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Alumni Newsletter of the Baton Rouge High School Foundation

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The Future is Waiting for Them

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Letterman jacket belonging to the late Dan Barnum, Class of 1956 and donated to the Foundation by his sister, Mimi Barnum Riché. The "M" represents basketball team manager.

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The Baton Rouge High School Foundation's mission is to encourage philanthropy and fellowship of alumni, families of students, faculty and the community so that Baton Rouge High School will continue to advance in educational excellence, student achievement and national prominence.

BRHS Administration

Nanette McCann, BRHS Principal

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Edward Hunter, Associate Principal

The Future...our Future is Waiting for Them

On the cover of this issue, we feature just a 'snapshot' of the 2019 AP Scholars. The full blown versions of all four of the AP Scholars and 2020 National Merit scholars posters can be found on our website. Each year, the number of BRHS students achieving AP scholar and National Merit honor status is increasing and you are a very big part of the 'how and why'. Your generous support has funded the College Spring Board curriculum for the past 7 years, resulting in an unprecedented number of students enrolling and succeeding in Advanced Placement course work. We have no doubt that the next groundbreaking leaders in medicine, education, engineering, technology, well, just you name it...are among the faces on these posters and in the classrooms today. When you support the Foundation with your annual gift or become a member of the Legacy of Excellence Society, you ensure that the bright minds at BRHS have the tools they need to be prepared for the future. If you have not yet made a gift this year, we ask that you consider doing so and have added our donation form in this issue for your convenience. Don't forget you can also give online with a credit card.

This Fall We Said "Goodbye and Welcome!"

In August, we bid a fond farewell to **Stephanie Webb**, the Foundation administrative assistant.
She joined us in 2013, as we were in the early phase of the **Raise Our Standards High Campaign**. Stephanie and her husband have moved to Cincinnati, Ohio for new and exciting career opportunities. We are deeply grateful for her work at the Foundation and wish them the very best for the future!
And…in November we were so happy to welcome **Alexa Reznik Territo** as our new administrative assistant. Alexa is a 2004 BRHS graduate, receiving an Arts cord. She attended Loyola University in New Orleans with TOPS and academic and music scholarships, earning her B.A in Music and Music Industry Studies.
Alexa is married fellow bulldog Josh Territo and they have twin girls. Alexa is an accomplished violinist and plays as a volunteer musician for the newly established Civic Orchestra of Baton Rouge.

Thank You!

This issue also recognizes our 2018 annual member donors. We are so very grateful for every gift. The generous support of our members every year ensures our alma mater's continued success. And congratulations to the Class of 1967! In 2018, they reached the goal of raising $25,000 to have a classroom named in their honor! Well done and thank you for supporting dear ol' Baton Rouge High!

We do our very best to ensure the accuracy of the list, so if your name is missing, or is not printed to your specifications, we do apologize. Please contact the Foundation office by phone or email to alert us of the error.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a happy, prosperous New Year!
Lauren Ford
Executive Director

2018 Donors ~ Thank You! Member gifts received in the 2018 calendar year.

The Legacy of Excellence Society

A multi-year pledge program where members make a sustaining commitment to our mission. Note: the members listed are as of 2019.

Valedictorian Level: $5,000 per year for 3 years
Salutatorian Level: $2,500 per year for 3 years
Honors Level: $1,000 per year for 3 years

Salutatorian Level

Brent Evans '87
James O. Harp, Jr. '78
Milford "Mike" Wampold, III '71

Honors Level

Sam and Hannah Koch Amoroso '95
Michael Blanchard '69
Dr. John Brantley '69
Jan Daly, Retired Faculty
Vera Olds, '67
Warren and Lynn Rabb '56
Guy '60 and Mimi Barnum Riché '64
Matt Robinson '89
Jim and Norma Rutledge '66
Sherry Stagg St. Aubin '63
Tom Sandahl '66
Hank Saurage '80
Dr. Carl Schmulen '66
Dr. Tanisha Toaston '95
Edward J. Wren, III '72

Annual Gifts

Magna Cum Laude
$10,000 to $24,999

Gwen McLin McKee ‘58

Banners High
$1,000 to $4,999

The Class of 1958
The Class of 1962
Dr. Barry Baker '72 and Michael Aycock
Winston Day ‘63
Parker Griffith ‘60
Lowry B. Griffon ‘47
Joseph Holmes ‘65
Clarissa Johnson ‘95
Deborah Lamb ‘74
David Marye ‘96
Bettsie Baker Miller ‘73
Renée Miller Moelders ‘90
Tom Pertuit ‘64
Bryan Post ‘59
Mukul Verma
Jeannie Rhed Turner ‘58
Robert “Mac” and Anne Wilkinson Wallace ‘48
Class Years for Classrooms ~ 1967
Penny Ashmore
Brenda Kennedy
Michael McKay

