



South Bend Alumni Association

ANNUAL REPORT

July 2022-June 2023
Enhancing Our Impact



WELCOME LETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe I've completed my first year as the executive director. It truly has been an incredible year! I was there to witness Notre Dame football players jumping rope and shooting hoops with Madison STEAM Academy students, and the laughter that ensued among both the students and players. I sat amongst high schoolers from the SBCSC as they sat awestruck in the audience of the musical "West Side Story" at the Morris. For many, it was their first experience of both the beauty of the Morris Performing Arts Center and a professional theatrical performance. I met Riley students volunteering at a United Way event, and their teenage excitement as they helped out and their joy as they represented their school was inspirational.



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While these three events are just a snapshot of what we have accomplished, they are indicative of the student experiences the SBAA has supported all year long. I am so proud to be able to play a role in developing well rounded individuals, to give students equal access to opportunities, and to be a part of the smiles, joy, and lifelong memories of so many children and youth. The SBAA has expanded our giving to reach an additional 3,000 students in extracurriculars this year. More students were able to take part in national competitions that included traveling to New York, California and Las Vegas. More accessed new equipment to fuel their passions, and were able to expand their creativity, and higher-level thinking thanks to these supplies. And more students received new uniforms and were able to represent their schools with pride.

The South Bend Community School Corporation and the South Bend Empowerment Zone excel in their diverse activities for students. We are proud to contribute to the growth of these children as they explore co-curricular and extracurricular activities, opening the door to new opportunities and modes of understanding their place in our community and in the world.

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Gratefully,

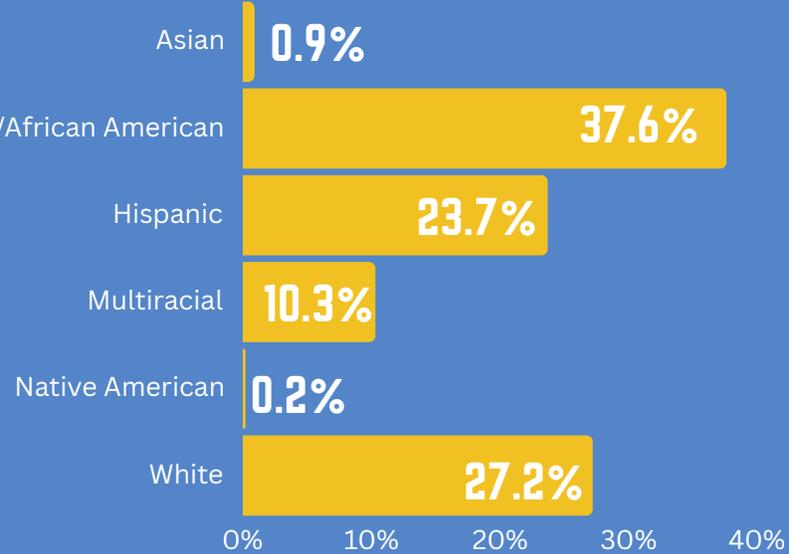
A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kris Arizmendi Choinacky". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large loop at the end.

Kris Arizmendi Choinacky
Executive Director



WHO WE SERVE

**16,297 Students
in the SBCSC**



Economically Disadvantaged



English Learners



Students with Disabilities



Homeless

WHO WE ARE

Co-Ex Grants, SBAA Sponsorships, and Scholarships

SBAA funds co- and extracurricular activities in South Bend Schools, gives scholarships to graduating SBCSC seniors, and sponsors community events for students.

Fundraising Events

SBAA proudly hosts several annual fundraising events: the Hall of Fame Banquet, the annual Golf Tournament and the Girl Outing. These events provide scholarship and grant support for SBCSC clubs and programs.

Connecting Alumni

SBAA invests in SBCSC alumni memories through individual school platforms that help Alumni plan their reunions , share memories and memorabilia, and stay connected on our Alumni Class Creator sites.

WHY SUPPORT US?

Extracurriculars Matter!

They are a unique avenue for students to create and expand community. In these activities and service projects students gain valuable skills of teamwork, leadership, and time management, while building their self-esteem.



VISION

Building Alumni to Build the Community

MISSION

To support all students in the SBCSC by providing equitable financial assistance toward extracurricular activities; helping students succeed in school and become civic-minded individuals.

VALUES



Stewardship

Preserve the trust of our stakeholders by generously supporting student success.

