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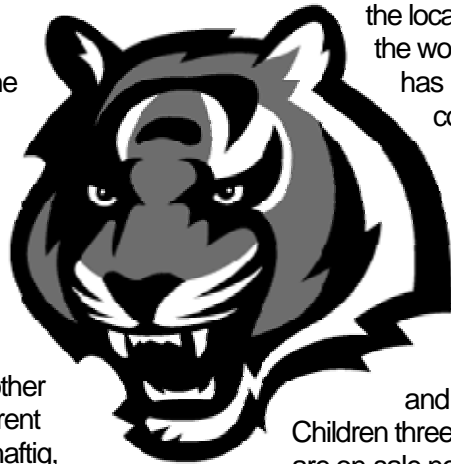
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## Cincinnati Bengals to Play Basketball Game to Benefit Foundation

On February 24, the Cincinnati Bengals will invade the James S. Trent Arena at Fairmont High School to challenge a team of local celebrities to a charity basketball game.

The Bengals will take the floor at 3 pm for what is sure to be a fantastic four quarters of rim-rockin', high-flyin' action. All proceeds of the game will benefit the Kettering Education Foundation's grant programs and scholarship initiatives.

"The Kettering Education Foundation is excited to be involved in what is sure to be another fun family event at the Trent Arena," said Matt Wahrhaftig, Kettering Education Foundation Executive Director, "We are very thankful to all of our sponsors and supporters who have helped make this event possible and



are looking forward to a great game."

The event will include the basketball game, autograph opportunities, Bengals silent auction items, and a raffle of autographed Bengals memorabilia.

The Bengals players will be announced three-days prior to the game, and the local celebrities team is still in the works, but the Foundation has received early commitments from; University of Dayton alumni Dan Christie, Norm Grevy and Ed Young as well as Wooster Alumnus Bryan Nelson.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children under 13.

Children three and under are free. They are on-sale now through the Fairmont Box Office, Ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets or by calling (937) 228-2323.

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### OUR MISSION

*To create opportunities for interested citizens, organizations and businesses to enhance the educational opportunities in the Kettering City School system. Contributions are sought from supporters of education and used to fund a grants program supporting curriculum-based programs and innovative teaching.*

## KEF Announces Creation of Four New Scholarships

For the second year running, the Kettering Education Foundation is proud to announce the creation of four new scholarships. This means that in only our second year of offering scholarships the Foundation is now going to be able to offer a total of eight scholarships, providing graduating Fairmont seniors with \$21,500

in scholarships.

This tremendous accomplishment was achieved through the generosity of several very special donors, who made the decision to create a scholarship either through a

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## Grants Time Again

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**Ken Brightman,  
Grant Committee**

The beginning of the new year is a significant milestone in anyone's yearly calendar, but for us here at the Kettering Education Foundation, it marks the beginning of the grant application process.

Through the last several years, the Foundation has been working hard to upgrade and streamline the grant process to enable us to gather more applications, review them quicker, and ultimately get the final payments to the teachers in a more timely and efficient manner.

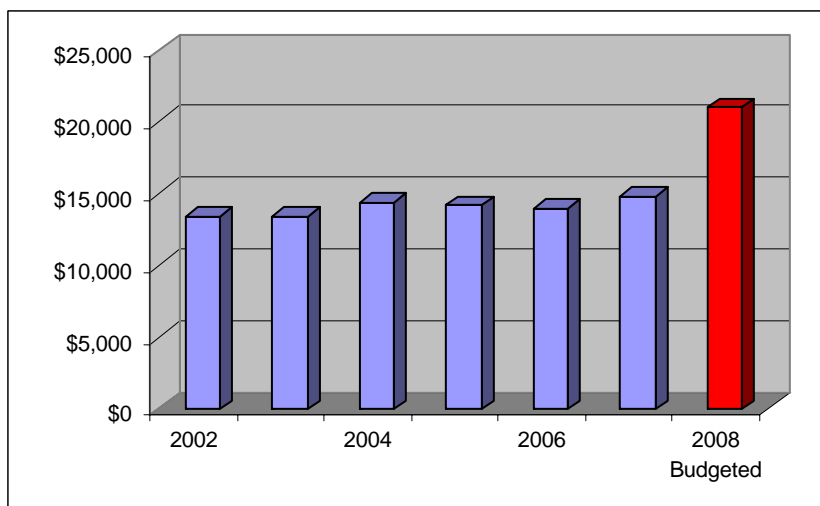
This upgrade process has not always gone smoothly and in the past we have run into some major glitches with technology issues, but this year, the Foundation unveiled it's new web-based grant application form that will enable any teacher to apply for a grant regardless of the type of computer or software they run. As long as they have access to the internet, they will be able to submit a grant application.

The Foundation has taken a proactive stance to this new data change and has been hosting group meetings with the teachers in the schools to train them on the changes and also to educate them on what the Foundation is and what we are looking for in a grant application.

“Our hope is that through this process we will get better written proposals that more closely fit our funding guidelines,” said Ken Brightman, Grant Committee Chairperson “There are many good projects that we see every year that do not get approved because elements of the application do not meet our criteria.”

The Foundation is hopeful that between these meetings and the change in the application process it will be able to fund a greater amount of programs and ultimately increase its support to the schools working toward our long term goal of \$50,000 in grant support on a yearly basis.

## Foundation Budgeting Increase in Grant Funding



Throughout the years, the primary goal of the Kettering Education Foundation has been to provide as much grant funding as possible to the Kettering City School District. Since 2002, the Foundation has been able to provide a consistent amount of funding in the range of \$12,000 to \$15,000 on a yearly basis. This year the foundation has pledged to increase our funding to the school system and has budgeted \$21,000 for grant support alone.