Fricassee
$500 to $999

Alfreda Sellers Diamond ‘72
David Fabre ‘75
Angela ‘89 and Scott Finch
Michelle Fraternali
Mary Hellen Fryman, ‘64
Mike Glisson ‘64
Cordell ‘61 and Ava Haymon
Trang P. Huynh ‘93
Wayne ‘79 and Fran Strother Kirkpatrick ‘80
John ’86 and Jodi Koontz III
Sandhya Mani ‘95
Eric and Marshall McVadon ‘54
Anne Affolter Morse ‘64
Regi Mullins ‘69
Jake Netterville ‘56
Janice Harvey Pellar ‘69
Erich Rapp ‘81
John and Ann Schwab ‘56
Sherry St. Aubin ‘63
George White ‘57
Class Years for Classrooms ~ 1967
Gretchen Berry
Jeanie Bondy
David and Camille Means Cassidy
Buzzy and Susie Edrington Heroman
Louis Selig

Your Gifts, Your Impact: **2018 giving funded the AP College Spring Board program, Track team needs, the Robotics team, student art display furnishings and seating for the Art Gallery, and directed support for the radio training program- WBRH-FM and KBRH-AM.**

Green and Gold
to $499

Lester and Mary Jo Arnold '57
Michael Avant '75
Nanette Bahlinger '78
Lisa Beam '98
Barbara Benton '73
Jane Howe Blackledge '69
Barry Blumberg '69
Christiana Navarro Boudreaux '93
James Boyd '66
Daniel Bruetting '87
John Bull '87
Jeanne Dugazon Butler '48
Warren Byrd '68
Luellen Carradine '69
Michelle Carriere '80
Tracy Spears Casebonne '80
Jonathon Cherry '95
Betty Earle Nolan Clark '59
Ann Barnum Clemens '70
Clayton W. "Tony" Coleman '61
Steven and Rebecca Covington '84
Cynthia Cox '70
Cindy Harrell Crain '80
Robert S. Dampf '72
Peggy Demetri '87
Lori Pierce Dunphy '79
Jason Fang '10
Reagan Farr '88
Ray and Beth Muenchinger Ferrell '86
Jerry Fischer '73
Jeff '81 & Lauren Mitchell Ford '80
Matt '94 and Mandy Cannon Foster '95
George "Butch" Freeman '71
Eric Fry '87
Sharon Turcan Gahagan '64
Garrett Galjour '05
Justin Germany '98
Vincent Giaccone '73
Joseph D. Hair, III '67
Rickey Heroman '72
Merrill Hughes '74
Ann Day Kelly '87
Fred Kimball '58
Elizabeth Koonce '86
Jason MacMorran '93
Mary Martin '96
Pia Millican '86
Gena Smith Morgan '86
Ashis Patel '95
Mrs. Huntington "Pat" Odom
Laura Oubre '58
Buddy '68 and Carmen Porta
William Rome '68
Felicia Lilley Rordam '56
Laura Gossard Rowley '89
Ana Rupnik '97
Lisa Russell '88
Sandra R Scott '85
Dr. Edward Sledge '81
Amy Theos '87
Rev. Father D.B. Thompson '99
Donna Calandro Toadvin '75
Robert Turner '46
Shelly Thomas Ward '87
Stephanie Griffin Webb '04
Bradley Weill '93
George White '57
Frank Willet '66
William Winfield '87
Sally Robinson Womack '52
Stafford Wood '91

****Class Years for Classrooms ~ 1967***

James Browning
Peggy Bullion
Karen Cangelosi
Florence Cole
Lee Degges
James Graham Dodson
Wilford "Butch" Eberhart
Judy Farris
Dale Hair
Judy Hernandez
James Heyward
Jan Page Justin
Beverly and Martin Lee
Jim May
Catherine Muller
Sandra Pearce
Don Reynolds
Ruth Reynolds
Paula Samuels
Carol Ann Smith
George Smith
Lela Elizabeth Strange
Dennis Strickland
Lucy Welch

*The Class of 1967 reached the goal of raising $25,000 for classroom to be named in their honor. These graduates gave toward the goal in 2018.

