

THE BLUE & GOLD FOUNDATION
Supporting Chamblee High School



ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

Introduction

The Blue & Gold Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting Chamblee High School, was founded in 2005. Our mission is to raise money to benefit Chamblee High School and the greater Chamblee community. The Foundation keeps operating expenses low so our fundraising and donation dollars can directly benefit the CHS community. Last year, approximately 5% of our expenditures were for administrative costs. Our Board of Directors includes both current and former faculty and staff, alumni, parents, and community leaders.

The Foundation appreciates the generosity of our many donors who support our great students and faculty. All donations are fully tax deductible.

Blue & Gold Foundation Board of Directors as of June 30, 2026

Cheryl Finke, *Executive Director*
Former CHS Principal & Chamblee Business Coalition President

Nancy Farrey, *President*, Former Staff, Community Supporter

Kathryn Anderson, *Vice-President*, Alumna

Lucas Westby, *Secretary*, Alumnus, Parent

Linda Podger-Williams, *Treasurer*, Community Supporter

Gail Barnes, *Principal of CHS*, Parent

Ben Bryant Alumnus, Parent	Brian Ely Alumnus, Faculty, Coach	Mary Sallach Parent
Mary Cashin Alumna, Parent	Shannon Nolan Harris Alumna	Alex Teh Alumnus, Former Gov. Board Co-Chair
Mallory Bailey Clark Alumna, Faculty, Coach, Parent	Van Pappas Community Supporter	Jennifer Tinnell Faculty, Coach
Becky Craven Alumna, Former Chamblee City Clerk	Lorri Reynolds Faculty, Coach, Athletic Director	Greg Valley Alumnus, Faculty, Coach
Lt. Col. (Ret.) Gloria Dunklin Faculty, Coach		Pat Williams Alumnus, Parent, Community Coach

By the Numbers Through the Years

~\$293k

Total spent on grants & projects since 2005

125

Hall of Fame inductees

Including:
83 alumni
42 former faculty & staff

19

Years coordinating the Senior Legacy Gift with the senior class

28 scholarships awarded, totaling

\$36,000

16 Steve Westby Scholarships since 2011
11 Dante Porter Scholarships since 2019
1 Canga-Blair Scholarship since 2024

5

years as an approved member of the City of Chamblee Nonprofit Partnership Program



2025-2026 Funded Projects

- Staff Support
- Outdoor Classroom tables, paths, and landscaping
- iPads for the Art Department
- Environmental Science Garden raised beds
- Bulldog mascot with CHS Athletic Foundation
- Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl books for Media Center
- *Chamhian* yearbook support
- *The Blue and Gold* student newspaper support
- Partner with booster clubs on sports award banners (Cross Country, Girls Track, Softball)
- *Science World* Subscription
- ESOL Writer's Workshop Project
- ELL Pen Pal Project
- Dictionaries for German classes
- German textbooks and supplies
- ELA *Scholastic* magazine
- Adulting Day support for Senior Class
- Support for HOSA, FCCLA, FBLA national competitions
- Photography equipment
- Cell Models for Science Department
- Earth Tomorrow recycling support
- Counseling Office college visits (transportation costs)
- Biology notebooks
- Forensic Science notebooks
- Band equipment
- Steve Westby and Dante Porter Scholarships to selected recipients in the Class of 2026
- Dianne Clark Awards for a selected teacher and staff member

**Total spent by the Blue & Gold Foundation
during the 2025-2026 school year
in support of CHS:**

\$60,830



▲ Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl



◀ New Bulldog mascot

German dictionaries ▼



▼ Adulting Day gift bags



Activities by Month

All Year

Conducted regular Blue & Gold Foundation Board of Directors meetings and participated in City of Chamblee Nonprofit Partnership Program (NPP) meetings.

August 2025

Sponsored table at Chamblee Rocks Summer Finale concert.

Distributed gift cards for classroom use to welcome back all CHS faculty & staff.

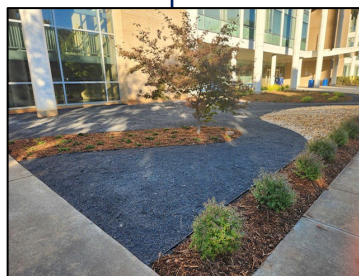
Held annual Foundation meeting.

Attended Senior Night meeting to share info on the Class of 2026 Senior Legacy Gift.

September 2025

Hosted table at Curriculum Night to publicize Foundation mission and projects.

Provided school tour to Class of 1985 alumni.



October 2025

Completed Phase II of the Outdoor Classroom, including landscaping and paths. Supported CHS Homecoming activities with BBQ dinner, tour for alumni, and pom-poms for the game.

Received City of Chamblee NPP grant for upcoming 2025 Hall of Fame Dinner.

Sponsored annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony and hosted luncheon and school tour for inductees and families.

Presented Dianne Clark Awards to one faculty and one staff member selected by administration.

Hosted information table at Rising Ninth Grade Open House to introduce the Foundation.

February 2026

Co-hosted Casino Night & Silent Auction with CHS PTSA. Proceeds will go toward a refresh of the Sidewalk Café, which may include landscaping, shade solutions, and colorful updates to surfaces.

Became coordinator of One-Time Grant for Qualified German Language Instruction received by CHS in recognition of its high-quality German language program and outstanding results in the *Deutsches Sprachdiplom (DSD)* German Language Diploma.

March 2026

Co-sponsored the Bulldog Dash 5K with the Chamblee Middle School Foundation.

Provided welcome gift bags to community members & alumni presenting at Adulting Day.



April 2026

Awarded Steve Westby and Dante Porter Scholarships.

May 2026

As part of Teacher Appreciation Month, distributed gift cards to support teachers, staff, and classrooms.

Summer 2026

Began planning Sidewalk Café update utilizing Casino Night/Silent Auction proceeds.

Sponsored table at Chamblee Non-Profit Program Resource Fair during the World Cup.

Annual meeting with Board of Directors.