## Foundation Working on New Technology Initiative

One of the major challenges facing school systems across the country is the need to integrate technology into the classroom to support and enhance student learning. The digital age has had a profound impact on youth culture and how young people learn. Outside of school, our "Digital Natives" learn, communicate and stay globally connected by using cell phones, ipods, wikis, blogs, social networking, video games, and podcasts. Research has shown that student engagement improves in a visually stimulating and interactive learning environment., and educators are trying to develop different and more effective ways to teach our tech-savvy students.

Keeping teachers on the cutting edge of technology in order to provide these young people with a quality education in terms they can quickly grasp is a daunting task for any school. Debbie LeValley, Director of Technology, explains that a large portion of the technology budget is consumed by the need to upgrade or replace existing computers so that teachers can take advantage of the software packages that accompany new textbook adoptions. The technology budget is also used to provide a viable infrastructure, stable network, adequate bandwidth, professional development, student computer labs, videostreaming, internet connectivity, the student information system, software licensing, parent access to student data, grade card printing, wireless access and other related expenses. The challenge is coming up with funds to purchase innovative equipment and software, putting those tools in the hands of teachers, and then training our teachers to use them effectively.

Kettering City Schools is fortunate that

our Board of Education recognizes the global changes that have taken place and the needs of our "Digital Natives." The district has recently undergone a complete hardware and software enhancement that has enabled our staff to take advantage of new and emerging technologies. Smartboards were introduced in our district two years ago. Smartboard lessons are interactive, engaging and stimulating. Each year, we have three-to-four times the number of requests for a Smartboard than we can supply. The same can be said for other emerging technologies such as student response systems and wireless computer carts. Teachers are clamoring for technological tools to use in the classroom because they have observed, first-hand, the improved student engagement that results.

This reality has caused the Kettering Education Foundation to rethink its grant guidelines. For a long time, the Foundation's grant criteria did not address the need for technology, however, as times have changed, so has the Foundation. In response to the ever-growing need to purchase technology programs and tools to support student learning in the classroom, the Foundation will now start funding technology-based initiatives. The Foundation is talking with businesses, corporations and donors who are interested in helping with specific technology developments in the district.

The Foundation is working toward the designation of funds annually to a "Technology Fund Block." This block of money will be used to help fund technology initiatives. If you are interested in donating to this "Technology Fund Block," please send your donation to the Foundation offices and write "Technology" in the memo column of the check.

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Debbie LeValley  
Director of Technology

## Scholarships

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memorial gift, honorarium gift or through a bequest from their estate. Although very different in structure and design, they all have the same honorable intent of providing that extra boost to a graduating senior for them to excel in post-secondary education.

The new scholarships are as follow:

### The James Lockwood Scholarship

The James Lockwood Scholarship was established at the wishes of James Lockwood, who was killed by a drunk driver in a traffic accident just days before deploying for service in Iraq. The scholarship is designed to award an individual who has been a member of the Fairmont Track & Field program and has exhibited significant love and spirit for this sport while not necessarily being a stand out athlete. The James Lockwood Scholarship will be an annual scholarship award of \$5,000.

### The Chase Hale Scholarship

The Chase Hale Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of T. Chase Hale, a 2002 graduate of Kettering Fairmont High School who died in an automobile accident in 2007. Chase was captain of both the Swim Team and Tennis Team in his senior year at Fairmont. Chase was most proud of having received the Swim Team *Coaches Award*. As a result, this scholarship is to be presented to the Senior Male Swimmer who most emulates the qualities represented by the *Coaches Award*. The Chase Hale Scholarship is an annual \$4,000 scholarship payable in \$1,000 installments over four years.

### The Ed Rish Scholarship

The Ed Rish Scholarship was established by his close friends from high school as a memorial tribute to the hard work and dedication that he showed in all aspects of

life, especially his commitment to Fairmont school spirit and his friends. The Ed Rish Scholarship is an annual scholarship of \$1,500 and will be awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated exemplary school spirit.

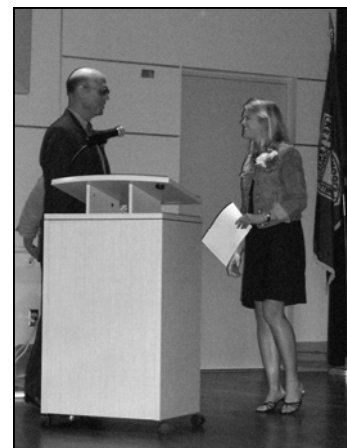
### The Thom & Penni Meyer Scholarship

The Thom & Penni Meyer Scholarship was established by Nick O'Donnell to pay tribute to Thom & Penni Meyer and the profound impact that they had on his life and the many other students they have taught through the years. The scholarship is designed to benefit a student who is furthering their education in the photographic arts field. The award is an annual \$500 scholarship and will be judged on financial need, community activities, their essay and photographic portfolio.

Each of the new KEF scholarships will be awarded this year in late May, and the Foundation is hard-at-work planning a scholarship event to recognize the donors and recipients of these scholarships. If you would like more information about any of the scholarships that the Kettering Education Foundation offers, please visit our website at [www.ketteringeducationfoundation.org](http://www.ketteringeducationfoundation.org).

### KEF Scholarships

Sally Roush Brown Scholarship  
James Lockwood Scholarship  
Chase Hale Scholarship  
Ed Rish Scholarship  
Ray Albrecht Scholarship  
Mary Lou Holland Scholarship  
Chief's Scholarship  
Thom & Penni Meyer Scholarship



2007 Sally Roush Brown Scholarship recipient Megan Kelsey receives her award from donor Jim Brown

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