



*Hall of Distinguished Honor
Foundation Scholarship Recognition
Class of 2014*

The
Board of Directors of the
Barren County Education Foundation
and the Barren County Alumni

Request the pleasure of your company
at a Reception and Induction Ceremony

Honoring
the 2014 inductees into

*The Barren County Hall of
Distinguished Honor*

on Saturday,
April 19, 2014
5:30 p.m.



Reception

Lobby, Barren County High School Auditorium

Presentation of Colors

Barren County JROTC

National Anthem

Opening Remarks

Bo Matthews

Superintendent, Barren County Schools

Welcome

Dr. Jerry Ralston

President, Barren County Educational Foundation, Inc.

Invocation

Michael Richey, Barren County Alumni

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Derron Steenbergen

Barren County Alumni Association Board Member

Hall of Honors Inductees

Jewell Colliver

Ruel Houchens

Harry Jewell

Frances Steenbergen

Bruce Wilkerson

Scholarship Recognition

Barry Britt Memorial Scholarship

Carroll Furlong Memorial Scholarship

Jan Bunch Memorial Scholarship

Jeff Foster Memorial Scholarship

Joe & Alice Elliott Math Scholarship

Red Cross Rewards Scholarship

Excellence in Learning Scholarship

Thomas "Mo" Scott Memorial Scholarship

Alumni Scholarship

Alumni Post-Secondary Scholarship

Closing Remarks

Bud Tarry

Chairman, Barren County Alumni Association

Bo Matthews
Superintendent

I was born and raised in Barren County, and I graduated from Barren County Schools. So, I can tell you that I have an extremely strong sense of pride for this community and our school district. Our Barren County Alumni Association membership is made up of people like you and me who share that sense of pride, and the Alumni Association is here to showcase this sense of pride and the storied Barren County School District tradition for not only its current members but for the future members to come.



The Alumni Association has been very visible in demonstrating its support for the current membership by hosting events like the Hall of Honor and creating the first ever Alumni Room located in the gymnasium at Barren County High School. It also demonstrates its support for the current student body by being visible at various community events, as well as creating many student opportunities and valuable scholarships.

I think you will agree when I say that the Barren County Alumni Association is a vital part of our school district. My personal view is that it signifies that our district is among an elite group of prestigious public school districts in the state that places a high priority on education, history and tradition. As they say in sports, it's a game changer for our community. So, I invite you to show your pride and make the move to join our Barren County Alumni Association. WE ARE BC!



Dr. Jerry Ralston
President, Barren County Education Foundation

During the past year, the Barren County Alumni Association has become an integral part of the Barren County Educational Foundation as a Standing Committee and together, we carry on the valuable work of our organization. As part of this joint effort, the Barren County Education Foundation would like to congratulate the 2014 recipients of the Barren County Hall of Honor as well as the scholarship recipients that will be recognized as well. Barren County Schools has a rich tradition of achievement and success from its students and our honorees provide an outstanding example of those traits that have resulted in such remarkable leadership and outstanding careers. Tonight, we honor and celebrate our 2014 inductees for their extraordinary accomplishments as they take their rightful place in the 2014 Barren County Hall of Honor.

Bud Tarry
Alumni President

Congratulations to an outstanding group, as we induct them into the Hall of Distinguished Honor! Recognition means public acknowledgement of great works completed by great people. The attention we focus on you tonight is well deserved for all the great things you have accomplished. The successes that you have had on your career journey are a reflection of your determination to meet and surpass each challenge in your chosen field of endeavor. On behalf of the Barren County Alumni Association, I congratulate and salute you as a recipient of this prestigious award. This is truly an honor! Take time to enjoy the moment.



Hall of Distinguished Honor

The Barren County Alumni Association celebrates the induction of the 7th class into the Hall of Distinguished Honor. We are proud to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to their country, their state, and Barren County Schools. The awards are based on leadership, loyal support, service, and dedication to our schools and to the respective disciplines. Each year, nominations for membership in the Hall of Distinguished Honor are accepted through October 1st. From the nominations, the Hall of Distinguished screening committee selects the individuals.

