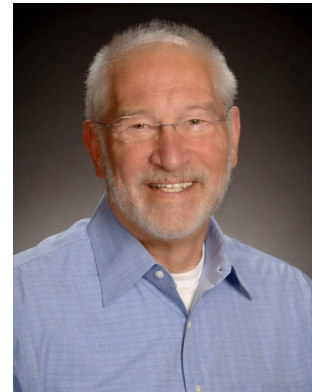


Watch Now! Navigating a New World

How has the COVID pandemic changed the careers and education of the next generation? On Monday, August 16th, BCF hosted a discussion with Paul Merriman, BCF Board Member and nationally recognized investment expert, and Jeff Leinawever, career exploration specialist, to provide a two-hour seminar to answer some of these questions. They discussed life-changing tips for the next generation about career decisions, educational pursuits, and financial options for now and the future.

Students and their parents are both encouraged to watch as these tips could impact the whole family! The video is available to watch now on BCF's website at www.BainbridgeCF.org under "News and Events."



Jeff Leinawever and Paul Merriman

How To Get Involved

Whether you have lived on the island for generations or moved here more recently for the quality of life, it's clear that Bainbridge Island has a strong and unique sense of community. Island residents are able to maintain a high quality of life primarily because of its vibrant nonprofit sector.

Bainbridge Community Foundation plays an integral role in supporting our local nonprofits by analyzing community needs, awarding grants to meet those needs, educating donors and nonprofit leaders, and facilitating collaboration. We respond to the changes in our community as it grows, and remain flexible in times of need. Through the support of donors at all levels, BCF has been able to award \$422,589 in grants to 52 local nonprofits in 2021 in support of their programs through the annual



Community Grants Cycle. Since it began in 2005, the CGC has awarded close to \$3.4 million for 646 local grants-- and BCF has awarded \$17.5 million total back to the community since inception. The impact of the work of our grantees is truly inspiring--and the need for support is only increasing each year. It is never too late to get involved.

When you give through BCF, you become our partner in funding critical efforts to create and maintain the dynamic and supportive culture of our community. Through direct contributions to our work, by opening a Donor Advised Fund, by participating in campaign drives, or by leaving Bainbridge Community Foundation in your will or estate plan, you help maintain Bainbridge Island as a place our children and grandchildren will be proud to call home.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Special Edition Newsletter: The Next Generation

Supporting Aspirations of Local Youth

When Frank Petrie walked into Bainbridge Community Foundation (BCF) to meet the two recipients of the Vincent F. Petrie Memorial Scholarship Fund, created in honor of his father, he had planned to learn about the students' interest in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). By the end of the meeting, he had heard stories about the recent graduates' lives, and shared stories of his father's passion for education along with his mother's continued support for students like them. All walked away with a deeper understanding of how these relationships will help sculpt the futures of the next generation.

student athletes or help finance careers in the arts. But all share a common objective to nurture the futures of local youth, and all have helped dozens of ambitious students reach their aspirations.

“...His reward was in helping them take a few extra steps along the path to their dreams.”

In the words of one scholarship recipient receiving the Erin O'Brien Mead Scholarship, which prioritizes students who have a track record of good character, an interest in community volunteering, and have financial need, “Thank you so, so much for this scholarship! It means a lot to have community involvement reach so far in my life. I have a strong focus on giving back to the community, and strive to find ways I can use my skills to improve my surroundings.”

Local philanthropists who have opened scholarship funds through BCF may have different goals in mind, whether it is to support

The meeting between Frank Petrie and the recipients of his father's memorial scholarship fund has ignited a new initiative for BCF to host a scholarship reception every year, where fund holders will be able to meet the youth

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Frank Petrie (center) meets scholarship recipients Elliott Andrews (left) and Minyoung Cho (right)

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receiving scholarships. BCF looks forward to creating these connections for years to come. In the words of Frank, “my Dad, Vincent, found joy not just in helping his students get better grades in math and science, but also in getting to know them, learning about their lives and their hopes for the future. His reward was in helping them take a few extra steps along the path to their dreams.”

