

Foundation Spreads Support throughout State

When HBAA members think of the Foundation, they often associate us with scholarships. Although we have awarded over 1,000 scholarships throughout the years, the Foundation's directors work throughout the year to meet our mission of promoting and protecting the future of housing in Alabama through education in a variety of ways. Often our promotion is in the form of sponsoring other programs throughout the state that embody our mission.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. The Foundation has sponsored the carpentry and cabinetmaking contests at SkillsUSA for many years. This April, the Foundation's Benny Pritchett and Peggy Turner attended the SkillsUSA competition in Birmingham to

lend their support. Benny worked with Joshua Dean, Logan Wilson and Cris Speegle, judging the carpentry contest while Peggy was on hand to present the 1st and 2nd place carpentry contest winners with scholarships from the Foundation.

Students who win the SkillsUSA state competition are invited to compete at nationals... but at a significant cost. When the Foundation learned that Haegan Dykes, a junior at W.S. Neal High School who had won the state title of SkillsUSA Carpentry Champion, was short on funds to compete in nationals, funds were sent to the student's school to help ensure his participation. Alabama must be represented!

If it is June, then it must be time for the Alabama division of Future Farmers of America (FFA) to hold their an-

nual convention. Annually, the Foundation sponsors the Agricultural Construction and Maintenance Career Development Event Awards. Along with the annual sponsorship, the Foundation, in cooperation with the Home Builders Association of Alabama, judge the construction contest and provide lunch for the participants.

Student teams of four come from all over the state for a one-day contest that typically sees them building a small structure. This year, Lee County HBA member Vance Rutherford, along with the HBAA Education & Membership Director Kory Boling, judged 11 teams. Combining both the test score and building score, the team from Douglas High School in Marshall County took home the championship.



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Foundation Presents Scholarships to 63 Students

In 2017, the Alabama Home Builders Foundation scholarship committee received 185 scholarship applications from 22 Alabama counties. Sixty-three students were awarded scholarships in the following fields:

- Building Science/Construction (10)
- Carpentry/Cabinetmaking (3)
- Civil Engineering (2)
- Drafting (2)
- HVAC (17)
- Electrical Technology (10)

- Mechanical Engineering (2)
- Masonry (5)
- Welding (5)
- Other Residential Fields (4)
- Architecture (3)

A total of \$38,500 in funds was awarded. Since 1995 the Foundation has awarded 1,121 scholarships totaling more than \$578,000 to Alabamian students who are pursuing an education in the residential trades in our state.

It Takes a Village



Andy Weber of Enterprise HBA presents a Foundation scholarship to a student at New Brockton High School.

With twenty students from 17 local Home Builders Associations graduating from high school, the Foundation reached out to members and staff throughout the state to represent the Foundation and present the students with scholarship certificates at their high school award ceremonies. We are very appreciative of this volunteer effort as their presence helps to promote the positive image of the HBAA and the Foundation.

Special thanks go to this year's presenters, in order of ceremony dates: Peggy Turner, Amanda Gale Parker, Lacosta Richards, Bob Garzarek, Scottie Harper, Chad Stearns, Micheal Grantland, Andy Weber, Bobby Dale Welch, Pat Waldrop, Bryan Wallace, Randy Wilson, Sam Almaroad, Jenny Phillips and Shane Ledbetter. We could not do this without your help.

Fall Schedule Set for Carpentry Classes

To date, the basic residential carpentry class has certified 116 students. It's time to add some more to our growing numbers. The fall schedule for the free basic residential carpentry classes has been confirmed. Please see below for a class in your location:

Location	Dates	Instructor
Montgomery Prep Academy for Technology	Sept. 11-Nov. 1	David Hartman
Northeast Alabama Community College	Sept. 12-Nov. 2	Phillip Hill
Limestone County Career Technical Center	Sept. 14-Nov. 7	Jerry Haggemaker
Gadsden State Community College	Sept. 28-Nov. 9	Lynn White
North Baldwin Center for Technology	Sept. 21-Nov. 14	Scott Larson
Shelby County College and Career Center	Sept. 26 – Nov. 16	Van White

Classes can accommodate up to 15 adult (18+) but will only run if there are 13 students registered. This program offers a certificate of completion from Home Builders Association of Alabama for all students who successfully complete the course. Anyone who is interested in working in the building industry in areas such as carpentry or anyone who needs to brush up on their basics of building is encouraged to attend this class.

Registration opens on August 11. To get the application, go to www.ahbfoundation.org/programs.

Support the Foundation with the New HBAA License Plate



The HBAA now has its own State-approved specialty license plate featuring the "Little Man" logo! The plates may be reserved through the Alabama Department of Revenue by filling out a pre-commitment form and paying a \$50 license fee. The proceeds will

go toward the Alabama Home Builders Foundation.