Barren County Hall of Distinguished Honorees

2007 - Christopher Paul Bastin*, Dr. Keith Morrison, Louie Broady Nunn*, Van T. Vance, Pamela Waldrop Shaw, Dr. Darrell Whitley, Jim Newberry.

2008 - Gail Arterburn Broady, Woodford L. Gardner, Jr., Ledean Bailey Hamilton, David L. Gray, David R. Proffitt, Helen Russell.

2009 - Johnny Bell, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Julie S. Norman, Sarah A. Bowers*, Tim England*, Bobby H. Richardson, Dorothy McCubbin.

2010 - Dr. Sheila Botts, Commander Craig Mattingly, Linda Bewley Mayberry, Steve Newberry, Commander Loren Shipley, Wes Strader, Stanley Wilson.

2011 - Ronnie Bastin, Jonathon Gooden, Ed Hatchett, Sheila Pruitt, Bobby Steenbergen.

2012/2013 - Cleo Hogan, Jr., Lonnie Perkins, Terry Reed, Golda Walbert, Dr. Jason Zimmerman.

*deceased

Jewell Blaine Colliver

(Awarded Posthumously)

A native of Bath County, he was the son of the late John B. Colliver and Mary L. Anderson Colliver. After his graduation from Owingsville High School he went to the University of Kentucky where he graduated in Agriculture Economics in 1942. He trained in Bell Laboratory prior to serving from 1943-1946 in Sig Sally - a top-secret division of the US Army Signal Corp. He was stationed in Guam in the Pacific Theater for 18 months during World War II.



After being discharged in February 1946 on March 16, 1946 he married his college sweetheart, Christine G. Barlow of Cave City. He began his teaching career in Barren County as a teacher of Veterans in a program offered by the US Dept of Agriculture. He obtained a Masters Degree in Agriculture from the University of Kentucky in 1946. Later that year he started as a teacher of Vocational Agriculture in the Barren County School System and taught Vocational Agriculture for 39 years. He taught at Park City High School until the county merged the high schools of Park City, Hiseville, Temple Hill and Austin Tracy into Barren County High School and retired from teaching Vocational Agriculture in 1985.

Mr. Colliver was a member of Salem Baptist Church, where he served for 17 years as Sunday School Superintendent and was a Deacon and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He and his wife were active in the Gideons International for many years after he retired. He was past director of the Park City State Bank and South Central Bank and worked as an agriculture consultant at South Central bank after his retirement from teaching.

He helped organize and served as chairman of the Joint City-County Planning Commission of Barren County for 24 years. He had been a member of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board for 48 years, during which he served both in the capacity of Vice Chairman and Chairman. He was a former President of the Kentucky Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association and a member of the Park City Lions Club for 50 years.

He was a devoted husband, father of two sons: John Howard of Louisville and Donald G of Nicholasville, and loving grandfather of Todd, Sara, Jeremy and Jason. He loved his Lord, family, church, community, students, dairy and tobacco farm, learning, traveling and genealogy.



Ruel Houchens

(Awarded Posthumously)

Ruel Houchens of Glasgow, KY, was born June 20, 1929, the son of Buford Houchens and Gladys Steenberg Houchens. He married Nell Jackson on September 7, 1950, who survives.

After returning to Glasgow as a Veteran of the Korean War, Ruel and his brother Suel began their careers with Houchens Markets under the tutelage of their uncle, Ervin Houchens, founder of the Houchens Grocery, which began with its first store near Lucas, Kentucky. Ruel was active with Houchens Industries for over 40 years, taking what Ervin Houchens started in Lucas and built the company to over 50 Houchens Markets and 150 Save-A-Lot food stores. He worked in the stores, traveled on the road to each store, and later became President and Chairman of the Board for Houchens. After Red Foods bought Houchens in the 1980's, Ruel became CEO and Chairman of the Board.

Bernard Lawrence quotes, "He was like a second father to me. A lot of my success in business is due to Ruel."

