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Leadership Thoughts

It takes a true team of committed parents, staff, mentors, volunteers and donors to further the mission of Boys Hope Girls Hope Cincinnati and help academically motivated students who enter our program.

For over 30 years, we have worked to end the generational cycle of poverty through education. For many of those years, my dear friends John and Eileen Barrett have made major contributions to benefit our youth. This summer marks the 26th year of the Annual BHGH Scholar Pool Party hosted by the Barrett Family to celebrate the academic accomplishments of our young people. The pool party is a chance for scholars to not only gather together for a fun-filled afternoon, but also a chance for them to bond with the Barretts and receive words of wisdom that may help in their future careers.

Without the generosity of donors like the Barrett Family, our team wouldn't be complete. We appreciate each and every person who has given over the years to help us create a quality life for boys and girls within the Greater Cincinnati Community. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to helping more children in the years to come!

-Debbie Bowman



CLASS OF 2018!

Boys Hope Girls Hope is proud to announce the graduations of five fantastic seniors from three affiliate high schools. Each graduate has a remarkable story of how the Residential Program impacted their lives and helped them achieve the goal of not only graduating high school, but also being accepted to colleges state-wide. With the support of BHGH, our seniors have been afforded an opportunity of a lifetime—attending college with a network of professionals ready to serve at any time.

● **McAaryon— Accepted at the University of Cincinnati**

McAaryon joined Boys Hope Girls Hope as a third grader and developed a love for technology. With the help of BHGH, McAaryon met with engineers and helped build a computer that he still uses to this day! In addition to working with computers, he enjoys creating 3D objects and is currently programming a self-built LEGO robot. McAaryon plans to expand his technical skills this fall as a computer engineering major.

● **Elijah— Accepted at the University of Cincinnati**

Elijah joined Boys Hope Girls Hope to gain additional academic support. He began the program as a young boy struggling to perform well in class and has become a young man determined to succeed in college. As a leader, he advises young scholars to build a stable foundation and to put forth their very best effort in school. With plans to study business management, Elijah hopes to one day become an entrepreneur and operate several businesses.

● **Amos— Accepted at the University of Cincinnati**

Prior to joining the program at thirteen, Amos struggled in school and didn't possess a clear focus. He gives credit to BHGH mentors and tutors for helping him improve his grades and for providing college tour opportunities. This fall, Amos will be studying sports management in preparation for one day working in the sports industry.

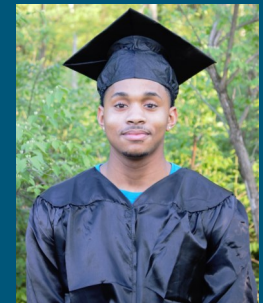
● **Sam— Accepted at the University of Cincinnati**

While attending St. Xavier High School, Sam embraced his passion for music and helped form a band known as *The Thrifters* along with providing guitar lessons to classmates. Despite his music and academic achievements, Sam endured hardship that left his life stressful. As an older brother, he cared for his younger siblings and worked hard to keep his family together. After battling homelessness, Sam and his brother joined Boys Hope Girls Hope and were afforded opportunities that they didn't previously have. Sam credits BHGH with providing stability in his life and assurance that his younger brother will be taken care of once he leaves for college. This fall, Sam looks forward to attending UC and aspires to work in the music industry as a businessman.

5 Scholars
College
Bound!



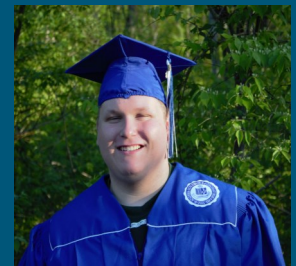
McAaryon, Graduate of St. Xavier High School



Elijah, Graduate of DePaul Cristo Rey High School



Amos, Graduate of Roger Bacon High School



Sam, Graduate of St. Xavier High School

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Damon, Graduate of DePaul Cristo Rey High School

Fall 2018 Scholar Openings

Boys Hope Girls Hope Cincinnati is currently in admissions season! We are seeking academically motivated young people who will utilize our resources and stability to complete a college prep high school degree and take advantage of the opportunity to receive scholarship funds for higher education. Applicants must meet the following criteria for consideration:

- ◆ 10 to 14 years old at time of admission
- ◆ Free from emotional problems and learning disorders
- ◆ Behaviorally appropriate for communal residential life
- ◆ Come from a compromising environmental impediments and/or have family barriers to success
- ◆ Capability and motivation for achievement in education
- ◆ Have parental/guardian support and partnership for program participation

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CLASS OF 2018! ...continued

● Damon— Accepted at the University of Cincinnati

Only a few years ago, Damon found himself struggling in his academics and battling with thoughts of leaving school. Taking the advice of a former principal, he joined BHGH and was dedicated to improving his life. This past school year, Damon achieved his goal of earning honors each quarter and placing in the state finals as a member of the school's varsity basketball team. As an incoming college freshman, Damon is excited to study business and become an entrepreneur in the future.



Greg Scruggs' Return

Two-time Super Bowl Champion and Boys Hope Girls Hope Alumnus Greg Scruggs has made his return to the Queen City! As the new Director of Player Development at the University of Cincinnati, Scruggs helps student athletes with professional readiness, community engagement and life skills.

When faced with the opportunity to give back in his new role, Scruggs naturally selected Boys Hope Girls Hope to be a part of a mentoring program he started for players. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, a group of athletes travel to the Heidt Hope House to mentor scholars. Scruggs believes that the mentorship gives student athletes the chance to be "listening ears and positive influences in the scholars' lives and to help them achieve, maintain and obtain goals that they have set for themselves." Although the program is in its beginning stages, Scruggs has already received a number of requests from players seeking to serve at Boys Hope Girls Hope!

Penguin Fun with Scholars



The Oswald Companies and Wave Foundation partnered to create an unforgettable afternoon for BHGH scholars and staff! Directly following a delicious lunch provided by Oswald members, Blueberry the African penguin made her debut and left scholars in awe. Her small build and waddle immediately stole the show as her trainer Dan shared penguin facts. High school junior Jesse impressed the crowd by answering almost every nature-inspired question, earning him special points and a possible internship opportunity.

In the spirit of serving, scholars were encouraged to recycle and protect the environment in hopes of preventing endangered animals like the African penguin from becoming extinct.

To view special footage of Blueberry with BHGH scholars, visit the *Boys Hope Girls Hope Cincinnati* Facebook page!

UPCOMING EVENT

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