Collaboration

Foster and cultivate partnerships to obtain maximum impact.

Service

Promote a community of civic-mindedness, where talents and creativity are empowered

Equity

Celebrate the variety of traditions and experiences of students to ensure all have opportunities to succeed.

IMPACT

\$115,217

Provided to students and families of the
South Bend Community School Corporation

\$15,000

Scholarships

\$95,217

Co-Ex Grants

\$5,000

SBAA Sponsorship

35

NONPROFITS
benefitted from
student service

8,218

STUDENTS AND
FAMILIES
impacted by
SBAA Programs

12

SCHOOLS
received mentoring
or beautification
from students



PROGRAM FUNDING

Co-Ex Grants, Scholarships and Sponsorship funds directly given to support students in the SBCSC





OUR IMPACT IS EXTRAORDINARY

SINCE 2014, THE SBAA HAS PROVIDED OVER \$700,000 TO SUPPORT SBCSC STUDENTS, AND HAS BEEN THE CATALYST FOR STUDENTS OFFERING 10,000+ SERVICE HOURS PER YEAR IN OUR COMMUNITY!

SBAA SPONSORSHIPS

The South Bend Alumni Association is excited for our newest funding outreach: partnering with local organizations and schools to sponsor special events. The events we sponsor align with our mission of building up extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, broadening the educational reach of schools, and promoting community events for students in South Bend. Recent partners have included: South Bend Civic Theater, the South Bend Symphony Orchestra, the South Bend Empowerment Zone, and the Morris Performing Arts Center.

2022-2023 EVENTS

West Side
Story

Dia De Los
Muertos

Black History
Month

Ma Rainey's
Black Bottom

DCI Finals
Adams HS Band

CO-EX GRANTS

The Co-Ex grant provides funding for co-curricular and extracurricular activities including academics, arts, athletics, clubs, STEM, and other co-curriculars. It aims to build civic-minded students through supporting student service projects in the community.

2022-2023 School Recipients

High Schools

Adams High School
Clay High School
Riley High School
Rise Up Academy
Washington High School

Junior High Schools

Dickinson Fine Arts Academy
Jackson Middle School
Jefferson Intermediate
Navarre Middle School

Elementary Schools

Darden Elementary School
Harrison Elementary
Kennedy Primary Academy
Lincoln Primary Center
McKinley Elementary School
Madison STEAM Academy
Wilson Primary Center

SBAA SCHOLARSHIPS

SBAA Scholarships provide crucial financial assistance, making college affordable for deserving students. We deeply appreciate our generous donors who fund these life-changing opportunities.

Jennifer Leon
Superintendent
Scholarship



Braylon Shambry
Jack M. Champaigne
Scholarship

Kimberly Ruiz
Connie S. Varga
Scholarship



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



ACADEMICS

The John Adams High School Quiz Bowl team has enjoyed great success in recent seasons, leading them to be invited to all three national championships for the first time! A Co-Ex Grant helped them get two teams to PACE in Chicago, allowing younger members to be part of the competition for the first time.



SPONSORSHIP

The SBAA is proud to partner with local organizations to give youth the opportunity to experience arts and cultural events. In May, we were a sponsor of the Civic Theatre's production of "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" (by August Wilson) at Washington High School for an audience of hundreds of SBCSC students.



MUSIC

As part of the Fine Arts Magnet high school, the Clay High School Band has always ably represented the SBCSC in many events throughout the year. With the help of the SBAA, the Clay Band purchased new formal concert attire to continue to present their beautiful music and represent their school proudly in the wider community.



ATHLETICS

The Washington H.S. Girls Basketball team hit the court last year as the reigning 3A State Champions. Their program was growing, and they were finally going to field both a freshman and JV team. With the support of a Co-Ex Grant, they were able to provide uniforms for all of their athletes to continue the tradition of excellence.



PERFORMING ARTS

In February, the Riley High School Drama Club put on a stellar production of the musical comedy, "Once Upon a Mattress." Staging a musical is an expensive endeavor, and the SBAA helped 34 Riley thespians have this opportunity to take the stage and share their talents with the community. Brava!



VISUAL ARTS

Students in dual-language immersion program in English and Spanish at McKinley Elementary School created stunning papier-mâché masks for the celebration of Dia de los Muertos at the Morris. The SBAA was proud to join with other local organizations in sponsoring this special cultural event.