2018 Tribute Gifts

In Honor

Mike Avant
In honor of Mrs. Laura Cotton, retired BRHS teacher
Ann Barnum Clemmons
In honor of Mimi Barnum Riché '64
Michelle Fraternali
In honor of Sophia Fraternali, Class of 2020
Antoinette Post
In Honor of Bryan Simmons Post '59 and retired BRHS faculty

In Memory

Sam and Hannah Koch Amoroso
In memory of Jeff Perry '95
Mike Avant
In memory of Randy Rebowe '75
Lester and Mary Jo Arnold
In memory of Bettye Rhea Watson '49 & Jimmy Miller '51
Barbara Fenton Benton
In memory of Kay Fenton '66
Jane Howe Blackledge
In memory of Jimmy Benton '69
James Boyd
In memory of Denny Thomas '66
Jeanne Butler
In memory of Frances Dunbar, teacher
Tracy Casebonne Spiers
In Memory of Janet Baugh Montegudo '80
Joan Tassin Chidester
In memory of Teachers from the 1950's
Shirley Daigle Cifreo
In memory of Calvin '51, John '52, Teddy '61 & Gary '62 Daigle
Betty Earle Clark
In memory of Earleene and Bobby Nolan
Ned Clark
In memory of Coach Kenner S. Day
Ann Barnum Clemmons
In memory of Lew Barnum '54 and Dan Barnum '56
Florence Cole
In memory of Carleen Kracher '61
Clayton W. "Tony" Coleman
In memory of Elizabeth Coleman Becker '59
Gary Davis
In memory of Denny Thomas '66
Beverly Fair
In memory of Beverly Jeanesonne Bartol '49
Reagan Farr
In memory of Thom Barber, BRHS teahcer
Jerry Fischer
In memory of Bert Yates '73
Jeff & Lauren Ford
In memory of Lesli Wood, BRHS teacher
Matt & Mandy Foster
In memory of Thom Barber, BRHS teacher
Sharon Gahagan
In memory of Sandra Smith Longmire '64
Justin Germany
In memory of Thom Barber, BRHS teacher
Vincent Giaccone
In memory of William "Bill" Poche, BRHS teacher
Parker Griffith
In memory of Julie Stander & Jane Johnson Pickett, Class of 1960
Joesph D. Hair III
In memory of Beth Kuhlman '67
Fred Kimball
In memory of Raymond Kimball '55
Wayne '79 & Fran '80 Strother Kirkpatrick
In memory of Howard '44 and Betty Butler Strother '47
John & Jodi Koontz III
In memory of John '31 & Helen' 32 Wood Koontz, Sr.; Merle Babin Koontz '62
Oscar Loy
In memory of Leslie L. Loy '82
Mrs. Huntington "Pat" Odom
In memory of Huntington Odom '47
Laura Oubre
In memory of Joan Savage Harrell '58
Buddy & Carmen Porta
In memory of Lesli Wood, BRHS teacher
Guy & Mimi Barnum Riché
In memory of Dan Barnum '56 & Stan Bardwell '58
Felicia Lilley Rordam
In memory of Marrin E. Lilley Espy '48
Robert Turner
In memory of Elise "Puddin" Turner '48
Frank Willet
In memory of David Gelpi '69
Sally Womack
In memory of L.Sam Waymouth '52

Jake Netterville, Michael Rauch, John Schwab & George White
In memory of Dan Barnum, Class of 1956

Pledge & Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Graduation Yr.: _____ Last Name at Graduation: _____

As a reflection of my support for the mission of the Baton Rouge High School Foundation and to ensure the future of Baton Rouge High School, I pledge/donate:

☐ $10,000 ☐$5,000 ☐ $2,500 ☐ $1,000 ☐ $500 ☐ $250 ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ $25 ☐ Other: _____

☐ I wish to become a member of **The Legacy of Excellence Society**:

☐ I pledge $5,000 each year for 3 years - Valedictorian Level

☐ I pledge $2,500 each year for 3 years - Salutatorian Level

☐ I pledge $1,000 each year for 3 years - Honors Level

☐ I wish to add another year to my current pledge level.

Payment Information:

If pledge, first payment to be made on: _____

Payment(s) to be made: ☐ Annually ☐ Semi-annually ☐ Quarterly or ☐ Monthly

☐ I will make a gift of stock. Please send me the information. ☐ Gift is eligible for a company match program.

☐ Enclosed is the matching gift information.

Check #: _____ Date: _____

Pledge payments and donations may be made by credit card on the website.

