

A community partnership of businesses and individuals whose purpose is to enhance public education in Haywood County Consolidated Schools. The Haywood County Schools Foundation is committed to the children, schools and employees of Haywood County Consolidated Schools. That commitment is made possible through generous donations and efforts by members of the community. Contributions may be designated to a specific scholarship, grant, school, project or program. With the exception of endowments and savings, all of the money that comes in goes back out.

Celebrating 35 years. The Haywood County Schools Foundation is the longest running public school educational foundation in North Carolina.

The Haywood County Schools Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to supporting educational opportunities for the students and staff of Haywood County Consolidated Schools.

When you sponsor a program, project, or scholarship through the Haywood County Schools Foundation, you are investing in the education of our community's future leaders, creating opportunities for our teachers to deliver creative lessons, and assisting students with achieving their academic dreams.





A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JENNY WOOD VALLIERE



Dear Friends, The Haywood County Schools Foundation continues to thrive because of the tremendous support from our community and alumni. The Haywood County

community has rallied to continue to support our consolidated school system. Our mission is to invest in our wonderful students, dedicated employees and remarkable schools. Our community and donors make this possible year after year.

As we move into a new school year, our goal is again, to recruit and retain high qualified employees. Making an investment in our employees will in turn lead to more success and keep our students performing among the top in the state in all areas.

Christine Gregorie said, "Education is the foundation upon which we build our future". We are so proud of our Foundation and the work it continues to do for our students. We hope you will join us in a commitment to advance our students, making the future of Haywood County even brighter.

Sincerely,

Genny Wood Valliere

Executive Director, Haywood County Schools Foundation





\$218,900 in scholarships were awarded to 99 high school seniors from Pisgah, Tuscola, Central Haywood, and Haywood Early College



145 employees recognized for their years of service with \$14,500 in gift cards



\$2,950 given to recognize the district's 15 teachers of the year



More than \$202,000 awarded in grants to teachers, schools, and students



\$20,000 donated to system-wide Professional Development Day



DEDICATED TO OUR STUDENTS

Among the 115 school districts in North Carolina, Haywood County Consolidated Schools ranked 11th based upon the district performance composite for the 2016-17 school year; ranking us in the top 10 percent in the state. This is up from a district ranking of 15th during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years.

Since 2013, the state has issued school letter grades to each public school. In 2013-14 Haywood County Consolidated Schools was one of only 8 districts to have no "D" or "F" schools. Since then, Haywood County Consolidated Schools has remained in the elite group of school districts with no "D" or "F" schools. The following chart presents the percentage of schools by letter grade for all North Carolina schools, charter schools and Haywood County Consolidated Schools.

Letter Grade	Traditional Public Schools	Public Charter Schools	Haywood County Schools
A or A+	7.3%	9.8%	14.3%
В	28.5%	33.7%	50.0%
С	41.6%	31.3%	35.7%
D	18.7%	17.2%	0.0%
F	4.0%	8.0%	0.0%

The 2017-18 results will be released by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction later this year, and Haywood County Consolidated Schools anticipates receiving high marks once again.



2018 PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR JILL CHAMBERS, RIVERBEND

What a privilege it is to represent Haywood County Schools as Principal of the Year. It has been an honor to serve as the principal of Riverbend Elementary School for the past six years.

As a student of Haywood County Schools, with parents that both retired from HCS and two grown children that work here as well, I have a vested interest in the continued success of our District. My hope is that our children will see the teachers, the administration, and the parents working together for the sake of student safety, health, happiness, and achievement.

I hope to use this honor, my 27 years of experience, and my voice to advocate for what is best for our students. I am truly thankful for this journey and for the best job in the world.

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Bethel Elementary Courtney Meyers Bethel Middle Julie Green Canton Middle Deborah Brown Central Haywood High Bronson Gross Clyde Elementary

Sophi Spurrier

Hazelwood Elementary Nicole Revis

Haywood Early College Ryan Brumfield

Jonathan Valley Elementary Kathy Swanger

Junaluska Elementary Hayley Prince Meadowbrook Elementary Courtney Smith North Canton Elementary Valerie Guyer

<u>Pisgah High</u> Callie Rogers

<u>Riverbend Elementary</u> Leslie Buchanan

<u>Tuscola High</u> Stephanie Kea

Waynesville Middle Casey Roberts

HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS WELCOMES SUPERINTENDENT DR. BILL NOLTE



I am excited about the 2018-19 school year and honored to have been named superintendent by our Board of Education earlier this summer. While public schools face many challenges, our best and brightest days are before us. We have worked very hard over the last decade to become one of the best school systems in North Carolina. Our students are very successful in a wide range of academic and extra-curricular activities. I have always believed that only the best school systems do almost everything at a high level. That is certainly the case for Haywood County Schools. We excel academically in stu-

dent performance on career and college preparatory courses, assessments, and academic competitions. We also excel in extra-curricular activities from traditional sports and student organizations to civic activities sponsored by the community and student interest clubs.

