

B.C.C.U. #2 ACADEMIC FOUNDATION'S CORE PRINCIPLES

OUR VISION ...

... is to enrich the educational experience of our children by providing a bridge to meet the common objectives between the Unit #2 School District and the community.

OUR MISSION ...

... to provide educational opportunities by funding grants and facilitating scholarships for students in the district.

TO REACH OUR MISSION, WE VALUE ...

- Relationships ... with the Parents, Community, Business, District Administration, Educational Staff, School Board, Alumni, Teachers & Students
- Partnerships ... with BCCU #2 and other organizations
- Membership ... individuals donating time, talent, or resources to our mission
- Stewardship ... ownership of our mission

BECOME A MEMBER!!

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual Membership Level:

_____ \$25 Honorable Mention

_____ \$50 Honor Roll

_____ \$100 High Honor Roll

_____ \$250 Cum Laude

_____ \$500 Magna Cum Laude

_____ \$1,000 Summa Cum Laude

_____ \$ Other

_____ \$10 & up – in honor of

ALSO CONSIDER:

Donation to specific program/grant: _____

Submit to :
Bond County Community Unit #2
Academic Foundation
1008 North Hena
Greenville, IL 62246
OR
Join us online at www.bccu2af.org

*The B.C.C.U. #2 Academic Foundation is a
501 (c)(3) organization as determined by the IRS.
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BOND COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT #2 ACADEMIC FOUNDATION



**A BRIDGE TO LIGHT THE WAY
TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE**

**Learn more at
www.bccu2af.org**

*“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”
~BENJAMIN FRANKLIN*

HISTORY

In the late 1980's, the finances of the B.C.C.U. #2 School District were stressed, much like in today's economy. Key community members who valued the importance of a quality education identified the need to support our District beyond the District's budget capabilities and thereby, the idea of the B.C.C.U. #2 Academic Foundation was formed.

It took many individuals' time, dedication, and expertise to create the Foundation. But it was the efforts of life-long Bond County resident, Fred Baumberger, which garnered the initial ten pledges of \$1,000 each from "The Grandparents Club" that gave the Foundation life! It was with this money that the Foundation's Endowment Fund was originated. Thanks to generous supporters, today's Endowment Fund balance is over \$100,000!

It was Mr. Baumberger's and the other Foundation organizers' wish that the Endowment Fund monies not be spent but to be conservatively invested while allowing for any income generated from the Fund to be used for the mission of the Foundation.

It was 1990 when the B.C.C.U. #2 Academic Foundation was officially organized. Today the Foundation continues to support the District's objective of providing a quality education to B.C.C.U. #2 students by:

- Awarding of Teacher Grants with membership dues and direct charitable contributions;
- Administering college and aviation scholarships with memorial gifts;
- Supporting Character Education.

TEACHER GRANTS

The B.C.C.U. #2 Academic Foundation seeks to enhance ALL students' educational experience within the B.C.C.U. #2 School District through annual funding of Teacher Grants. This means *every* student and center --- Greenville, Pocahontas and Sorrento; KRP through 12th grade -- benefits from these grants.

Teacher Grants help teachers to obtain the classroom tools they need to further their students' learning. As District funds become tighter, these grants become more of a necessity to continue with a high quality educational program.

All teacher requests for funds are approved by their principal prior to the Foundation's Teacher Grant Committee's review and selection of Grant recipients.

Grant requests range from baby dolls for KRP to dissecting pans for high school science classes; I-pads for 2nd grade classrooms to an air compressor for ag/industrial art students. The requests can vary greatly, but each request has this single purpose: *enhancing ALL students' educational experience within the B.C.C.U #2 School District!*

The Foundation has awarded over \$375,000 in Teacher Grants since its beginning in 1990.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The B.C.C.U. #2 Academic Foundation has been entrusted with awarding the following college scholarships to graduating B.C.C.U. #2 High School Seniors:

- Sara Cunningham Memorial Scholarship
- Jan Nevinger Memorial Scholarship
- Ralph & Audrey Broom Scholarship
- Dottie Corn Memorial Scholarship
- Art Bollinger Memorial Scholarship
- Mabel & Roger Riedemann Scholarship
- James & Thelma Keaster Scholarship

BAUMBERGER AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The B.C.C.U. #2 Academic Foundation also oversees the Baumberger Aviation Scholarship which is awarded to a B.C.C. U. #2 High School student interested in an aviation career. The scholarship pays for a portion of ground and flight school. This advanced training has proven beneficial for those who wish to embark on an aviation career.

CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPPORT

The B.C.C.U. #2 Academic Foundation supports the efforts of the B.C.C.U. #2 Character Education Program. This program is dedicated to "building character for life" by teaching, modeling, and affirming positive character development throughout our School District and community.

OUR FUTURE

Aside from your generous annual membership and gifts, we encourage you to consider two additional paths of giving that will help to insure the future of the B.C.C.U. #2 Academic Foundation:

1. Establish an annual Teacher Grant Scholarship in memory or honor of a loved one. Annual Teacher Grant Scholarships can be designed to benefit specific areas of interest or learning centers.
2. Leave a legacy with a planned gift through estate planning.

If you are interested in discussing either of these options, please contact the B.C.C.U. #2 Unit Office at 618-664-0170. They will put you in contact with a Foundation officer.