

Welcome to the Brainerd High School Scholarship Recognition Program,

As we continue to bring back our traditional celebrations and events our attention turns to our graduating seniors of the Brainerd High School Class of 2022. This year's seniors have faced many challenges during the past two school years, but have not allowed that to stop them from doing great things! Tonight's event will celebrate the great accomplishments of our seniors and also give recognition to the wonderful community members and organizations who support our graduates. The accomplishments highlighted tonight come in the areas of academics, arts, athletics, activities, and service. These awards represent years of hard work and commitment to many programs in our school and community. In addition to highlighting our seniors, this program gives Brainerd Public Schools an opportunity to recognize many community members and organizations who continue to support our students. The support provided comes in many ways: financial, education, time, and energy. It is due to this tremendous support our seniors have experienced success and with the scholarship awards tonight, they will continue on their pathway to postsecondary education. The opportunities for them are endless!

Thank you to the individual community organizations that select scholarship recipients and to the many community volunteers who reviewed BPSF's scholarship applications through an extensive blind-review process. A special thank you to our Brainerd Public Schools Foundation for providing ongoing support for all public school programs and students within our district. This night would not be possible without our strong community and tremendous support from parents; thank you for the continued support of the Brainerd Public Schools, and especially Brainerd High School. Finally, best wishes to the seniors of the Brainerd High School Class of 2022 - may you continue to do great things and always be proud to be a WARRIOR!

Stay WARRIOR STRONG; and congratulations to our award recipients!

Andrea Rusk

Andrea Rusk
Brainerd High School Principal



Scholarship Recognition Ceremony

Wednesday, May 11, 2022



Welcome

Andrea Rusk, Brainerd High School Principal

Laine Larson, Superintendent of Brainerd Public Schools

Brainerd Public Schools Foundation

Jessica Gangl, Brainerd Public Schools Foundation Executive Director

Presentation of Scholarships & Recognition

Brainerd Public Schools Foundation Scholarships

Community & External Scholarships

Awards & Recognition

Military Awards & Certificates

Closing Remarks

Andrea Rusk, Brainerd High School Principal

Thank You

A very special shout out to the Class of 2022. You have endured and have overcome. We are excited to see where your next steps take you!

"Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else." -Fred Rogers

Brainerd High School · Class of 2022



The Brainerd Public Schools Foundation



Founded in 1987, the Brainerd Public Schools Foundation's (BPSF) mission is to enhance opportunities for quality academics, arts, activities and athletics for student of the Brainerd Public Schools. Each year BPSF awards numerous scholarships to graduating seniors. Students must complete an electronic Brainerd High School General Scholarship Application to be eligible to receive a BPSF Scholarship. BPSF is proud to be awarding \$150,690 in scholarships this year! **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022!**

BPSF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD	STUDENT	AMOUNT
Aitkin Rebekah Lodge Scholarship	Alexis Schroer	\$650
Alan Cibuzar Memorial Scholarship	Anna Angland	\$1,000
Alpha Delta Kappa Beverly Jondahl Scholarship	Allison Rich	\$400
Alpha Delta Kappa Bonnie Cumberland Scholarship	Autumn Brainerd	\$600
Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority Scholarship	Jada Bentson	\$500
American Legion Post 255 Frank Vadnais Memorial Scholarship	Gavin Vagts	\$500
American Legion Post 255 Al Broman Memorial Scholarship	Meghan Smith	\$500
American Legion Post 255 Henry C Mills II Memorial Scholarship	Owen Qualley	\$500
Arlo V. Renschler Memorial Scholarship	Brianna Seevers	\$600
Baxter Elementary PTO Scholarship	Greta Schloemer	\$400
Baxter Lions Club Scholarship	Cecilia Ford	\$1,035
Baxter Lions Club Scholarship	Elijah Hanson	\$1,035
Baxter Lions Club Scholarship	Nicole Nix	\$1,035
Baxter Lions Club Scholarship	Andrew Nybeck	\$1,035
Bob and LaVonne Danzl Family Memorial Scholarship	Destiny Frascone	\$350
Bob Johnson Memorial Art Scholarship	Bryce Kilian	\$700
BPSF 4A Academics Scholarship	Bennet Capelle	\$1,000
BPSF 4A Academics Scholarship	Thomas Ruhl	\$1,000
BPSF 4A Activities Scholarship	Nicholas Moore	\$1,000
BPSF 4A Activities Scholarship	Macyn Speer	\$1,000
BPSF 4A Arts Scholarship	Emily Jaehnert	\$1,000
BPSF 4A Arts Scholarship	Kya Olstad	\$1,000
BPSF 4A Athletics Scholarship	Grace Aadland	\$1,000
BPSF 4A Athletics Scholarship	Braden Capelle	\$1,000
BPSF CTE Scholarship	Jacob Borgstrom	\$1,000
BPSF CTE Scholarship	Lucas Kruchten	\$1,000

