

# THE BLUE & GOLD FOUNDATION

Supporting Chamblee High School



## ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

### 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. Approximately 7% of our expenditures go toward 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 many donors who support our great students and faculty. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

# Current Blue & Gold Foundation Board of Directors

Cheryl Finke, *Executive Director*

Former CHS Principal, Chamblee Business Coalition President

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

Kathryn Anderson, *Vice-President*, Alumna

Linda Podger-Williams, *Treasurer*, Community Supporter

Gail Barnes, *Principal of CHS*, Parent

Ben Bryant  
Alumnus, Parent

Shannon Nolan Harris  
Alumna

Jennifer Tinnell  
Faculty, Coach

Mallory Bailey Clark  
Alumna, Faculty, Coach, Parent

Sue Nunn  
Former Faculty and Coach

Greg Valley  
Alumnus, Faculty,  
Coach

Becky Craven  
Alumna, Former Chamblee City Clerk

Van Pappas  
Community Supporter, Parent

Lucas Westby  
Alumnus

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Gloria Dunklin  
Faculty, Coach

Lorri Reynolds  
Faculty, Coach, Athletic Director

Pat Williams

Brian Ely  
Alumnus, Faculty, Coach

Alex Teh  
Alumnus, Former Gov. Board Co-Chair

Alumnus,  
Community Coach

## By the Numbers Through the Years

~\$213k

Total spent on grants & projects since 2005

113

Hall of Fame inductees

Including:

75 alumni

38 former faculty & staff

17

Years coordinating the Senior Legacy Gift with the senior class

23 scholarships

awarded, totaling

\$28,000

14 Steve Westby Scholarships since 2011

8 Dante Porter Scholarships since 2019

1 Canga-Blair Scholarship since 2024

3

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



# 2023-2024

## Funded Projects

- Class of '24 Senior Legacy Gift: Outdoor Classroom
- *Chamhian* yearbook ad
- *The Blue and Gold* newspaper support
- JROTC Support
- Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl books for Media Center
- National English Honor Society charter fee
- New football team banner for gym
- Quiz Bowl buzzer system
- Supplies & costumers for St. Nikolaus celebration
- Classroom set of Spanish-English dictionaries
- Additional walkie talkies for school security
- New Hall of Fame signage
- Replacement chairs for symphonic band & orchestra
- Wooden jump trainers for P.E. classes
- Microscopes for Science Department
- Apple Pencils for Art Department
- AP Language supplies for Independent Book Project
- AP Computer Science poster-making materials
- Engineering Electrathon car supplies
- Little Free Library construction materials
- Alcohol Simulation Goggles for Drivers Ed. in Health Classes
- ESOL graphic novels
- Adulging Day support for Senior Class
- Plants & materials to update Mendenhall St. planters
- MATLAB software for Engineering & Math
- Additional weights for Weight Training & Athletic Conditioning
- Support for CHS National Academic Competition Teams: Quiz Bowl; VEX Robotics (ROTC); Odyssey of the Mind; and Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America
- Prizes for Bulldog Dash art student t-shirt design competition
- Steve Westby Scholarship, Dante Porter Scholarships, and new Canga-Blair Scholarship for selected CHS Class of 2024 Seniors
- Dianne Clark Award to a selected teacher and staff member

***Total spent by the Blue & Gold Foundation during  
the 2023-2024 school year in support of CHS:***

**\$42,149**



Little Free Library ▲



▲ Science Dept. microscopes

AP Language  
Independent Book Project ▼



# Activities by Month

## All Year

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

### August 2023

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

### Summer 2023

Installed new Hall of Fame sign in gym/auditorium lobby.

### September 2023

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

### October 2023

Supported CHS Homecoming activities with grab-and-go dinner for alumni and bus drivers and pom-poms at homecoming game.

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

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

Sponsored and hosted table at the Taste of Chamblee Awarded City of Chamblee NPP Grant for Hall of Fame Dinner.



### January 2024

Planned Casino Night & Outdoor Classroom with PTSA Board.

### November 2023

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

### February 2024

Distributed buttons at class reunion at The Varsity.



### May 2024

Distributed Publix gift cards to support teachers, staff, and classrooms.

Awarded Steve Westby, Dante Porter, and Canga-Blair Scholarships at Senior Honors.

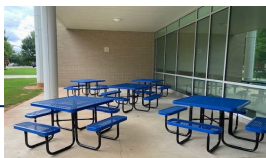
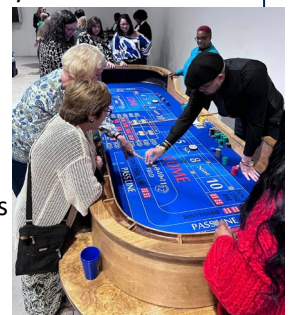
### March 2024

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

Co-hosted the first Casino Night & Silent Auction with CHS PTSA. Awarded City of Chamblee NPP Grant for Casino Night.

Coordinated community service project to collect eyeglasses & cell phones for Ga. Lions Lighthouse.

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



### July 2024

Assembled ten new steel-coated tables for Sidewalk Café and the new outdoor classroom.

