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Thank you to the Olivet Nazarene Color Guard for the memorable flag presentation.

On November 10, 2016, we had the privilege of honoring one of Bourbonnais' finest. Mr. Baron, a 1967 BBCHS graduate went on to college at the University of Illinois where he majored in accounting. He served in the Vietnam War. Few people have given more for their country and community. Barry served 17 years in Village Government and 19 years as adjutant

2016 Alumnus of the Year Mr. Barry Baron

at the Illinois Veteran's Home in Manteno. He exemplifies the criteria for Alumnus of the Year as an individual who, in deed and action, reflects the importance of his education at BBCHS and who truly demonstrates pride in his alma mater.



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Foundation Annual Dinner

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Outstanding Achievement Award Mr. Dominic Surprenant

We were pleased to welcome home Class of 1973 graduate, Dominic Surprenant. Mr. Surprenant traveled from his home in Malibu, CA, to attend the dinner. Dominic grew up in east Bradley in a family of 10 children. After graduating at BBCHS he went on to Illinois State University where he earned his BA with highest honors. He received his Master's Degree from University of Wisconsin and his law degree from Harvard Law School, J.D., cum laude. Dominic is a partner at Quinn Emanuel specializing in complex commercial litigation and trial practice. His remarkable lists of accomplishments are a credit to his tenacity and his hard work ethics learned at BBCHS.



Dominic with high school classmate Dan Merten and Dan's wife, Debbie

The BBCHS Academic Foundation Alumnus of the Year Award was established to recognize persons who have gained unique distinction through their accomplishments and to focus attention on their achievements. The Academic Foundation strives to recognize and honor BBCHS alumni who have made significant contributions to society and whose achievements have brought significant credit to Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. By spotlighting the talents of BBCHS graduates, a sense of increased pride is felt among all alumni, students, staff and faculty of BBCHS.

To nominate someone to receive this award visit the Foundation's website for an application or contact Laurie at (815)937-3707 x 6003, lblake@bbchs.org.

What is the BBCHS Academic Foundation?



The Academic Foundation Board consists of volunteers who meet as a group 6-9 times per year. They review classroom grant requests, plan special fundraising events and brainstorm on how the Foundation can best support the excellent academic programs offered by Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. Some Foundation board members are alumni, some are active in the local business community and some are retired teachers. They all share one common thread: a strong loyalty to the public high school that serves the Bradley, Bourbonnais and St. George area and a willingness to help enrich the experience of the students who attend BBCHS. Board committees that function within the Foundation are: Alumni, Donor Membership, Grants, Investment, Marketing, and Scholarships. The mission of the BBCHS Academic Foundation is to mobilize community resources to support and enhance public education through projects and initiatives designed to improve student performance at Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. **It is with gratitude that we recognize these individuals for giving of their time and talent.**

A note from the President.....

Greetings to all as we adjust into 2017.

As this is my first Foundation Board message as Foundation Chairman of the Board, I want to express my gratitude to my fellow Foundation Board members as well as the BBCHS administration, faculty, and staff for their support and their efforts to advance the Foundation programs.

I am a proud 1964 graduate of BBCHS, and I feel that my experiences at BB helped shape me and inspired and influenced my life approach. For these reasons and my other values for education, community and providing opportunities for youth, I am pleased to serve the Foundation Board in facilitating and enhancing the BBCHS curriculum.

The Foundation Board will call on all who reside in this area, all who read this newsletter, and to all others who had or currently have connections or associations with the various aspects of BBCHS.

The Foundation spends the interest earned on our principal investments to support academic programs at the high school. Your gift is genuinely needed, and all donations will be spent carefully to improve academic programs for BBCHS students. Mail a donation now to the address listed herein, and feel free to contact me or any of us on the board about any special program or project to which you'd like to donate. Our phone number is (815) 937-3707 ext. 6003.

Thank you for reading this newsletter, considering our invitation to donate and for any of your efforts which help to improve our communities, our schools, our students and our quality of life.