BPSF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD	STUDENT	AMOUNT
Brainerd Basketball Association Scholarship	Camron Engholm	\$1,000
Brainerd Basketball Association Scholarship	Cooper Jacobs	\$1,000
Brainerd Basketball Association Scholarship	Kylie Johnson	\$1,000
Brainerd Basketball Association Scholarship	Myah Nelson	\$1,000
Brainerd Noon Sertoma Scholarship	Nicole Benson	\$1,000
Brainerd Noon Sertoma Scholarship	Olivia Nichols	\$1,000
Brainerd Trades and Labor Assembly Scholarship	Samuel Hagen	\$500
Brandon Dahl Memorial Scholarship	Andrew Albright	\$950
Bremer Bank of Brainerd Scholarship	Caroline Gadacz	\$500
Brighter Days Foundation Scholarship	Abby Pratt	\$1,500
Brighter Days Foundation Scholarship	Cori Stenglein	\$1,500
C. Elmer and Lillian Anderson Memorial Scholarship	Devin Knopf	\$1,500
Chef's Association Scholarship	Jayleen Sergent	\$500
Class of 1945 Scholarship	CaitlinMae Hamilton	\$575
Class of 1946 Scholarship	Paige Blosberg	\$575
Class of 1954 Scholarship	Kamryn Peterson	\$550
Class of 1969 Scholarship	Laura Wells	\$600
Class of 1976 Scholarship	Taylor Ruhl	\$800
Clayton Haglin Memorial Scholarship	Gabrielle Wills	\$650
Clem & Vi Koering Memorial Scholarship	Mitchell Neumann	\$6,000
Clifford & Gwendolyn Greenwalt Memorial Scholarship	Michael Olson	\$2,000
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Avery Anakkala	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Beck Barber	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Baden Bastian	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Brigid Bonde	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Andrew Caughey	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Etta Danielson	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Mitchell Degen	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Macin Freed	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Benjamin Guida	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Grace Haglin	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Addison Hillman	\$1,500

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Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Jack Hughes	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Benjamin Karlgaard	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Cayden Kleffman	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Chase Larson	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Alexis McElfresh	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Avery Mulholland	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Andrew Narlock	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Grace Reed	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Zachary Schaeffer	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Liliana Schaeffer	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Jack Schafer	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Benjamin Schneider	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Hannah Schubert	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Thea Shogren	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Riah Stroot	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Emma Tautges	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Gabriel Wagner	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Gabrielle Wills	\$1,500
Crow Wing Power Scholarship	Ella Young	\$1,500
CTC Scholarship	Emerson Holcomb-Smith	\$500
Daniel, William, & Mark Wheeler Memorial Scholarship	Octavia Barker Petersen	\$850
Deerwood Bank College Scholarship	Annie Loss	\$750
Deerwood Bank Technical College Scholarship	Zachary Capistrant	\$750
Derrick Hanson Memorial Scholarship	Sophia Laube	\$150
Don Adamson Memorial Scholarship	Sean Baumann	\$650
Don Johnson Memorial Scholarship	Ethan Cerney	\$150
Dr. Gene Bierhaus Athletic Scholarship	Michael Howe	\$900
Dr. Rudd Thabes - Suzanne Ribbel Scholarship	Isaac Lockwood	\$500
Duane Doucette VFW Athletic Scholarship	Olivia Tautges	\$350
Elaine Veit Memorial Fund	Caroline Gadacz	\$300
Everett Nelson Music Scholarship	Carly Wheeler	\$600
Federated COOPS Scholarship	Matthew Villnow	\$1,000

BPSF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

	STUDENT	AMOUNT
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Grace Aadland	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Anna Angland	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Lily Birks	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Reed Boeckermann	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Logan Carlson	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Gabrielle Chapulis	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Hala Davis	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Mitchell Degen	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Kathleen Foley	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Esten Hiebert	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Jack Hughes	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Gracin Johnson	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Ella Kauffman	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Heidi Lelwica	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Nicholas Moore	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Catherine Moraghan	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Andrew Narlock	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Myah Nelson	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Mason Noor	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Kennedy Norwood	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Joshua Peterson	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Thea Shogren	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Nathaniel Staehling	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Cori Stenglein	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Gavin Vagts	\$250
First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship	Alexander Zernov	\$250
Garfield Elementary Scholarship	Sam Spieker	\$500
Gary Gorman Memorial Scholarship	Sophia Laube	\$150
Gene Sundberg Pilot's Scholarship	Ryan Westerberg	\$1,000
Good Samaritan Society Brainerd Scholarship	Lilianna Harting	\$300
Good Samaritan Society Brainerd Scholarship	Erica Lowe	\$300
Gordy Langness Scholarship	Alayna Nelson	\$750

