

Bloomfield Educational Foundation

2016 - 2017

**ANNUAL
REPORT**



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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TERRY MULLANE

Dear Friends of the BEF:

Eighteen years ago, The Bloomfield Educational Foundation (BEF) was formed to enhance the educational experience for all Bloomfield students. To date we have donated over 1 million dollars to support innovative instructional projects and student scholarships.

Three years ago, BEF was approached by Chris Jennings, BHS Principal, with an idea to boost Standard Aptitude Test (SAT) scores and the number of Advanced Placement (AP) tests taken. Chris proposed that he could even the playing field for all BHS students if he could offer SAT test preparation classes for free and he had a vision that if the AP tests were paid for (they run approximately \$90 each) that more AP students would take the tests, and gain college credit upon receiving a score of 3 or higher. Additionally, he asked us to consider investing in the teachers of the AP classes by sponsoring their AP Institute classes.

We heard his proposal and were inspired and pledged \$250,000 or \$50,000 a year for five years. And so, The BEF Pride in Educational Excellence Campaign was born and it is in year three! Here are some of the success stories from this past school year:

1. 45% of students enrolled in the SAT Prep classes increased their scores by 150 points, 25% increased by 200 points and 15% increased by 250 points or more.
2. Since the inception of the grant three years ago, the percent of students taking an AP class has increased 65% and the percent of students taking an exam increased 60%. The best news is the overall percent of students who passed an exam to earn college credit continues to increase. Because of this success, BHS has been named to the "College Board AP Honor Roll" on two separate occasions, most recently this past January. This award is given annually to districts that "increase access to AP coursework while increasing the percent of students who earn a score of 3 or higher on an AP exam. Only 40 schools in NJ received the award this year and of the other 30 schools, only 3 others including BHS, have a student population of 30% or higher who qualify for free or reduced lunch!
3. Our most recent recognition came just last week - BHS has been re-designated as a National "Breakthrough School". This award recognizes schools that serve a large number of economically disadvantaged students and are high achieving schools.

This year we proudly announced yet another scholarship, funded by BHS alum, making our total 12 awards, with total amount of \$30,000 in scholarship funds given out annually.

We also supported the Vocational Education Student Training (V.E.S.T.) program with the purchase of Chromebooks for every student in the program. These have been beneficial to all students who wish to pursue a vocational education, as they use special software on their laptops for job training, to keep their notes, and to explore and pursue careers.

None of these awards or student successes would be possible without the financial support of our BEF donors. Every dollar of the Pride in Educational Excellence Campaign and other innovative educational programs we fund, has a direct impact on a student, and levels the playing field by removing financial barriers which previously prevented our students from reaching their full potential. I appreciate the forward thinking of the BEF and all of our supporters who have funded our organization and I thank them for their generosity.

We are very proud to have been a part of the tradition of excellence in the Bloomfield Public School system. While we do not take credit for all the outstanding events of recent years in our schools, we do credit ourselves with supporting the tradition of excellence that has come to be part of today's Bloomfield School system, and you should too.

Please enjoy this comprehensive report for the 2016-2017 school year and thank you once again for your support!

Sincerely,

Terence Mullane
Chairman

The BEF Challenges All BHS Alumni to Help Us Raise \$250,000 to Send More of Today's High School Students to College.

What the Bloomfield Educational Foundation's Bengal Pride in Educational Excellence Campaign means for all BHS students . . .

With your support, Bloomfield High School will have the ability to offer opportunities to all students giving them the chance to improve themselves and to have options for college, and careers.

Specifically, your donation to the Bloomfield Educational Foundation (BEF) will enhance the educational experience for all Bloomfield High School students in the following three areas:

- **The Helen Flannery '43 Standard Aptitude Testing (SAT) Student Preparation Classes Program**, will fund professional courses for juniors and seniors taking the Standardized Aptitude Test (SAT). Research shows that students who are able to take an SAT prep course increase their scores by 200 points!
- **The Howard Friedman '59 Advanced Placement (AP) Honors Institute for Teachers Program** will provide training at the Advanced Placement Institute for all Bloomfield High School teachers, current and future, who teach Advanced Placement Classes.
- **The Anthony Ruvo '55 Advanced Placement (AP) Testing for Students Program** will pay for all AP testing fees for all students enrolled in an Advanced Placement course. Students who earn a 3 or higher on Advanced Placement tests typically qualify for college credits and a score of 4 or 5 could mean scholarship opportunities!



"When the BEF came to me and asked what I needed, I told them my vision is to change the culture, raise the bar and remove the barriers at Bloomfield High School. I feel this three-pronged approach of professional preparation courses for the SAT's, teachers who inspire and excite students in the Advanced Placement classes, and the removal of all testing fees for AP tests, will enable so many more students to achieve higher scores on the college entrance exams. In the advanced placement arena it will be a game changer for this high school for years to come."

– Chris Jennings, Principal

The Bloomfield Educational Foundation is a registered 501-c-3 charity, founded in 1999, to enhance the educational experiences for all students of the Bloomfield School District.

"This is a game changer"

- Christopher Jennings, Principal

With your donation, YOU can be a part of the future of Bloomfield High School's academic success.

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Robert Fetterly '71

Howard Friedman '59

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To see a video of students who have been impacted by your generosity, visit our website at www.bloomfieldeducationalfoundation.org or the channel at www.youtube.com/bloomfieldbengaltech and view "BEF SAT, AP GRANT"

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