Link here: www.brhsfoundation.net

Memorials/Honorariums ~ ☐ This gift is in ☐ Memory or ☐ Honor of:

Name: _____

BRHS Graduation Yr.: _____

Please Notify (Name): _____

Address: _____

Donor Signature: _____

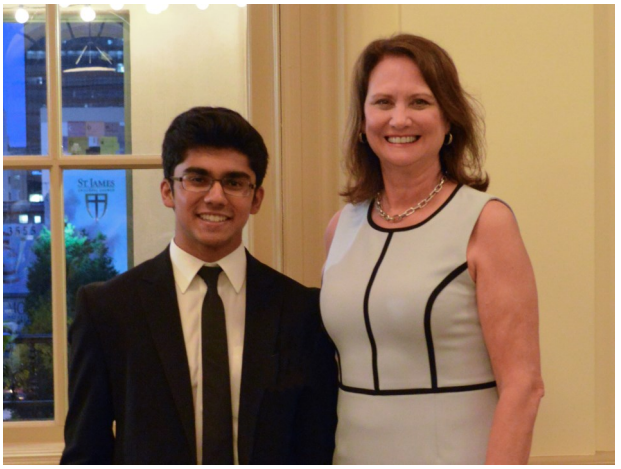
☐ I give permission for my name to be included in a public list of donors.

Make check payable to: **Baton Rouge High School Foundation**. The Baton Rouge High School Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

2019 Hall of Fame

May 21, 2019

The City Club of Baton Rouge was once again the site for the 2019 Hall of Fame Dinner and Ceremony. A capacity crowd of over 130 guests were on hand to enjoy the ceremony and hear from Nan McCann, BRHS Principal, for the State of the School address as well as our keynote speaker Jay Iyer, Class of 2021.



Jay Iyer and Nan McCann, BRHS Principal

The honorees represented the fields of education, engineering, law, business and all deeply committed to giving back to their communities.

- **Robert Armstrong**, Class of 1966 is the Director of the world renowned Massachusetts Institute of Technology Energy Initiative (MITEI).
- **Peggy Bullion**, Class of 1967, served as the Curriculum Chief for the Dept of Defense Education Activity.
- **John Engquist**, Class of 1972, is the Executive Chairman of H&E Equipment Services in Baton Rouge.
- **Sherri Hammond LeBas**, Class of 1980, was the first woman to serve as the Secretary for the Louisiana Dept. of Transportation.
- **Dennis Lorio**, Class of 1969 teacher, coach, mentor and voted the 1991 5-A Coach of the Year by the LA Sports Writers Association.
- **Pam Miller Perkins**, Class of 1965 (posthumously), was an attorney who served as General Counselor to the Division of Administration under three LA Governors, and while a student at LSU, worked diligently for women students' equality.

During the State of the School address, Mrs. McCann remarked how important the Foundation's support for the AP curriculum is and that the ongoing funding has been instrumental in BRHS being ranked as the #1 AP School in Louisiana. She said that the next goals for BRHS are to reinvest in the science program with college level curriculum and to launch a fundraising campaign to purchase a new *grand piano for the historic Auditorium stage.

Keynote speaker **Jay Iyer**, Class of 2021 and 2019 AP Scholar told a personal and poignant story of how, as a young boy, he watched his grandfather and cousin suffer with rare, debilitating and fatal neurological diseases. The impact was so powerful, that he has dedicated his educational path to science and will study neurological medicine after high school with the hope of finding cures for these insidious diseases. He emphasized how a university level science program ***"will effectively put Baton Rouge High School students well above the curve when it's time for college."***

Class of 1986 graduate and Hall of Fame member John Koontz served as the Master of Ceremonies. Each honoree was presented with a custom designed and engraved crystal award.

* As of this printing, the Foundation, in collaboration with BRHS, successfully raised funds to purchase a new grand piano. This piano was dedicated to the memories of Lesli Wood, piano teacher and Robbie Giroir, choral teacher at a dedication ceremony held on Monday, November 18, 2019 in the BRHS Auditorium.

2019 Hall of Fame, Left to Right: Robert Armstrong, John Engquist, Peggy Bullion, Dennis Lorio
Sherri LeBas, and Jay Perkins, husband of Pam Perkins

Thank you so much to our Hall of Fame Sponsors: inoLect, The Fabre Automotive Group,
and Mike Glisson Real Estate.