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Gordy Langness Scholarship	Kouper Seidl	\$750
Harrison Elementary Scholarship	Mason Noor	\$300
Harvey Shew Memorial Scholarship	Ethan Cerney	\$200
Hershey Family Scholarship	Turner Person	\$20,000
Irene M. Rugloski Memorial Scholarship	Melissa Bachman	\$500
Jake Haapajoki Wiffle Series Scholarship	Allison Rice	\$500
Jan Koski Memorial Scholarship	Gabriel Kramer	\$300
John A. Benson Memorial Scholarship	Grant Gardiepy	\$850
John A. Benson Memorial Scholarship	Josie Gibson	\$850
Jon Jelacic Memorial Athletic Scholarship	Riley DeRosier	\$650
Judy Bialka Memorial Scholarship	Harrison Seymour	\$1,000
Kuhn Krueger Memorial Scholarships	Gabrielle Chapulis	\$300
Larry Strand Memorial Scholarship	Quinn Geraets	\$250
Leonard "Ole" Howard Memorial Scholarship	James Huber	\$250
Lowell Elementary PTA Scholarship	Adam Klecker	\$300
Lowell Elementary PTA Scholarship	James Pierzinski	\$300
Mac Carkhuff Athletic Memorial Scholarship	Kouper Seidl	\$1,100
Manney Anderson Memorial Scholarship	Jack Saulsbury	\$300
Mark Embretson Memorial Scholarship	Noah Madsen	\$650
Matthew Gaffney Memorial Scholarship	Ella Kauffman	\$350
Maynard Ketterling Memorial Athletic Scholarship	Rachel Moore	\$400
MMFCU Scholarship	Sabrina Dietrich	\$500
MMFCU Scholarship	India Hiltner	\$500
Patricia Marchel Memorial Scholarship	Abigail Grams	\$250
Phyllis Cooksey Memorial Scholarship	Bailey Schuler	\$250
Reese/Webb Memorial Scholarship	Landon Carey	\$500
Roy & Mildred Sargent Family Scholarship	Aden Extrand	\$1,275
Roy & Mildred Sargent Family Scholarship	Olivia Orłowski	\$1,275
Ruth Padgett Memorial Scholarship	Erica Lowe	\$450
BPS School Board & School Administrators Scholarship	Brynne Folden	\$250
Smile Scholarship	Jordyn Marsh	\$1,000
Smile Scholarship	Alexander Zernov	\$1,000

COMMUNITY or EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD	STUDENT	AMOUNT
Brainerd Blue Line Boosters Scholarship	Avery LeMieur	\$750
Brainerd Chapter MN Deer Hunters Assoc. Scholarship	Avery LeMieur	\$500
Brainerd Elks Lodge - Most Valuable Student	Benjamin Karlgaard	\$1,000
Brainerd Noon Rotary STRIVE Scholarship	Chloe Finch	\$200
Brainerd Noon Rotary STRIVE Scholarship	Alex Goedker	\$500
Brainerd Noon Rotary STRIVE Scholarship	Thea Modlin	\$1,000
Brainerd Noon Rotary STRIVE Scholarship	Octavia Barker-Peterson	\$200
Brainerd Noon Rotary STRIVE Scholarship	Logan White	\$1,500
Education Minnesota Brainerd Scholarship	Baden Bastian	\$1,000
Education Minnesota Brainerd Scholarship	Autumn Brainerd	\$1,000
Education Minnesota Brainerd Scholarship	Benjamin Karlgaard	\$1,000
Education Minnesota Brainerd Scholarship	Myah Nelson	\$1,000
Education Minnesota Brainerd Scholarship	Meghan Smith	\$1,000
Elks National Scholarship - Most Valuable Student	Aden Extrand	\$4,000
Glen Gustafson - Sports Booster Scholarship (CLC)	Andrew Albright	\$500
Glen Gustafson - Sports Booster Scholarship (CLC)	Kamryn Peterson	\$500
Heather Star Habeck Memorial Scholarship	Quinn Geraets	\$250
Kiwanis Educational Foundation Scholarship	Nicole Benson	\$1,000
Minnesota Elks Association - Most Valuable Student	Logan Carlson	\$2,000
Nisswa PTO Scholarship	Nicholas Moore	\$750
Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship	Anna Angland	\$500
Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship	Nicholas Moore	\$250
Red Cross Blood Drive Scholarship	Olivia Orłowski	\$250
Samsung American Legion Scholarship MN (Boy State)	Aden Extrand	\$1,250
Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist	Aden Extrand	\$10,000
Sertoma Sunrise Lift-a-Thon Scholarship - At Large	Ara Anderson	\$500
Sertoma Sunrise Lift-a-Thon Scholarship - At Large	Jonas Ewald	\$500
Sertoma Sunrise Lift-a-Thon Scholarship - At Large	Macin Freed	\$500
Sertoma Sunrise Lift-a-Thon Scholarship - At Large	Avery Mulholland	\$500
Stephen G Nunnink MPPO Scholarship	Jacob Holm	\$1,000
Sunrise Ag Cooperative	Andrew Caughey	\$500
Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates Inc. Scholarship	Lindsay Busch	\$750