I am confident there will be very little that we cannot accomplish, if we work together.

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Bill Nolte, Ed.D.

Each teacher grant sponsor has different requirements and focuses of study. The Evergreen Packaging grant provides funds for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) projects and programs. The First Citizens Bank grant provides funding to schools and teachers for reading initiatives. Professional growth and development is the focus of the HomeTrust Bank grant. The QuickDraw art grant provides funds for art teachers to purchase materials for art education.



The Haywood County Schools Foundation awarded more than \$202,000 in grant money to teachers, schools, and student activities.

Grants were sponsored by Evergreen Packaging, First Citizens Banks, QuickDraw, the Arc of Haywood County, and the Haywood County Schools Foundation. The grants fund resources for teachers and staff to enrich the learning experience for students. Grants ranged from \$375 to fund assistive technology aids at Clyde Elementary, to \$210 to purchase circuitry kits at Tuscola High School, to \$199 for a renewable energy K'NEX set for the 3rd grade Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) program.

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Thanks to the QuickDraw grant, my art classes will get to create screen printing projects," Dustin Keyes, art teacher at Pisgah High School, said. "I'm looking forward to this project because it allows the artists in the school to create things to enrich the school. **99**







THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Noal Castater, Career and Technical Education (CTE) teacher at Waynesville Middle School, was awarded the Evergreen Packaging Math and Science grant, First Citizens Bank Reading grant, and Haywood County Schools Foundation Professional Development grant for the 2017-18 school year. All the grants Castater was awarded were for different projects and workshops he plans to implement in his classroom.

"I feel the hardest part of teaching is creating engaging projects that students will buy into," Castater said. "Thanks to the classroom grants I received from Evergreen and First Citizens, I'm able to provide my students with exciting, hands-on STEM projects that have real-world applications."

Using his \$422 Evergreen Packaging Math and Science grant, Castater developed an innovative packaging design project for his 330 middle school students. Students learned the importance and widespread everyday use of how packaging design affects their lives by creating hands-on projects. They started the unit by building basic boxes before advancing to complex foldable drag racers, airplanes, and rockets.

Castater said the packaging projects taught students the mathematical and scientific applications of geometric design, telescoping, creating tessellations, evaluating material strength and performance, converting twodimensional drawings to three-dimensional products, and designing and building according to specifications. Castater also stressed the importance of how to conserve resources by using as little material as possible to protect the environment.

Students also learned how these math and science activities relate to real-world applications in business, marketing, and the financial side of packaging with shipping, retail, mail order, and decorative designs.



THS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



CHHS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION



PHS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



HAYWOOD EARLY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In May 2018 at the Foundation's Partners in Education awards ceremony, 99 high school seniors from Pisgah, Tuscola, Central Haywood, and Haywood Early College received 117 scholarships totaling \$218,900. Scholarships ranged from \$300 to \$40,000.

"Receiving this scholarship definitely takes the burden of paying for college off of my parents and myself," Kendall Myers, recipient of the James and Betty Scott Memorial Scholarship, said. "I just want to thank the scholarship committee for awarding me this scholarship because now I can attend college with a little less stress and be able to focus on my studies."

Currently, the Foundation manages more than 60 scholarships that have been established by businesses and individuals in the community. Scholarships may be endowed or funded annually.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

ADELINE B. PATRICK MEMORIAL Mackenzie Aldridge (THS) Joseph Putname (PHS)

ALTRUSA CLUB OF WAYNESVILLE

Kelly Reece (THS) Sawyer Valentine (PHS) Peyton Pressel (THS) Malea Rico (PHS) Natalie Swaim (THS) Cody Coggins (CHHS) Bailey Henderson (PHS) Jerrod Killilay (HEC) Sydney Smith (PHS) Valerie Ashe (THS) John Darguzas (THS) Justin Francis (PHS)

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BETTY JEAN HENSON MEMORIAL Madison Hranek (PHS)

BLACK ORTHODONTICS Emma Clarke (THS) Carly McDaniel (THS)

BUDDY CHANDLER Tanner Robinson (THS)

CANTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1957 Gavin Blackburn (PHS)

CHAMPION CREDIT UNION Savannah Bryant (THS) Heather Carver (THS) Breanna Metcalf (PHS) Daniel Ross (THS)

CHARLES K. PATTERSON Dylan Hayward (THS)

CLYDE LIONS CLUB- JACK SOMBERG, HAL MCCRACKEN, DICK HANNAH Brooke Smith (PHS)

CRAWFORD RAY Devon Cabe (PHS) Loren Cook (PHS)

CRUSO FRIENDSHIP CLUB JERVIS/ALEXANDER Savannah McKay (PHS) Joseph Putnam (PHS)