Ruel was *the* key player in the establishment of the ESOP of Houchens Industries, which is the largest employee stock ownership plan in the world. In a quote from Sam Bulle: "Without Ruel Houchens, the ESOP would never have been formed. He was the one who pushed for this and worked out the deal with the lawyers to start the ESOP. He has done so much for so many people that I couldn't begin to think of everything. He has been like a daddy to me and to so many others." Cecil Martin is quoted as saying "The ESOP employees of Houchens owe Ruel a debt of gratitude for taking his vision of giving the company to the employees and making it a reality."

Ruel always had a heart for children, taking part in raising many children as if they were his own. He was instrumental in organizing the Glasgow-Barren Co. Boys and Girls Club, which was formed in 2006 and has continued to play a major role in its support to this day. In a quote from Kelly Lile-Jenkins, director of the Glasgow-Barren Co. Boys and Girls Club, she says "His passion for our children will be bright on the hearts of all the children that attend the Boys and Girls Club each day. We are so thankful for his leadership and will work hard to fulfill his dreams of every child being the absolute best they can be every day." Ruel was also a key to the success of the Kentucky Boys and Girls Ranch. In a quote from Sheriff "Peanuts" Gaines, "The Kentucky Boys and Girls Ranch would not be what it is today without Ruel Houchens. He will be greatly missed." He was also instrumental in the establishment of Glasgow Success Academy and Tee to Green.

Ruel always gave strong support to the community and was a huge supporter of Community Medical Care, for which he received the Centurion Award. In a quote from Dr. Bharat Mody, he says "Ruel Houchens' heart was always to help the community in whatever way was needed. He was the driving force behind Houchens Stores' involvement in the "To the Brim" food drive."

For many years, Ruel and Nell Houchens have anonymously and unselfishly helped thousands of individuals and families in South Central Kentucky, in a variety of ways, without seeking any notoriety or calling attention to fame.

Among Ruel Houchens' philanthropies include Ruel and Nell Houchens' Charitable Foundation, and he was a huge supporter of the Plaza Theatre. He and other partners have helped start communities in Africa and Sri Lanka, India through Compassion International, which is currently helping 5,000-6,000 children in orphanages. He is also involved with 4Kids of South Florida, which works toward improving the foster care system.

In 1991, Ruel joined forces with other partners to form a new partnership, developing restaurant ventures in several different states over the next few years. Wayne and Patric Gaunce stated "Ruel and Nell Houchens are our family; we love them, and the best we can summarize is to say, just like in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life", Ruel was the George Bailey of South Central Kentucky."

Ruel passed away Friday, September 17, 2010 at Baptist East Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky after a lengthy illness, and will be missed by everyone.

Harry Jewell

Harry Garner Jewell was born on Jan. 11, 1930 in Barren County to Ruth Byrd Carver Jewell and Garner Miles Jewell. He was one of 10 brothers and sisters who grew up in the Lucas community and attended Austin Tracy High School where he was an excellent student graduating in 1948. While in high school, he had a passion for sports especially basketball in which he excelled. He was President of his Sr. Class, invited to attend the US Naval Academy. Upon graduation, he joined the Navy where he played basketball as well. He was stationed in Pensacola, Florida and also spent time at sea aboard the USS WASP, an aircraft carrier. After time spent in the navy, he returned to Barren County where he found his true love and married her, LouJean Wilkerson Jewell on August 17th, 1951. Harry, after growing up on a farm, decided that style of life where he could spend time with his family would be what he wanted to do, minus a few years where he worked at General Electric in Louisville. He and his Dad, Garner, were also oil well drillers in the Green County Oil Boom of the late 50's and early 60's. Harry and LouJean bought her family's farm on highway 87 in the Austin Tracy Community and that is still where they are today. Harry started the Austin Tracy Little League Program for the youth in that area in which he managed for years. He and Kenneth Evans also ran the Sports Programs at Thomerson Park in Dry Fork many years. Seems like he always wanted to give people a place to enjoy competitive sports in a safe Christian atmosphere. As all the schools in Barren County were becoming somewhat outdated, a movement for consolidation of 4 Barren County High Schools was started- it was called "Moms for Schools". It was voted on by the entire county and failed at first until the state determined it was better for the students to consolidate. Harry was first elected during this time in 1972 to the Barren County School Board in which he would continue to serve 5 terms for a total of 20 years during which Barren County High School was built and the Trojan Tradition ("We are BC") began. He served as Chairman of BC Board of Education for 8 years, and Chairman of 3rd Region School Boards Association as well as a Kentucky Colonel, appointed by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson.