To learn more and reserve your HBAA plate, visit www.HBAA.org or visit the HBAA Help Desk during the Summer Meeting.

Words of Thanks from Students

Throughout the year, we often get thank you letters from scholarship recipients and from those who have gone through the carpentry programs. Below is a just a sample of some letters of recipients' gratitude.

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for allowing me to be in the Carpentry class. Building things has always been my passion but jobs and careers took me away from that. Now, because of this course, I have the opportunity to learn to do what I love, and learn to do it right. This is where I want my future to take me and thanks to you, Mr. White, and the Alabama Home Builders Foundation I may very well have the opportunity to see this through to fruition.
Cindy Eskridge, Carpentry graduate, Shelby Co.

I really appreciate the time you took to sit down and review my scholarship application. It really means a lot to me that you said "you're confident in my abilities" and that "you believe in me". I can't thank you enough for the scholarship you have given to me.
Cole Cates, Springville High School

I just want to give a huge thanks to everyone at the Alabama Home Builders Foundation. Without people like you, the dreams of many would not be possible. Thank you for believing that I can succeed.
Gunnar Harden, Foley High School

I would like to thank the Alabama Home Builders Foundation for the scholarship I have been awarded. My education and earning this degree are the most important parts of my life. However, sometimes, the financial obligations seem overwhelming. The added peace of mind that I can now have knowing that some of my financial burden has been lessened is priceless. I am forever grateful for the Foundation.
Christine Mathews, Bevill State Community College



St. Clair County Executive Officer Lacosta Richards presents Cole Cates with a scholarship from the Foundation.

Basic Residential Carpentry Program Receives NAHB Award

We are proud to announce that the Home Builders Association of Alabama was awarded the 2016 AEA-HBA award in its size category for Best Workforce Development Plan Implemented for the Foundation's Basic Residential Carpentry Program.

23rd Annual AHB Foundation Golf Classic

The Foundation thanks the Past Associates Committee Presidents for their hard work in pulling off the 23rd Annual Alabama Home Builders Foundation Golf Classic. May 11 was a perfect golf day at the Robert Trent Jones Cambrian Ridge Course where 44 teams competed for bragging rights... all in the name of a good cause, of course. The team representing the Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders took home the Foundation Cup this year. Team members included Clint Lovette, Kyle Murphy, Dave Ashley and Jeff Rodgers.

The day would not have been possible without support from our members and our sponsors. Special thanks go to our title sponsor, The Ready Mix, Concrete, Cement and Aggregate Industries for stepping up to the plate. Pheza Sumners headed up the effort to bring this new sponsor to the tournament.

Thank you to all of our sponsors: Alabama Foundation Specialists, Alabama Power Company, Alabama Professional Services, Alagasco, All-



South Appliance Group, Builders First Source, Capital Growth Buchalter, Carrier/WeatherTech Distributing, Touchstone Energy Cooperative, and UBS Financial Services. We also thank all of our local HBAs who supported the tournament by sending teams to compete and by serving as hole sponsors.

As always, we thank our HBAA members, not only those who play golf but those who support the event even if they aren't on the links. The member support comes in a variety of ways: hole sponsorships, cart driving, selling mulligans, and, of course, helping to plan the event itself.



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"UNTIL 11TH GRADE, I THOUGHT I WANTED TO BE A NURSE..."

INTERVIEW BY **KELSEY STRACNER** | IMAGE BY **BLAKENEY COX**

Working with my dad at home, I learned how to build and fix things. I had a knack for working with my hands, but I never made the connection to a career until I visited the HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) booth at a job fair.

In the meantime, I received a scholarship from the Home Builders Association. Some of my family members previously worked for Jason Hartley, who owns That Electric Company, and I discovered he helped me get the scholarship. I was very appreciative of that, and decided to apply for a job at his company.

After I graduated, I unexpectedly ran into him while on mission trip to New Orleans; I introduced myself and he gave me the job on the spot.

I started as a "helper," handing tools to the electricians. In one year, I learned so much that I am able to do a job alone. I can do anything from changing a lightbulb to wiring a whole building.

At the same time I started at That Electric Company, I began HVAC classes at Bevill. I was surprised to learn that HVAC requires a lot of electric work, so I was way ahead.

It was definitely a change of pace going from the high school atmosphere to working full-time and taking night classes. I enjoy it because I learn something new every day and am always busy.

I am learning two trades at once. I've noticed that people don't want to do physical work anymore, but these are things that people will always need. To me, blue-collar work is about using your hands and your head to solve a problem. Somebody has to fix your air conditioner. Why not me?"

-Taylor Trotter, HVAC Student and That Electric Company

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