Sincerely,
Rick Manuel



2017 Academic Foundation Board

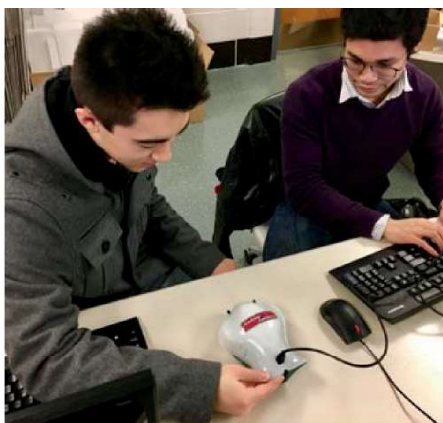
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BBCHS

Robotics Team

Since its inception, the BBCHS Robotics Team, **Ironclad** has impacted not only its team members, but our school and community to an unprecedented degree, made possible because of the generous support of the BBCHS Academic Foundation. Before we had even built a robot, we worked during the summer to spread STEM (science, engineering, technology, and mathematics) around our community. We started small by setting up science activities at our local farmer's market. Now, we have expanded our reach by volunteering at a local Maker Faire, continuing our annual farmer's market tradition, and presenting our robot and volunteering at various events throughout the community, such as the Friendship Festival, the Strawberry Jazz Festival, and Pause for Patriotism. This type of work is what helped us win the coveted Rookie All-Star Award and qualified us to compete at the World Championships last year!

The most influential STEM outreach activity we've done during the last 6 months was helping create two *FIRST* Lego League teams, one in Grace Christian Academy in Kankakee and another in St. George Elementary School. *FIRST* Lego League is a program similar to ours, but targeted to younger students. Ironclad not only helped get these two teams started, we also provided mentors for both teams. Five Ironclad students volunteered their time and experience to these FLL teams, helping the students and their rookie coaches with designing, building, and coding a Lego Mindstorm robot in addition to preparing a demonstration project for the judges at competition. Both of these teams had amazing seasons, each winning the Rookie of the Year Award at their competitions.



Nicholas Thorne (Senior) and Anthony Nepomuceno (Senior) use the Finch Robot



Cadet Alex Bollwitt (standing left) presents NeuroGroove to BBCHS students

Moreover, Ironclad has had an incredible impact on the culture of BBCHS. Our school recently added AP Computer Science to the curriculum, in large part because of the Foundation's support for our team and our team's advocacy. Any upperclassmen in our school are welcome to take this class, which builds a solid foundation of logic and programming in Java, and is giving our students the edge they need to compete in the college application process. The Foundation has also supported AP Computer Science by providing small programmable robots for students to execute their code on.

Ironclad has sponsored and arranged a presentation from an Air Force Academy cadet and BBCHS Alumni. This student presented his senior capstone project, the NeuroGroove, multiple times throughout the day to BBCHS students. NeuroGroove involves modifying a motorized wheelchair for quadriplegic customers from the traditional sip-and-puff steering control to one that can be controlled by merely moving tipping or turning one's head. He showed the importance and application of STEM in the real-world and gave the students a rundown of the project's engineering process.

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Because of the Academic Foundation's support, Ironclad was given the opportunity to build our school mascot a new hammer using LED lights and programmable controller. Our creative team and electronics team collaborated on this project. Four Ironclad members were summer interns at one of our sponsoring companies, and our team has been invited to come see the current uses of robotics in manufacturing. We took a group to Crown, Cork & Seal where we toured the surgical robotics facility at Riverside, and walked the processing line for edible oil at IOI Loders Croklaan.



2017 Boiler Golf Classic

Sponsored by
BBCHS Academic Foundation and
BBCHS Athletic Department

FRIDAY, JULY 14TH

Elk's Country Club-Kankakee

Come join the fun at our 14th annual golf outing! Registration and lunch will begin at 11 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at Noon. Raffle Drawings, Prizes and Dinner will follow golf. Gather your foursomes, schedule time off and call to register today!

STEAMWORKS

IRONCLAD would love to share this year's game, STEAMWORKS and our competition with members of the Academic Foundation.

