young people of ALL races to become catalysts for change through leadership for racial equity.

SOAR addresses issues surrounding race, identity and academic achievement through meaningful and ongoing conversations between students and among students and the adults in their schools. As students are given a voice and opportunities for equity/anti-racism leadership, they become a more visible voice for change in their schools. As such, the preparation of school staff to receive, nurture, guide and support students' leadership is one of the most critical factors in the SOAR process. The SOAR program pairs student seminar days with advisor seminar days, gradually building capacity for students to plan and execute equity-themed events under the mentorship of their advisors.

The district has partnered with Pacific Education Group for Beyond Diversity Training in 2019. This training provides participants with a set of tools, The Protocol, to engage, sustain, and deepen dialogues about race. The SOAR program, which will start in the Fall of 2021, will extend those tools to students participating in the program. These trainings support the district's strategic planning goals of Learning Culture and Student Success.

Check BBCHS's website:  
<https://www.bbchs.org/Page/325> for updates

## 2021-22 Fall Classroom Grants

### Ironclad/Robotics - \$6,000

This grant will help with advancing the 3D manufacturing ability of the robotics team by adding a carbon-fiber printing 3D printer and associated supplies along with seeking CAD training through outside mentorship.

Adding the more advanced 3D printer to the team's toolbox and more training with CAD and CAM (Computer Aided Manufacturing), team members will gain knowledge, opportunities, and experience with this essential industrial skill.

Connecting students with outside mentors for training, and connecting students to local companies such as Nucor, e2i, Millipore Sigma, Shoup manufacturing (among others) will providing students with immediately marketable skills to our local job market.

Your continued support of this unique program for BBCHS places our school in an elite group of around 3600 schools worldwide that maintain a competitive FIRST robotics team.

### APEX Incentive Program - \$1,500

APEX is a program implemented by BBCHS to assist students with credit recovery due to the affects of Covid. Students will be motivated with this program that offers incentives to students as they progress toward completion of their coursework before the conclusion of the semester. Students with more than one course to complete can start working on the next course before the conclusion of the semester. Students are working toward their graduation requirements.

### Academic Rewards, Student of the Month Rewards - \$1,000

BBCHS celebrates students' academic and emotional success with this on-going incentive initiative. Students and families of Students of the Month will benefit from receiving recognition of their academic and emotional success that has been displayed in the school setting and recognized by their teacher(s).

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### 2021 BOILER CLASSIC LEGENDS

#### CAMRYN BEDELL

BBCHS BASKETBALL  
2018 Graduate  
1st Team All Conference  
All-Area in softball 2016, 2017, and 2018  
All State her Junior/Senior season

#### COLIN BEDELL

BBCHS FOOTBALL - BASEBALL - BASKETBALL  
2016 Graduate  
Most Valuable Male Senior Athlete 2016

## THANK YOU!

**RAIN OR SHINE** our BBCHS community came through again for the Academic Foundation and Athletic Department's annual golf outing. Proceeds from the outing go toward Classroom Grants and Student Scholarships.

### A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO

OAK Orthopedics for sponsoring the Golfer Gifts

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### 2020 Alumni Donation \$15,000

Adam & Tonia Karr Charitable Fund

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# THE **ACADEMIC FOUNDATION** FOURTH ANNUAL APPEAL

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

The Foundation is truly student-centered with every detail considered with BBCHS students in mind. Through your generosity, the Foundation is able to award \$30,000 in Classroom grants this year alone!

*Twenty BBCHS seniors received Foundation scholarships last year totaling \$14,000.*

**The BBCHS Academic Foundation has provided over \$359,500 in grants and scholarships since its inception.**

*Step forward so that the promising start that the BBCHS Academic Foundation began more than 20 years ago can provide the foundation for the brilliant future that lies ahead.*

***Your donation will make a difference!***

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

**I choose YES, to supporting BBCHS students for a brighter future!**



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**The Mission of the Foundation is to mobilize community resources to support and enhance public education outside the school budget.**

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# Foundation Alumni Celebration

November 10, 2021 – Kankakee Country Club

The Academic Foundation is proud to recognize three outstanding BBCHS Alumni.

**2020 Alumnus of the Year - Sheriff Mike Downey, Class of 1980**

**2020 Outstanding Achievement Award - Adam Karr, Class of 1989**

**2021 Alumnus of the Year - Bruce Adams, Class of 1971**

**Once a Boilermaker Always a Boilermaker!**

Mike's passion and desire to make BBCHS a better school is evident. He served as a member of the BBCHS Board of Education from 1993-2019. He and his wife have 2 children who graduated from BBCHS.

The Foundation received a grant from Adam and Tonia Karr's charity that help start the First Student of Color Scholarship. See details on page 8 for the SOAR program that started in the Fall of 2021.

Bruce served as mayor of Bradley for 10 years after serving on the Bradley Board as a trustee for 12 years. His dedication to service runs deep, 25 years at BBCHS working Friday night football games on the chain gang!

**Each of these alumni have helped change lives, shaped minds and molded the futures of individuals in their communities. Thank You!**

Please send the names and contact information of BBCHS alumni who have excelled in their field and/or are doing great things in the community and world. The Foundation would like to add them to the list of future honorees who make BBCHS proud.