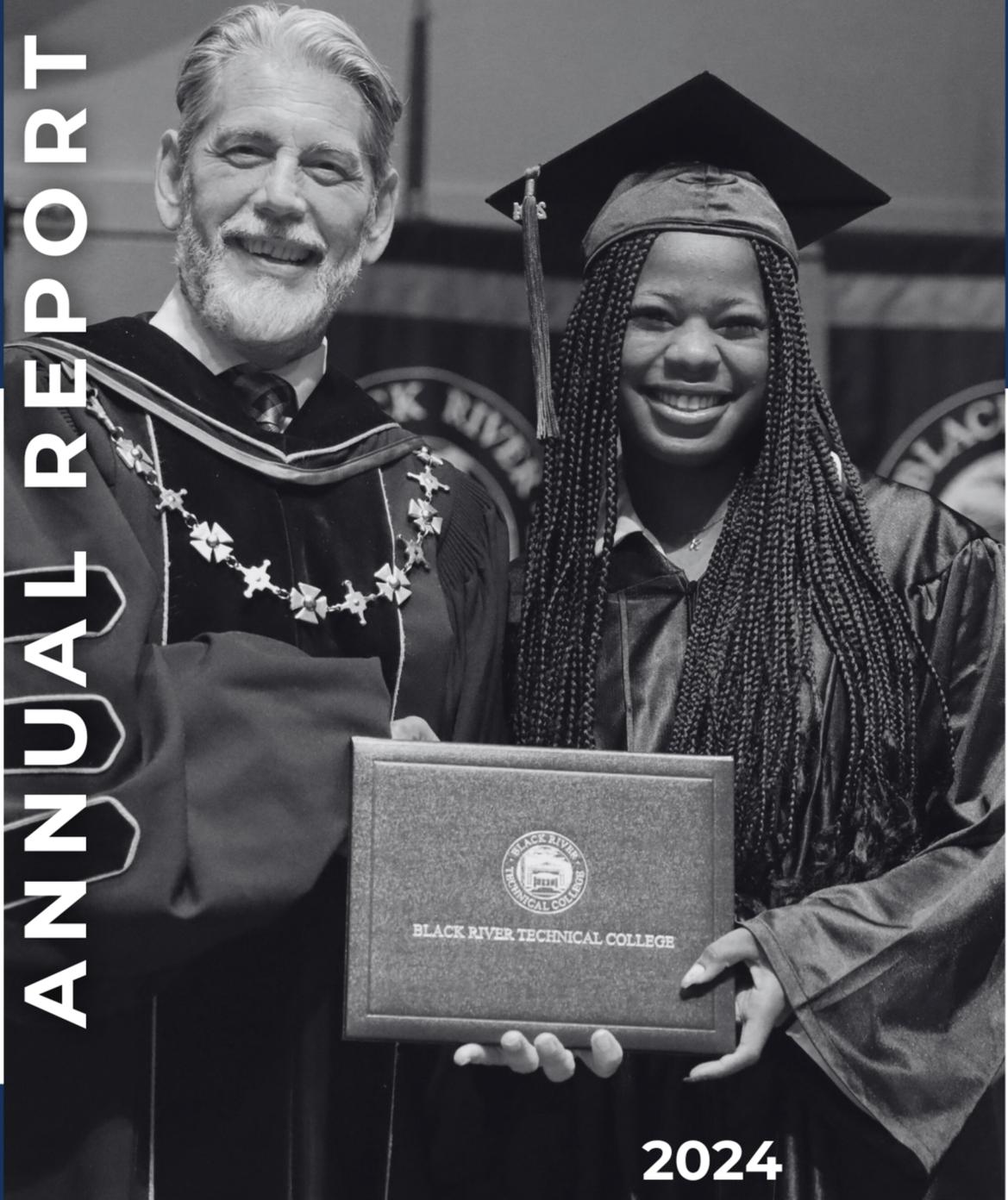


BRTC FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT



2024

2025

FROM THE CHAIR

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRWOMAN MELISSA WRIGHT DAVIS



The footprint of the Foundation Board has changed this past year with the resignation of Susie Eddington who was an extremely hard worker while serving on the board and the board committees. However, with the addition of Allison Hestand of Paragould and Brett Liebhaber of Pocahontas, we hope to continue our footprint in the surrounding communities.