STEM

The Washington greenhouse was dormant for 15+ years, but now it is blooming again. With help from the SBAA to buy equipment and seed starts, students were able to sell 40 plants and donate 40 herb plant starts to Unity Garden. Students who had never planted a seed were running the greenhouse by the end of the semester!



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Harrison Elementary School received dozens of scratch and dent bicycles through the Police Athletic League. The SBAA provided funds for parts to fix those bikes, and a new club was born! Harrison students learned how to assemble and fix bikes, follow directions, and use tools as they rehabbed bikes for their community.



South Bend Community
HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION AND AWARDS BANQUET



The annual Hall of Fame banquet aims to honor outstanding individuals and organizations, who have made significant contributions to the community through service, have notable accomplishments in local area and on broader levels, and remain actively engaged with the community.

Class of 2022

Ambassador to the Holy See Joseph Donnelly

Alfred J. Guillaume, Jr., Ph.D

Jon & Sonja Laidig

Edward Levy

Muffet McGraw

Patrick & BJ Magley

Roberta Spencer



Class of 2023

Jack Champaigne

Elizabeth Fletcher Allen

Dr. Steve Gerber

Jim Kapsa

Ambassador Tim Roemer

Kathy Schneider

Adeline Wigfall-Jones



GOLF AND GIRL OUTINGS



Our outings provide invaluable financial support to our Co-Ex grant program and SBAA scholarship. We were proud to partner with Everwise Credit Union, Gurley Leep, and other community sponsors. Both events took place at our city's course, Elbel Golf Course. We appreciate the SBVPA's partnership along with all of our participants for making these events possible! Your contributions created new opportunities for all SBCSC children.



Thank you for the opportunity! Very pleased with everything I experienced. Had good conversation with people, who can lead me in the right direction. Can't wait till the next one 🍿

Food Vendor / Girl Outing



The food and drinks were outstanding, the location and weather were great, the networking and time with coworkers was fun. I'd say my favorite part of all was the inspiration and creativity on display. I loved getting to know women in the community who were putting their skills to use and turning them into businesses. I left with a full belly and heart and emptier wallet, but happy about the wallet because I was buying things I really liked, from local women.

Girl Outing Participant



LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUABLE SERVICE TO SBAA!



Duane Wilson , Chair
Boys and Girls Club, St. Jo.Ct.



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Former Holladay Properties



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Salvation Army



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Electronics, Inc.



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Former SBCSC Superintendent



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Crowe

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Executive Director



Kathleen Kovach
Event Coordinator



Kara O'Malley
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OUR 2022-2023 SUPPORTERS

VALEDICTORIAN

Gifts of \$10,000+

Timothy and Mary Baker
Everwise Credit Union
Jack and Yuko Champaigne
Duke and Katy Downey
John and Barbara Phair

SALUTATORIAN

Gifts of \$5,000 to \$9,999

1st Source Bank
American Electric Power
Ancon Construction

FUND Foundation
Gurley-Leep Automotive
Hayes Design Co.
The Lebermuth Co.
The Oliver and Cunningham Families
The University of Notre Dame

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Gifts of \$2,500-\$4,999

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Centier Bank
Holy Cross College
The Tire Rack, Inc.

The Hunt Family
The Leighton Care Foundation
The Nufer Family
Pfeifer, Morgan & Stesiak
Ruoff Mortgage
Steel Warehouse
The Varga Family

CUM LAUDE

Gifts of \$1,000-\$2,499

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Aunalytics
Barnes & Thornburg, LLC
Beachkofsky Law LLC
Bethel University
Boys & Girls Club of SJC
Chadwell Facial Plastic Surgery
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Four Winds Casino Resort
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Merrill Lynch
The Napa Institute
Oaklawn
OJS Building Services
South Bend Chocolate Company
South Bend Firefighters FCU
Frank Sullivan
YMCA of Greater Michiana
Youth Services Bureau of SJC

THANK YOU

Support Our Mission!

SBAA has grown significantly in the last year because of the generosity of our donors. You understand and believe in our mission. We value your trust as we strive to offer more possibilities and less barriers for our children to succeed and expand their curiosity in all extracurriculars.





THANK YOU!

Thank you for an amazing year! We deeply appreciate our donors, partners, and volunteers who make SBAA's work possible. As we embrace the future with a new look and renewed dedication, we are excited to accomplish more together!



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