Harry's daughter, Teresa Jewell Bewley, was in the first graduating class and his granddaughter, Jamie Bewley Byrd, was in the first class of Barren County Middle School. Harry was also instrumental in beginning the first Austin Tracy Volunteer Fire Dept. where he served as secretary-treasurer for 27 years. He is a member of Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, where he has served as Deacon for 60 years and also served as clerk for 50 years. A devout Christian, Harry also enjoys playing golf, going to barren county basketball games, and being an avid UK FAN-- go Cats!!! He and LouJean have one daughter, Teresa and her husband, Jimmy Bewley; 2 granddaughters, Drew Bewley White and Jamie Bewley Byrd and her husband, Daniel who have all been graduates of BCHS; 3 great grandchildren ---Tripp, Shelby, and Sydney.

Frances Steenbergen Austin Tracy - Class of 1969



Frances Steenbergen is the daughter of Malra and Lucille Kidd. She has one daughter, Kelley Ross, a teacher at Barren County High School and two grandchildren, Campbell and Elaine. She retired from teaching in 2007 and currently works for the Kentucky Education Association.

Frances is a graduate of Austin Tracy High School class of 1969. She received her Bachelor of Arts (1973) and Master of Arts (1977) degrees in Home Economics from Western Kentucky University. She achieved Rank 1 in

Education in 1984, also from Western. She began her teaching career at Austin Tracy in 1973 where she taught Home Economics and Science until 1987. In 1987 she transferred to Barren County High School and continued to teach Family and Consumer Sciences (formerly Home Economics) until 2002. In 2002 she was elected to serve the over 40,000 educators as the President of the Kentucky Education Association (KEA). She served as President until 2007, at which time she retired from Barren County School District with a total of 34 years in education. In 2010 she was inducted into the Kentucky Teachers Hall of Fame.

She served on Barren County High SBDM; was PTA President at Austin Tracy and PTA Teacher of the Year; a member of Barren County Education Association where she served as Secretary, Vice President and President; Third District Education Association President, Kentucky and National Education Association Board Member for six years; appointed by Governor Patton to the Education Professional Standards Board and served for four years; served as Board of Examiner for the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Educators; and served as resource teacher for Kentucky teacher interns. She served as a member of the National Education Association Resolutions Committee, Friend of Education Committee, Standards and Practices Committee and Co-Chair of Priority Schools Committee and served as delegate to the Kentucky and National Education Association Representative Assemblies for over 25 years.

Frances was also a member of the Kentucky and National Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (KATFACS and NATFACS); President of Fourth Region Kentucky Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences; and member of Kentucky and the National Association of Career and Technical Associations. She received the KATFACS Award for Outstanding Service in 2005.

During her 29 years in the classroom she coached cheerleaders, began and sponsored the first Jr. Beta program at Austin Tracy, coached speech teams at Barren County High School, and was advisor for Family and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and the yearbook staff.

Some would say her biggest achievements came while she was serving as KEA President. During her terms she led through some difficult state budgetary times—times which began with the state funding rally in 2003, health insurance crisis and threat of a teacher strike in 2004. She spent much time testifying before state legislative committees, lobbying state legislators and Kentucky's Congressmen concerning education issues. She was and continues to be an advocate for Kentucky's public school students and public school employees.

She is an alumni member of Phi Upsilon Omicron Fraternity, WKU Hilltopper Athletic Association, WKU Alumni Association, and the WKU Cupola Society. She is also a KEA Retired and NEA Retired member.