The annual report is presented to you to share the growth and progress we have made this past year. This journey of growth is made possible by all of our generous “givers”... large and small. Your generosity does not go unnoticed by my fellow board members, and in face, we sometimes might be remiss in not thanking you enough.

As the Foundation grows, so do the opportunities provided to the students of Black River Technical College. Opportunities defined as educational enhancements and scholarships to further their knowledge and experiences.

To continue our growth and strength across our regional “footprint”, please remember that it begins with all of us on the Foundation Board and you, the members of the communities in which you reside.

THANK YOU for your belief in our mission by supporting us with your first-time and/or continuous donations. You, the donor, make us proud to serve on this board. On behalf of the entire BRTC community and the Foundation Board, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you have helped is achieve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Wright Davis, FBCD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Foundation Board Chair



FOUNDATION BOARD

The Board governs the BRTC Foundation.

Board members serve 4-year terms and are voted in by current board members. Board meetings meet bimonthly but are not public.



Milton Smith
Vice Chair
1st National Bank of
Lawrence County



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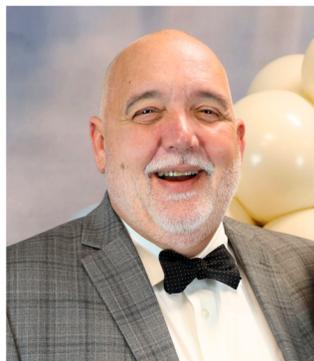
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Region's Bank



Mike Thompson
First Horizon

BOARD HONORS

The Foundation is very proud of its board members and their accomplishments.

Many Foundation board members go on to be members of the college's governing board or other state boards.



Josh Conlee



Graycen Bigger

- 1) **Josh Conlee** was selected to be a member of Leadership Jonesboro Class 39.
- 2) **Graycen Bigger** attended and represented Arkansas at the Paris Air Show in Pairs, France.



Leslie Martinez

Ken and Jan Ziegler Bridging the Gap Scholarship

Hometown: Rogers

Major: Registered Nursing

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous scholarship. Your support is making a significant impact on my educational journey and bringing me closer to my dream of becoming a registered nurse.

One of my aspirations is to become a traveling nurse. My bilingual skills will allow me to connect with people from diverse cultures and backgrounds, providing care and comfort to those in need. I am passionate about the idea of making a meaningful difference in the well-being of individuals across various communities, and your support is making this possible. Thank you for your incredible generosity!

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Foundation scholarships make a huge difference!

Supporting scholarships and students is a major reason why Foundation donors give.

Meet Some of the 2024-25 Scholarship Recipients



Mallory Story
Carl Lamb Memorial Scholarship



Clayton Walters
Cavanaugh Auto Group Scholarship



Khaniya Callicutt
Florence Nightingale Scholarship



Aidan Lamb
Keith Ward Memorial FFA Scholarship



Remington Cobble
Marty Powers Memorial Scholarship

Dawson Goins

Curtis Humes Memorial Scholarship

Hometown: Pocahontas

Major: Computer Information Technology

I am incredibly grateful for the generous scholarship you have awarded me. This support will significantly help cover the costs of my college education, allowing me to focus on my studies without the heavy financial burden. Thank you for believing in my potential and for contributing to my success. I look forward to the day when I can give back to others, just as you have done for me.