CYNTHIA SHEPHERD CULBERTSON MEMORIAL Ansley Goolsby (PHS) Rebekah Vertress (THS)

DAVID SHERRILL MEMORIAL Heather Carver (THS)

DR. ALAN R. & RITA M. BROWN MEMORIAL Isabella Sorrells (PHS)

DR. MACK AND BEULAH SETSER MEMORIAL Megan Rathbone (PHS)

DUSTIN MOODY MEMORIAL Kristen O'Rear (THS) ELAYNE TUCKER WADSWORTH MEMORIAL Natalie Swaim (THS)

<u>ENTEGRA BANK</u> Lukus Pilkington (HEC)

FRANK & KATHRYN KIRKPATRICK MEMORIAL

Savannah Bryant (THS)

GENE HAAS FOUNDATION Brady Conner (PHS) Kyler Fouts (PHS) Lucas McCracken (PHS) Lance Shallenberger (PHS) Jared Shoemaker (PHS)

HAYWOOD COUNTY DEMOCRATIC

Dara Applebaum (THS) Dalton Hamlett (PHS)

HAYWOOD COUNTY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #16 Jordan Kielson (THS)

HAYWOOD COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL Samuel Vanden Bergh (THS)

HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Madison Chambers (PHS) Robert Hannah (PHS) Alyczandra James (PHS) Crystal James (THS) Olivia Johnson (THS) Sophia Masciarelli (THS) Fredrick Monday (THS) Lucie Patten (THS) Grayson Perkins (THS) Laura Winburn (HEC)

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JAMES & LELA CROCKER SYMPHONIC MUSIC AWARD Ashleigh Young (THS)

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JUNALUSKA ROSS LANCE Victoria James (THS) Jared Medford (PHS)

JUSTIN INMAN MEMORIAL Thomas Long (PHS)

LAKE JUNALUSKA SERVANT LEADER Natalie Rodriguez-Ponce (PHS)

MARK D. PARRIS MEMORIAL Shelby Reece (THS)

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PATRICIA LINER MEMORIAL Sophia Delbene (THS) Holly Parton (THS) Jordan Taylor (PHS)

PAY IT FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP Megan Hoglen (THS)

PEGGY MELVILLE Marina Battenfeld (THS)

PEPSI-COLA VOCATIONAL Jason Best (PHS) Alex Corona-Perez (PHS) Kanyon James (PHS) Carli Knight (PHS) Kourtney Krege (THS)

PHS CLASS OF '68- LADIES LUNCH BUNCH Malea Rico (PHS) Sydney Smith (PHS)

PHS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY Jordan Taylor (PHS)

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REEVES FAMILY Samantha Moody (CHHS) **REEVES MEMORIAL** Thomas Hudson (THS)

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WOW LYNDA CHOVAN MEMORIAL Patrisha Cutshaw (CHHS) Angela Thoresen (HEC)



The Haywood County Schools Foundation raised \$103,000 through fundraisers during the 2017-18 school year.

MARDI GRAS BALL

The Mardi Gras Ball, sponsored by Entegra Bank, raised more than \$97,000 in February 2018. Congratulations to this year's King Lee Provost and Queen Stephanie Welch-Strickland. Since the first Mardi Gras Ball in 2008, the event has raised nearly \$600,000 for scholarships, classroom grants, and support services for Haywood County Consolidated Schools. Each year, dedicated community members volunteer to run as candidates for the Mardi Gras court. The 2019 Mardi Gras Ball is planned for Saturday, February 23 at Laurel Ridge Country Club.

BINGO

The Foundation also hosts a bingo fundraiser. The next Bingo fundraiser is Saturday, September 15 at the Canton Armory. Tickets are \$20 for 20 games. Doors open at 4:30pm and games start at 6:00pm. There are great prizes, food, and a chance to win \$500 cash.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Assets	2017
Total current assets	501,892
Investment assets	2,072,502
Total Assets	\$2,574,394
Assets	2018
Total current assets	401,666
Investment assets	2,302,141
Total Assets	\$2,703,807
Expenses	2018
Scholarships from permanent funds	44,750
Scholarships from temporary funds	126,504
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Grants from permanent funds	6,202
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SUGAR PLUM PROJECT CONTINUES TO BRING JOY

"I'm so excited to see Santa today," Molly, a first grader said. "I can't wait to open my presents and sit on Santa's lap."

Unfortunately, many families in our area struggle to purchase presents for their children and pay their bills. Thanks to generous donations from local businesses and community members, Haywood County Schools students in need got to experience the joy of the holiday season.

For the past 31 years, the Haywood County Schools Foundation's Sugar Plum Project has provided clothing and gifts to students in need during the holiday season. The Sugar Plum Project provides Christmas for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade students enrolled in Haywood County Schools. Most of these children come from lowincome families.