Bruce Wilkerson

Dr. Wilkerson was raised on a cattle farm in Barren County, Kentucky. Childhood experiences, work and educational opportunities there prepared him for world travel and a broad life experience. Service to GOD and family are of paramount importance and the Wilkerson family is active in church, missionary support, and various Christian educational and charitable activities.

Retired from the practice of cardiothoracic surgery at the Thoracic and Cardiovascular Clinic, LLC in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he continued in medicine by providing remote medical support worldwide through Trinity Medical Management and will retire to administrative activities only in 2015.

Dr. Wilkerson has a BS in Biology from Western Kentucky University, an MD from the University of Kentucky, completed a residency in General Surgery at Louisiana State University, New Orleans and completed a fellowship in Thoracic Surgery at Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, Oregon. He served as an associate clinical professor of surgery for the LSU Department of Surgery through 2000 and currently is a member of the consulting staff of the Baton Rouge General Hospital, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dr. Wilkerson boarded in both General Surgery and Thoracic Surgery and holds multiple medical licenses and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and the Louisiana chapter of the STS.

Dr. Wilkerson is an entrepreneurial investor and is a partner in JP Global Capital Management, L.L.C., Warrior Logistics, L.L.C, and is owner and CEO of Synergy Industrial Group, L.L.C. and its subsidiary companies; Trinity Medical Management, Hyperion Safety Services, eVAL Software Services and Dascal Consulting Group.

Dr. Wilkerson spent a combined 15 years with the U.S. Army, Army Reserves, and the Louisiana National Guard and served with the Third Armored Division in Iraq in 1989/ 1990, receiving numerous commendations. Dr. Wilkerson left military service having achieved the rank of LTC (05).



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The Purpose of the Barren County Alumni Association

- To unite in a close fellowship, cultivate friendships, and promote goodwill.
- To educate alumni, friends of the school, and the public at large about the current events, activities, and programs at BCCHS.
- To opportunities for alumni to offer financial support to Barren County High School.
- To enhance the awareness of communication between BCCHS and its graduates by offering a directory of alumni.
- To provide a means for Barren County High graduates, current students, and supporters to maintain close ties with their high school through networking opportunities.
- To recognize distinguished alumni.
- To invite alumni from Austin Tracy, Hiseville, Park City & Temple Hill as Heritage members to promote and enhance communications between these groups with common interest.

2014 Barren County Alumni Scholarship Winners



High School
Tori Buckley



Post Secondary
Mariah Perkins

The Barren County Educational Foundation, Inc.

“One person can make a difference and every person should try”. This quote, credited to President Kennedy, expresses very succinctly the mission of the Barren County Educational Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation was established in June, 1994 with a stated purpose to fund and help establish worthwhile educational endeavors in conjunction with the Barren County Board of Education. For the 2012/13 school year, the Foundation has administered twelve scholarships, four funds, and nine grants to benefit students, whether they are enrolled in elementary to high school, secondary education, continuing education, or GED classes. Donors may direct giving to specific areas of need through grants, scholarships, even non-monetary gifts. ***No gift is too small or unappreciated.*** All gifts are tax deductible. Donations may be made anonymously.

Officers and directors meet quarterly in conjunction with the Barren County Alumni Association. Dr. Jerry Ralston serves as President, Tammy Groce as Vice-President, and Sarah Vincent as Secretary/Treasurer. Directors volunteering time include Brent Billingsley, Sammie Parsley, Derron Steenbergen, Holly Trowbridge, Lewis Bauer, and Charlie Campbell.

2014 Barren County Education Foundation Scholarship Winners



Barry Britt
Memorial Scholarship
Trey Wyatt



Barry Britt
Scholarship Fund
Cassie Harbison



Carroll Furlong
Memorial Scholarship
Ben Morgan



Joe & Alice Elliott
Math Scholarship
Eldem Berksan



Red Cross
Rewards Scholarship
Emily England



Jeff Foster
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Jan Bunch
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