Foundation Scholarships

Awarded to Students
in 2024-25



\$79K

Total Amount Awarded

50

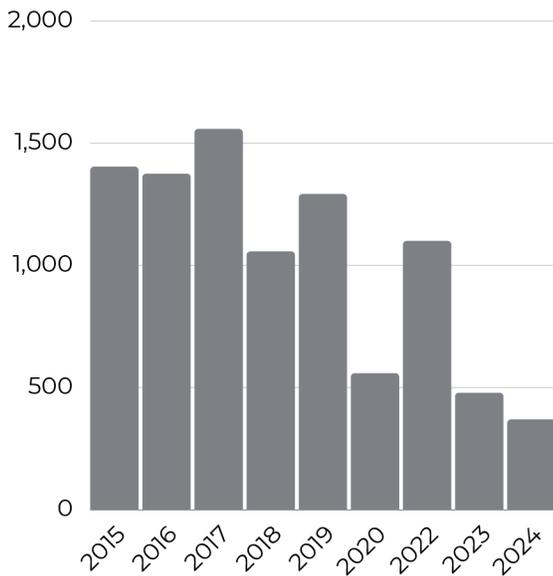
Number Students Awarded

ANNUAL SERIES

The Foundation offers two annual series to students and the public.

These forums are opportunities to provide cultural and historical education to local schools, college students, and the public.

Holocaust Series Attendance



20th Annual Holocaust Survivor Series



Holocaust survivor Rachel Mutterperl Goldfarb shared her experience of her family’s and her survival of the Holocaust.



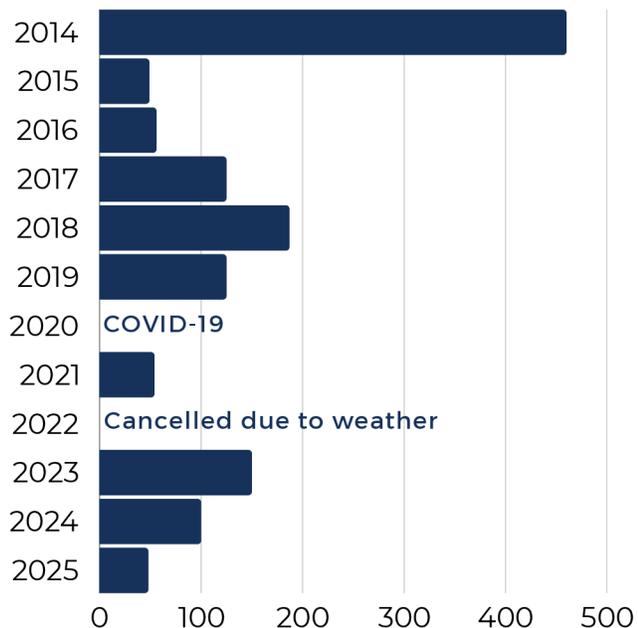
Al Bromberg shared his family’s history and what they endured during and after the Holocaust.



Black History Month Series

In partnership with the Eddie Mae Herron Center, Brian Rodgers, adult education interpretive specialist for the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, Arkansas’s Museum, presented “What’s in the Pot?” He explained the history and significance of soul food within the African American community.

Black History Month Attendance



EVENTS

BRTC's largest fundraising event is the annual Golf Tournament.

This event constitute the vast majority of all event giving. Most other Foundation events are lectures and appreciation events.

31st Annual Proventus/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament



BLACK RIVER
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Proventus

Golf Tournament Proceeds

The Golf Tournament is the Foundation's largest scholarship fundraiser.