If you find yourself at BBCHS after school any day, drop by The Forge (our workshop located on the stage attached to the Main Gym) and see what we're building. We'd also like to invite you to our Regional competitions on March 17 and 18 at Bradley University in Peoria, IL and March 30-April 1 at the UIC Pavilion in Chicago. Both of these competitions are exhilarating events and open to the public. We'd love to have one of our Student Ambassadors give you a tour of the pits and completion area! We think you'll be please by what you see!



Ironclad shares our robot with Mrs. Yonke's Self-Contained Classroom students.



A one of a kind CLASSIC – MIKE LEHNING!

Mike 's retiring at the end of the school year ! Soon he'll be available to join your foursomes any day of the week! Mike has co-chaired the Boiler Classic for 7 years!

Please make plans to come join us toasting our friend and colleague.

SAVE THE DATE

Sign up to Golf!

Entry fee includes lunch, dinner, golfer gift, 18 holes and a cart.

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Variety of levels to choose

For more information or to register
Call: (815) 937-3707,
Laurie ext. 6003 or Mike-ext. 6046
Email: lblake@bbchs.org

Choir students demonstrate the I PAD program the Music Department purchased from a previous Foundation Grant.



Classroom Grants

thank you for your generosity



SCHOLARSHIP ADDED IN 2017

FAMILY OF 1985 ALUM, TODD HILDEBRAND, are offering a new scholarship.

The Todd A. Hildebrand Memorial Scholarship will be offered in 2017. in the amount of \$750 and will be awarded to a BBCHS Senior who has maintained a 3.0 G.P.A. or better for all 4 years of high school and who has participated in Varsity Soccer while a student at BBCHS.

The scholarship was established in Todd's honor. Todd's love was his wife, his kids, their friends, and the young people of our community. He showed his support by attending volleyball, basketball and endless soccer games. He served the community as a School Board Member, Bourbonnais Township Trustee, Parish member, and volunteer. Todd was a man who would do anything to help anyone in need. He treated all children like his own. His heart was dedicated to helping others succeed in life.

Applications are offered online at www.bbchs.org or through the counseling office at the high school. Deadline for turning in an application is February 28, 2017.

We couldn't do it without YOU! The true cost of innovation PRICELESS!

2016-17 Classroom Grants totaling \$17,000

- **Brittany Maier Concert Best Buddies**

Inclusion presentation and Awareness Concert by a Savant Pianist.

- **Empathy for All Library English Department**

Create instruction that meets the needs of diverse learners

- **Rape Aggression Defense Training P.E.Department**

Training to prepare students to avoid conflict and protect themselves when conflict cannot be avoided.

- **Bruno's Hammer Red Surge**

IRONCLAD members worked with Red Surge leaders to create Bruno's new hammer.

- **AP Computer Science Math Department**

Programmable robots reinforce object oriented programming techniques.

- **IRONCLAD Robotics Team STEM**

Students work side by side with professional mentors to better their involvement in STEM fields.



Dr. Dan Hollowell announces scholarship

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Actively seeking Foundation members. Are you or someone you know interested in learning more? Please contact us.

REUNION NEWS

50 YEAR REUNION CELEBRATION CLASS OF 1967

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH - 4:30 p.m.

Complimentary dinner hosted by BBCHS at BB

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH - 5:00 p.m.

Celebration continues Kankakee Boat Club

Reunion Committee contact info:

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Karen (Wagner) Rivard / karenrivard49@aol.com

Sharon (Legris) Morton / samorton1949jan@gmail.com

1967 Classmates' Email address needed

Join them on Facebook at Bradley Bourbonnais Class of 1967

55TH REUNION CLASS OF 1962

FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH

Dinner & Dancing – Elks Club

SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH

Bourbonnais Sportsman Club

Contact: Karen Tuteuiler Skopik

Phone: (815) 932-5530

40TH REUNION CLASS OF 1976 & 1977

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

Homecoming Game - BBCHS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

Bourbonnais Sportsman Club

Contact: Jennifer Edmonds

Phone: (815) 933-9042

Email: jenniferedmonds@ymail.com

30TH REUNION CLASS OF 1987

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Football Game - BBCHS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

Majestic Theatre - Kankakee

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