Awards & Recognition

The following students are being recognized for their academic achievement, leadership, and/or volunteerism in school and community activities.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION	STUDENT	AWARD
BHS Student Council Executive Board—President	Devin Knopf	Recognition
BHS Student Council Executive Board—Vice President	Chase Larson	Recognition
BHS Student Council Executive Board—Secretary	Avery Mulholland	Recognition
BHS Student Council Executive Board—Treasurer	Ben Schneider	Recognition
BHS Student Council Executive Board—Events Coordinator	Grade Aadland	Recognition
BHS Student Council Senior Delegate	Anna Angland	Recognition
BHS Student Council Senior Delegate	Jada Bentson	Recognition
BHS Student Council Senior Delegate	Violetta Kromina	Recognition
BHS Student Council Senior Delegate	Eva Minerly	Recognition
BHS Student Council Senior Delegate	Myah Nelson	Recognition
BHS Student Council Senior Delegate	Olivia Orlovski	Recognition
BHS Student Council Senior Delegate	Allison Rice	Recognition
BHS Student Council Senior Delegate	Greta Schloemer	Recognition
Key Club Governing Board—President	Nicole Benson	Recognition
Key Club Governing Board—Secretary	Nicholas Moore	Recognition
Key Club Governing Board—Treasurer	Anna Angland	Recognition
Key Club Governing Board—Co-Editor	Caroline Gadacz	Recognition
Key Club Governing Board—Co-Editor	Laura Wells	Recognition
Key Club Governing Board—Committee Chairperson	Taylor Ruhl	Recognition
Key Club Governing Board—MinnDak Lieutenant Governor	Devin Knoepf	Recognition

“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.” ~ Audrey Hepburn

GOAL ACHIEVED! The Brainerd Public Schools Foundation worked to raise the funds needed to buy 2,020 high-interest classroom library books for our K-8 classrooms during the 2020 school year! Studies show when kids have quick access to books they love to read, they will have greater academic success! Thank you to all who helped make this “Dream Big” initiative a success!



Military Awards & Certificates

Federal Active Duty Air Force
Federal Active Duty Marine Corp
Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award
Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award
Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award
MN National Guard
MN National Guard
MN National Guard
MN National Guard
United States Air Force Academy

Student

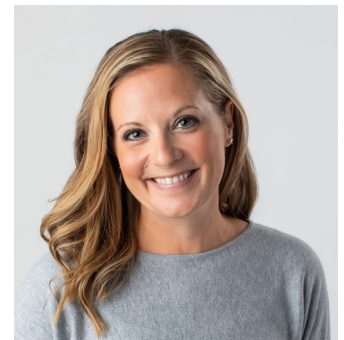
Elijah Hanson
Kiara Wiley
Thomas Ruhl
Mason Noor
Michael Howe
Noah Bachman
Erik Olson
Logan Omberg
Brodie Tangen
Aden Extrand

Award

\$92,000+
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Thank you to all of our amazing fund holders and BPSF supporters. Because of your commitment to our students and the Brainerd Public Schools, we are able to award increased funds each year. You are making a difference for our kids and their futures. Congratulations to all of the award recipients! We are so proud of you.

Jessica Gangl, BPSF Executive Director



How do I claim my BPSF scholarship award?