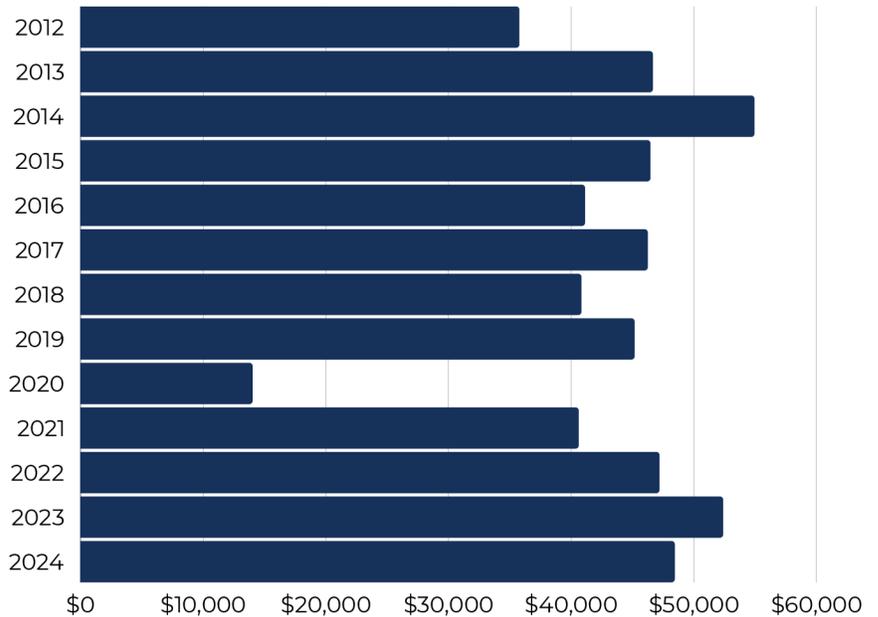
**2024 Golf
Tournament**

65

Sponsors

\$48K

Raised



Mike Poppleton and Erin Faulkner



Terry Holland, Alex Phillips, Lloyd King, and Byron Blanchard

BRTC FOUNDATION
DONOR
APPRECIATION

2025 Donor Appreciation Event

The 2025 Donor Appreciation Event invited donors to a meet and greet reception event at the Rolling Hills Country Club and where heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails were served. The Foundation awarded prize drawings at the end of the night. The event's purpose is to share the Foundation's appreciation of its many generous donors.



1) Mallory Steimel, Trey Steimel, Bethany Clark, Corbet Clark. 2) Rob Hanson, Brent Sawyer, Andrew Holoman, Dr. Martin Eggenesperger. 3) Darrell and Rose Fears. 4) Kathrine Bischof and Julie Edington. 5) John Jackson, Rhonda Stone, Mary Helen Jackson. 6) Raul and Bev Blasini. 7) Priscilla Stillwell and Dr. Jan Ziegler. 8) Ashton Sutton and Stephanie Sutton. 9) Jessica and Jeremy Stout.