For the full list of scholarship recipients, please see the list below. To learn more about BCF’s scholarship funds, visit <https://bainbridgecf.org/programs/scholarships>.



Scholarship Fund	Description	Student Names and School
Bainbridge Music & Art Legacy Scholarship Fund	Supports high school graduates majoring in visual arts, music, performing arts, or dance	Chloe Alvarez Rhode Island School of Design
BHS Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund	Established by the BHS graduating class of 1961 to support graduates in vocational or academic programs	Joaquin Olivera Lubha Martens Olympic College
BHS Class of 1962 Scholarship Fund	Established by the BHS graduating class of 1962 to support graduating students from Bainbridge High School	Ingrid Nalefski Reed College Mitchell Milander Olympic College
Erin O’Brien Mead Memorial Scholarship Fund	Goes to students who have a track record of good character, an interest in community volunteering, and have financial need	Madison Gregerson Central Washington University Gaelen Lee Willamette University Alex Maher Cornell University Elli Prickett University of Washington Luke Shields University of Washington
George & Betty Munro Scholarship Fund	Preference for strong students with an interest in elementary education	Sophia Nordstrom Western Washington University
Hannah Wachsman Memorial Scholarship	Supports student athletes, students who reflect a dedication to academics, and to youth who reflect the values embodied by Hannah Wachsman, who was tragically taken from this world in a car accident on March 16, 2021	Cora Cole, Sciences Po Aidyn Goldsberry, San Diego State University Carter Wolff University of Portland
Vincent F. Petrie Memorial Scholarship Fund	Priority goes to students pursuing college or university studies in one of the STEM fields: science, technology, engineering, mathematics	Elliott Andrews, Minyoung Cho University of Washington

BCF and Partners Implement the YES Fund

Numerous studies have proven the importance of positive childhood experiences in influencing healthy behavior in early adulthood. In the late elementary grades, adults—particularly parents, teachers, and others—can largely influence long-term social benefits for children by proactively providing positive opportunities.

Research has also demonstrated that negative childhood experiences can lead to higher odds of harmful future behavior. Chronic stressful events can disrupt a child’s neurodevelopment, leading to challenges with managing negative emotions and potential problems in adulthood such as substance abuse disorders or even reduced life expectancy.

In mid-October 2018, leaders of Bainbridge Community Foundation met with representatives of Bainbridge Youth Services, Bainbridge Schools Foundation, Bainbridge Healthy Youth Alliance (now Alliance for Youth), Peacock Family Services, Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island, and Raising Resilience—along with other local volunteers such as mental health professionals and church group leaders—to discuss youth in our community. The organizing question was about how to support youth who otherwise might “fall through the cracks.” These are kids who do not have access to services, whether it is because these services don’t exist for them, they don’t know how to access services, or they choose not to access services on their own.

Discussions first centered on the many programs that were already in place to support youth with varying degrees of success. **A substantial gap area that was identified was the ability to fund activities that would expose these young people to positive experiences.**

Bainbridge Community Foundation, in partnership with Bainbridge Schools Foundation, Bainbridge Youth Services,



and Helpline House, created the Youth Experience Support Fund (YES Fund) to provide financial assistance to local youth. Within four months of forming the YES Fund, donors contributed over \$75,000 to support a three-year pilot program that would provide this essential financial assistance to the next generation.

Funding goes towards students who may not have the resources to meet basic needs, to achieve academic success, or to pursue extracurricular activities. During the 2019-2020 school year, the YES Fund covered a wide range of needs, such as supporting registration and participation fees for youth sports activities, music lessons, dance lessons, skiing, and swimming. Financial assistance was also used for basic needs during the COVID-19 pandemic, and provided electric blankets for kids, technology and workspace improvements to help students participate in online school, and sleeping bags for those who needed them.

A snapshot of the 2019-2020 data can be found below. If you are interested in learning more, or would like to contribute to the fund, please email media@bainbridgecf.org.

If you, a friend, or family member is seeking help, elementary students can contact Helpline House and high school students apply through their online forum Frog Rock.