AFTER your first semester of college is complete (grades are posted), you can submit your request for payment digitally. You will need:

1. Your college's Financial Aid Office mailing address
2. Student ID number
3. Unofficial transcript showing end of semester posted grades with your name printed as part of the document

****Please mail a thank-you note directly to the scholarship donor within 30 days.**** Donor thank you information can be found in your scholarship award packet. (Red letter)

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? If the required information is received by the BPSF office before February 1st, your scholarship check will be mailed directly to your college's financial aid office in mid-February. Requests received after February 1st will not be processed or mailed out until after our March board meeting.

If you have questions, please call BPSF at 218.454.6921 or email info@bpsf.org



WHAT ELSE DOES BPSF DO?

The Brainerd Public Schools Foundation supports the district and students in a variety of ways; including scholarships, grants, special projects, hosting events/fundraisers, the Warrior Store, and connecting donors to school needs. BPSF is proud to announce over \$38k was awarded during our annual 4A Grant cycle in 2021/22. The Foundation sponsors innovative projects requested by Brainerd Public Schools educators and coaches that will enrich and enhance the fine education our students are receiving in our district through the 4As: arts, academics, athletics, and activities. Learn more: BPSF.org



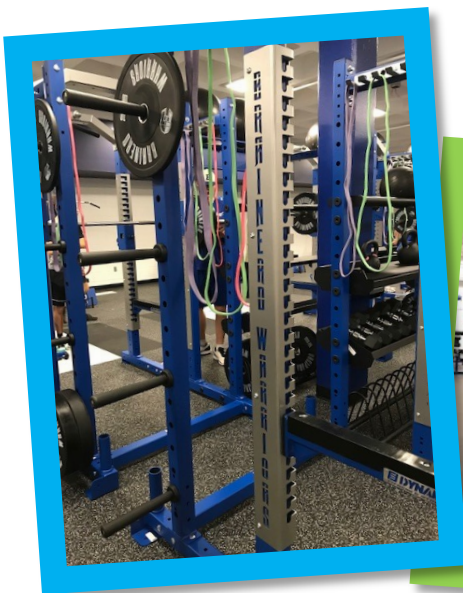
The Warrior Store

Every purchase supports BPSF
Order online @ BPSF.org or
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DREAM BIG HIGHLIGHT

The BHS weight room was approaching 30 years of age and the equipment pre-dated the room. The floor was cracking, machines were run down, and the room was cluttered. The weight room lacked the open space and functionality needed to properly train today's students and athletes. Jason Freed, BHS Social Studies Teacher and Head Football Coach, took on the role of Project Lead to completely renovate the weight room into the new Warrior Strength Center. The BPSF board started a dollar for dollar matching gift campaign to help raise the necessary funds. Within a few short weeks, BPSF was able to hand over a check to support the project totaling just over \$21,000! In a video thanking BPSF for their support, Coach Freed said, "The first thing you'll notice is a ton of space, brand new floors, and inlaid platforms. We have 20 rack systems allowing us to be way more functional. We can now have 90- 100 kids working out at a time. They have their own spot and have no need to leave." He went on to indicate how this new strength center was great for phy ed classes and student athletes alike. There is now a place for everything: bands, bars, rack systems, dumbbells, kettlebells, and a multipurpose area. The space is near completion and will soon showcase the 31 different Warrior athletic opportunities with a 106' mural on the wall. Coach Freed wrapped up by saying, "well over half of the student body at BHS uses the Warrior Strength Center on a daily basis between athletics and phy ed" and couldn't thank all of the individuals and businesses that supported this project enough.



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THE BIG EVENT 02.05.2022

The Brainerd Public School Foundation is very excited to announce that the 9th Annual Big Event, a celebration of the Brainerd Public Schools Foundation, was another ROCKIN' SUCCESS! The "TURN IT UP! Your backstage pass to rock generosity" theme was one BPSF supporters didn't want to miss! Despite continuing to be faced with pandemic challenges, we moved forward with a modified hybrid (in-person and virtual options) Big Event that was held on Saturday, February 5th, 2022. Our new, smaller, venue and scaled back guest list didn't disappoint and guests enjoyed the surprise (local) celebrities that performed on stage! WE DID IT! YOU DID IT! Our committee, sponsors, auction donors, educators, Brainerd Public Schools staff, our local businesses, and our community members. We all did it, together and raised nearly \$80k for BPSF programs!



Enhancing opportunities for quality academics, arts, activities, and athletics for the students of the Brainerd Public School District

Contact Jessica to set up a BPSF Scholarship Fund, Legacy Fund, support our 4A Grant programs, donate to the Dream Big project, or to get involved with one of our committees or events!

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