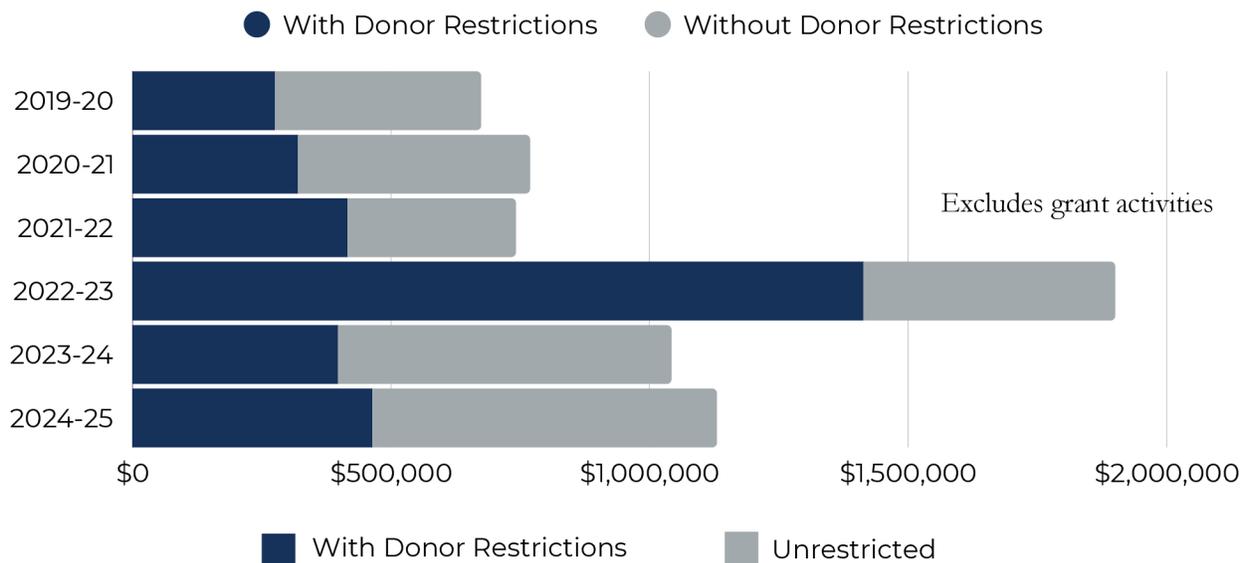


FOUNDATION FINANCES

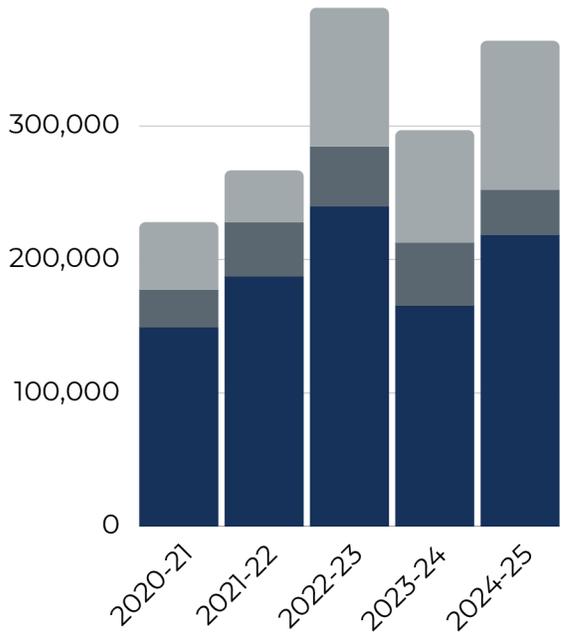
Financial Position

Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$734,644.50
Investments	\$404,867.41
Other Assets	\$9,761.53
Total Assets	\$1,149,273.44
Total Liabilities	
	\$6,775.00
Net Assets	
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	\$412,844.36
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$629,439.27
Total Net Assets	\$969,791.65
Total Liabilities and Equity	
	\$ 1,149,273.44