2020 Reunions

Class of 1970 ~ 50th Reunion: Saturday April 25. The day will include a tour of Baton Rouge High School and the evening event will be held at the City Club of Baton Rouge. More information will be on our website as it becomes available.

Class of 1980 ~ 40th Reunion: Friday and Saturday June 26-27. A tour of BRHS is planned for Saturday morning with the evening event tentatively scheduled for the City Club of Baton Rouge.

Class of 1990 ~ 30th Reunion: Friday, July 24th: Evening informal gathering, TBA
Saturday, July 25th: 10 AM-12 PM, school tour.
Saturday, July 25th: Evening, Party at Watermark Hotel, 150 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70801
A block of rooms are available from Friday through Sunday nights. Guest may reserve by either calling Autograph Collection Reservations at 1-877-557-3097 (ask for the Baton Rouge High group rate), or by using the custom reservations link 1990 Reunion Rooms

Class of 2000 ~ 20th Reunion: Weekend of June 20th. More information will be added as it becomes available.

Class of 2010 ~ 10th Reunion: TBA

Planning Your Reunion:
The Foundation has put together a comprehensive reunion planning guide to help you with every step in planning a wonderful reunion. This guide is available in a PDF format on our website Alumni/Class Year Resources page or a copy can be emailed upon request. One of the highlights of the reunion weekend is the alumni tour of dear ol' Baton Rouge High. Scheduling of the tour is accomplished only through the Foundation office, and not the school or the EBRP School District. It is vital that you contact Alexa Territo, administrative assistant, to determine open dates for your reunion tour before your committee signs venue contracts and pays deposits. BRHS is a site for ACT and SAT testing and those dates fall on various Saturdays throughout the spring and summer months. Tours of the school cannot be scheduled on those days. **Please note that as of 2020, we will no longer schedule reunion tours on any holiday weekend.**

At their 50th reunion last summer, the **Class of 1969** presented the Foundation with this custom designed, framed quilt of one of our vintage logos. The quilting was done by Janis Valentine, logo adaptation by Harold Williams, and framing by Byron Lato.

Our deepest appreciation for this thoughtful and one of a kind gift!

In Memoriam

Philemon "Phil" St. Amant '35
Doris Draughon Watson '37
Neva Theriot Von Monach '38
Gladys Becker Naquin '38
Charles Richardson '40
Ruth Suthon Boudreaux '41
Jo Ann Ousley '41
Katie Sygalas Pierce '41
Betty Kemp Bergeron '42
Joseph Hutchinson '43
Donald Kirk, Jr. '43
Doris Hoskins McCoin '44
Jimmy Ray Nichols '44
Betty Jean Poirrier Stirling '44
Barbara Murphy Mellen '46
Gloria Cobb Pevey '46
Elizabeth Nurdin Singleton '45
Lloyd Adcock 47
Merritt McDonald '47
Ima Jean Fair Gerald '50
Nellie Hardy Henry '50
Robert Keller '50
Jeanne Pierce Shipp '52
Charles Stout '52
Billie Carroll Hyde '53
Jean Toups Krake '53
Betty Jo Bowman Breland '54
Sheridan Harelson Harris '55
Helene "Willie" Smith Irwin '55
Langford "Smitty" Smith '55
Phillip Horne '56
Byrd Ball '57
Katherine Roy "Kitty" Claus '57
Kenneth Domma '58
August "Bud" Hochendel '58
Harry Keen '58
Gary Guelfo '59
Lynda Kennedy Vince '59
George "Randy" Weishar '59
Randall "Randy" Whitaker Harrison '60
Kent Caldwell '61
Kenneth Caracci '62
Alvin Kent Furlow '62
Leonard "Gene" Murphy '63
Mark Perault '63
Glenney Archer Valentine '63
George Cotton, '64
Brenda Bradford Collins '65
Cherry Means Davis '65
Anne Howe Nelson '67
Craig McDonald '68
Randal Harrison '73
Ronnie Boudreaux,'74
Andrew Engolio '82
Danny Ferrara '83
John Burk '84
Byron Simpson '84
Jerel Forrest '89
Jason Gele '92
Joseph Hutchison '93
Charles Richardson '97

In order that we maintain the highest level of accuracy and sensitivity to our BRHS deceased graduates' families, we accept the following as confirmation of death: link or print version of a published obituary or note from the immediate family, email or written. Please submit notices of death to assistant@brhsfoundation.net

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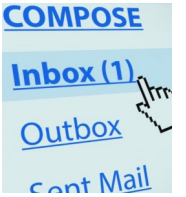

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