"It's amazing that our community has supported the Sugar Plum Project for more than three decades," Jenny Wood Valliere, Haywood County Schools Foundation executive director, said. "It's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season, but today is all about seeing the pure joy and happiness that Christmas brings to children."

Children's names were available on trees at United Community Bank, HomeTrust Bank, and Champion Credit Union. Generous community members picked out a name and bought items included on the child's wish list. The Sugar Plum Project also accepted monetary donations to sponsor children.

Through monetary and gift donations, 95 students received an early Christmas last December at a celebration at the old Hazelwood gym.

Students from the county's eight elementary schools were treated to lunch, opened their gifts, and were surprised with a visit from Santa Claus. The children got the chance to talk with Santa and tell him about their Christmas lists.



"I like Christmas because of presents and cookies," Amanda, a kindergartner, excitedly said. "I forgot what toys I asked for, but I'm excited to see Santa."

This was the first year that Haywood County Schools' Transportation Director Mark Sheppard has donned the red suit and beard as Santa Claus.

"It was really an honor for me to treat the kids to a visit from Santa," Sheppard said. "The smiles on their faces and the pure excitement they showed are what it's all about."

Along with the Sugar Plum Project, Haywood County Schools has worked with Evergreen Packaging and police officers from Waynesville, Maggie Valley, Canton, and Clyde, Haywood County Sheriff's officers, Highway Patrol, and Haywood County EMS to ensure all students have a memorable holiday season.

"Haywood County Schools is grateful for the donations of money, gifts, and time given to our students," Wood Valliere said. "Each year, the generosity of our community blows me away."



HOW TO SPONSOR

Individuals and businesses are invited to make tax deductible contributions to the Haywood County Schools Foundation. Contributions may take the form of a cash gift, appreciated securities or real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder, non-profit organization assets, memorials, estate gifts or wills and bequests, or other real or personal property. For more information about donating or any of the sponsorship opportunities listed on the left, please contact the Foundation's Executive Director Jenny Wood Valliere at 828-456-2400 or e-mail jwood@haywood.k12.nc.us.









SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

CREATE A SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships may be endowed or funded annually. Criteria for awarding the scholarship are designed by the donors and the Foundation Board of Directors. Endowed scholarships are generated through the investment of permanently-held principals, so that only the income from the principal is used for scholarship awards.

SPECIAL EVENT SPONSOR

The Foundation hosts several fundraising events throughout the year including bingo (spring and fall) and the Mardi Gras Ball (winter). As an event sponsor, your name/business will be prominently displayed at the event and included in all press releases. Tables are also available at the Mardi Gras Ball.

ONE-TIME DONATIONS

One-time donations are always accepted and can be made to support a specific program, project, or school.



SAM AND SHIRLEY SMITH INSTRUCTION PROGRAM ENDOWMENT

Last fall, Jonathan and René Smith created a new endowment with the Haywood County Schools Foundation. The Sam and Shirley Smith Instruction Program Endowment, which was funded with an initial gift of \$30,000, will provide ongoing support for the instructional needs of Haywood County Schools' teachers.

The endowment is in honor of Sam Smith and in memory of his wife Shirley who passed away in January 2013.

Jonathan, a healthcare administrator at the Jules Stein Eye Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), came up with the idea of honoring his parents with an educational endowment when his wife's family did something similar for her parents.

"I thought it was just a really nice gesture, and a way for my parents' legacy to live on for years to come" Jonathan said. "I wanted the endowment to be 100 percent my dad's choice as far as recipient and purpose."

Initially Jonathan suggested setting up the endowment at a university, but Sam was quick to choose the Haywood County Schools Foundation as the beneficiary. He specifically wanted the money to be used for staff development and instructional support.

Being a product of Haywood County Schools himself, Jonathan fully supported his father's choice of the Haywood County Schools Foundation.

"I have a great respect for my father and what he did for the public school system," Jonathan said. "This is a way for teachers to get the resources they need to give the best instruction to students possible."

Sam has a long history with Haywood County Schools.

In 1983, Sam, then the school system's associate superintendent, approached the Haywood County Board of Education with a proposal to create an educational foundation. Sam's vision was to create an organization that would provide instructional resources for teachers that state funding was not covering.

"I had no funding to start the Foundation, but I did get overwhelming support," Sam recalls. "The Board of Education and central office administration were very receptive. Tom Posey, a principal at the time, got on board immediately and helped me get the Foundation going."

Thirty-four years later, the Haywood County Schools Foundation is the longest running public school educational foundation in North Carolina. It has grown to more than \$2.5 million in assets and funds grants for teachers and staff, awards scholarships, and supports students in need.

"I know this endowment will provide long-term support for the instructional needs of our teachers, as well as system-level funding to provide quality programs to children," Sam said. "I am just very grateful that Jonathan and René established this in our name."

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