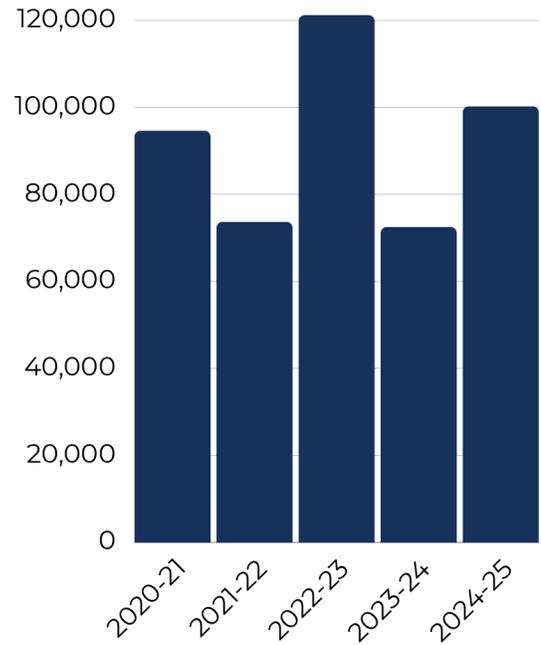
Total Net Assets



Gross Expenses & Revenue

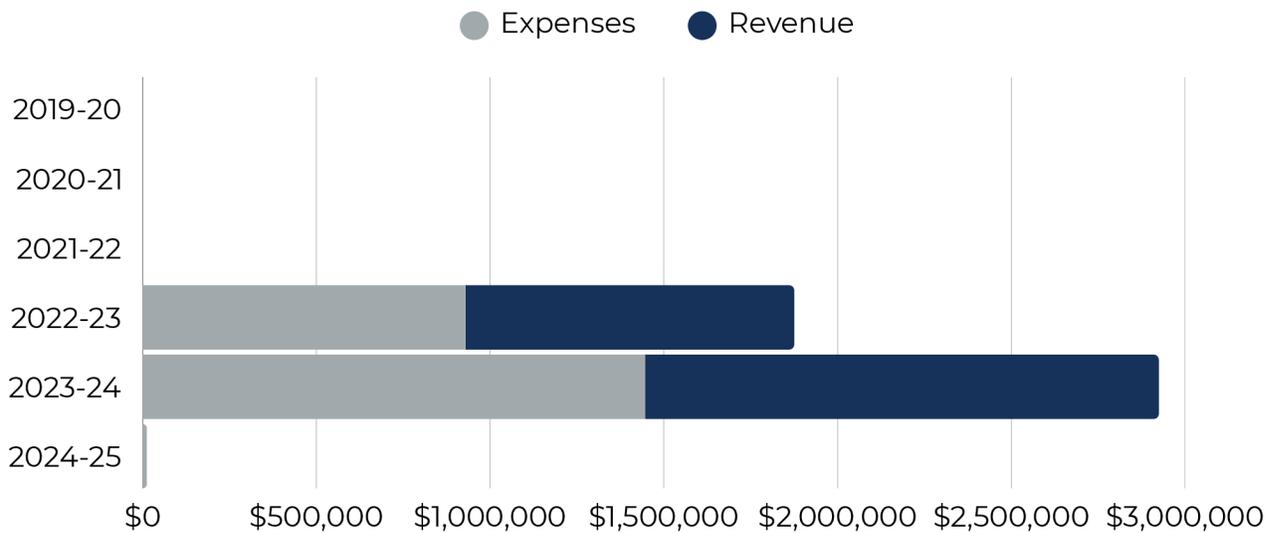


Net Income



■ Revenue ■ Overhead ■ Scholarships & Support

Grant Activities



OUR DONORS

Foundation donors make all the difference in students' lives!

Without donors' help, many BRTC students could not attend college.

The donors listed on these pages have given through a variety of channels:

- Annual golf tournament
- Annual Spring Fling
- Series events such as Holocaust Survivor and Black History Month
- Growing Strong
- Project REACH
- In-kind giving of equipment or supplies

Dane & Kim Adams
 Aeromax
 Pam Agee
 AgHeritage Farm Credit Services, FLCA
 Rhonda Ahrent
 Cami Alexander
 All-Clean USA
 American Made General Store, Inc.
 Brian & Linda Anderson
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 Architectural Roofing & Construction, Inc.
 Arkansas Methodist Medical Center
 Back in Motion Chiropractic
 Baine Properties LLC
 Baltz Feed Company
 Danny & Sheri Barr
 Bigger Law Firm
 Kathrine Bischof
 Daryl & Patti Blaxton
 Jerri Blue
 Linda Bly
 Brackett-Krennerich Architects
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 BRTC Student Government Association

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 Eddie Mae Herron Center
 Cody & Kelly Edington
 David & Julie Edington
 Dr. Martin & Jennifer Eggensperger
 ESNA - Mark Moore
 April Exum
 Family Dental Care of Pocahontas, Inc.
 Family Medical Center

“ I am incredibly grateful to be selected as the recipient of the More Music 93.5 FM Scholarship. I would like to thank More Music and the BRTC Foundation for this gift. It is an honor to receive this support as I work toward my goal of becoming a Registered Nurse.

