Thanks to you, the 10th annual Foundation Gala held at the Rolling Hills Country Club raised over $20,000!

This year, we hired professional charity auctioneer Allen Higginbotham and he kept the audience entertained! The live auction raised almost $3,000 more than it has in the past.

Thank you so much for coming to the Gala in support of BRTC students and the college. Your purchases help provide scholarships to students as well as fund educational activities on and off campus.

_The Gala was a success only because of you!_

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You Help Machine Tool Technology Connect the Past to the Present

After a visit to the Project REACH sites where students learned that pieces made by blacksmiths over a century ago helped historians determine the time period of the historic structures, Gary Meier’s Machine Tool Technology students visited the Historic Arkansas Museum in Little Rock.

After demonstrations by Lin Rhea, the museum’s blacksmith, BRTC student Hunter Drope said, “I was amazed by the way [Lin] changed the molecular structure of the metal he was working with.”

“The heat treating of metal that I teach in the Machine Tool Technology,” said Gary Meier, “was reinforced by Mr. Rhea’s demonstration.”

_Your donations to Project REACH made this trip possible!_

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Thanks for Helping Bring Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author to BRTC!

Thanks in part to your donations, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Sonia Nazario presented, “Enrique’s Journey and America’s Immigration Dilemma” to community members, high school and BRTC students.

Nazario is the author of _Enrique’s Journey_, the story of a Honduran boy’s harrowing journey travelling from central America to the U.S. on the tops of trains with hundreds of other children in the quest to find his mother. Area high school and college students engaged in _Enrique’s Journey_ reading projects then attended her programs.

Funding was provide by Integrity First Bank, Riverbank, an Arkansas Humanities Council grant, and your generous donations.

Thank you for helping Northeast Arkansas in Opening Hearts and Minds!
Like Hunter Dail said, helping others can be a chain reaction. Your giving helps BRTC students succeed, which helps them have better lives, which provides better lives for their families.

Look at the opportunity your SEAS gifts have provided for future scientists, health workers, and nurses. Imagine how many community members’ minds were broadened after Rodney’s presentation in February.

The thank you note to the right was from St. Paul’s 5th and 6th graders who attended last fall’s Holocaust speaker, also funded by your generous SEAS gifts.

Your gifts make a impact in ways you’ll never believe. THANK YOU for caring enough to give!

Karen Liebhaber
Vice President of Institutional Advancement

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”
~Mother Teresa

YOUR Special Event and Activity Funds (SEAS) Benefit Students

Your support of SEAS helps BRTC provide access to additional educational opportunities and field trips!

You Enable 175 Students to Visit Bodies Revealed

You helped students and faculty in nursing, respiratory, dietetics, EMT/Paramedic, and science attended Bodies Revealed at Discovery Park of America in Union City, TN.

The exhibit showcased preserved human bodies, organs, and anatomical specimens provided by individuals who donated their bodies to medical science. Many of the specimens demonstrated disease deterioration such as lungs damaged by tuberculosis or smoking.

Without your help, many of these future scientists and health workers would not have been able to attend!

You Helped Bring Speaker Rodney Harris for Black History Month!

Your support of SEAS, in partnership with the Eddie Mae Herron Center, brought Pocahontas native Rodney Harris, Ph. D. candidate from UA, to speak at BRTC for the annual Black History month series held every February. He presented a fascinating group of African-Americans who helped shape Arkansas politics in the late 1800s: “Spokesmen for Their Race: African-American Political Involvement in Arkansas, 1868-1893.”

BRTC students, faculty, staff, local high school students, and community members were able to benefit from your generosity!

Thank you for helping educate and provide diversity to our communities!
Hunter Dale of Pocahontas has goals and is willing to do whatever is needed to accomplish them. For example he works at Don’s Steakhouse to pay for tuition and books and wants to be a lifeguard at the Pocahontas Aquatic Center. After getting his basics at BRTC he is going to transfer to ASU to study civil engineering.

As a guest speaker at BRTC’s Scholars and Donor’s Reception Hunter gave this analogy: “Let’s say someone pays for another person’s food at a drive-thru. That simple act of kindness might just help that person through their day.

“Your donations help me to achieve my goal to pursue a career.”

In return, the person whose meal was paid for might return the favor and pay for the meal of the person behind them.

“Just like that chain reaction your donations may be the thing that keeps us in college. In return, we will be able to help others at a later time.”

Helping others—isn’t that what life is all about?

When you look at Above and Beyond’s scholarship application, it may not strike you as an application from a healthcare agency. It sounds more like scholarship from a community-based organization.

But that’s how Gary Johnson, owner of Above and Beyond Healthcare, wants it. “I was told we don’t know where our future community volunteers will come from,” Gary said, “so I want to see the youth get more involved in community.”

Gary has a long history of community involvement. In the military, he volunteered as a coach. Due to his fluent German, he volunteered to escort the State College of Arkansas, now UCA, singers on their 6-month European performance trip. Back in Arkansas, he was co-chair of the NEA March of Dimes.

“I want to help students give back to the community.”

The Above and Beyond Scholarship is a way for him to blend his love of community and education. “Above and Beyond has been so blessed because the community has helped in so many ways. This is a way I can give back.”
Celebrating Juneteenth
Vestiges of the Past

June 17
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
William Looney Tavern
• Old-Time Singing
• Dinner on the Grounds

June 18
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Eddie Mae Herron Center
• Games
• BBQ Lunch
• Juneteenth Pageant (0 - 18)

All events are free. Bring your favorite lawn chair and reminisce.

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