As a wife and mother of 2 daughters, this scholarship will help to relieve my family from some of the financial burden of my education and serve as an inspiration to my girls. I hope to show them that they can achieve anything through hard work and dedication. Thank you again, for your generous contribution toward my education. ”

Adrian Howard





Chair Melissa Davis accepting FNBC's \$5,000 donation from Tammy Franks

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 Darrell & Rose Fears
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 Commerce
 First National Bank of
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 Jason Linam
 Angela Loveless
 Marjorie A. Langston Trust
 Martin Agency
 Greg May
 Sue McGowan
 Mercedes Scientific
 Hannah Mitchell

Several golf sponsors have supported the college for many years!

Thank you for your tremendous support!

- Famers & Merchants Bank, 28 years
- First Horizon Bank, 27 years
- Darragh Company, 25 years
- Clay County Electric Cooperative, 23 years
- Randolph County Farm Bureau, 22 years
- McNabb Funeral Home, 21 years

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The BRTC Foundation is fortunate to have many individuals who are long-time donors.

- John & Mary Helen Jackson, 33 years
- Don & Ruth Ann Cox, 32 years
- Lloyd & Carol Lewallen, 32 years
- Ken & Dr. Jan Ziegler, 31 years

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 Michelle Wooldridge
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 Dorothy Wright
 Melissa Wright Davis
 Mr. Ken & Dr. Jan Ziegler



Jody Gibson and Marc Phillips at the Annual Golf Tournament

“ I would like to thank you for choosing me for the Proventus Scholarship for the 2024-2025 school year. I am currently a full time Registered Respiratory Therapist and am pursuing a degree to become a Registered Nurse. My ultimate goal is to become an ICU RN at NEA Baptist where I currently work.

Receiving this scholarship means a lot to me as I have worked hard to achieve the academic goals I have met for myself. As I go forward with the next two remaining semesters, I am having to reduce my hours as a Respiratory Therapist in order to accommodate the increase in demand of nursing school. This scholarship could not have come at a more needed time. Again, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. ”

 Mary Ewing

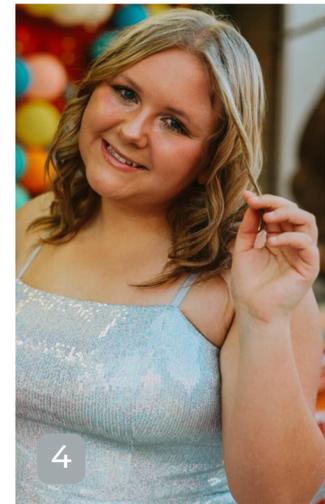




“Thank you for granting me the Phillip Collins II & Beth Collins-Bagwell Memorial Scholarship. I have been working in EMS for sixteen years and this scholarship is giving me the opportunity to advance my studies. This scholarship will also aid me in continuing to serve the community of Randolph County while I pursue further educational opportunities. My educational goal is to complete the TRN program at BRTC and return to field work with local flight agencies, or transition into an ICU/NICU provider role.

Being awarded the scholarship has helped tremendously with the financial difficulties that are present when returning to college later in life. I’m both appreciative and grateful for being chosen as a recipient of this scholarship. Not only will this scholarship help with provisions and financial security for me and my family, but I hope to continue providing medical services to our local community with this opportunity. ”

Derek Edington



Student scholarship awards: **1)** Skylar Freeman, Dr. Joshua R. Toney Scholarship. **2)** Travis Standley, Proventus Scholarship in Memory of Chief Petty Officer John W. Faas. **3)** Landon Counts, Clay County Electric Cooperative Corporation Member Scholarship. **4)** Taiyler King, Harps Foods, Inc., Scholarship. **5)** Larry Burrow, ESNA Scholarship. **6)** Hannah Mitchell-Smith, Keith Sutton Memorial Scholarship.



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