



“Macte Virtute”

Macte Virtute is a Latin phrase meaning “increase excellence” and is often used by Youngstown State University (YSU) President and former Ohio State University (OSU) Football Coach James (Jim) P. Tressel. And on Tuesday, October 18, he along with former OSU safety, Mike Doss, will be speaking to the Bryan, Ohio community. Their conversation on *Macte Virtute* will demonstrate to those in attendance how the phrase can translate from the football field to everyday life.

Tressel, a native of Northeast Ohio, graduated from Berea High School in suburban Cleveland in 1971. He earned a bachelor's degree in Education from Baldwin-Wallace College in 1975 and a master's degree in Education from University of Akron in 1977. In 1986 he was named the head football coach of YSU and during his 15 years there, YSU appeared in playoffs ten times and won four national championships. Tressel became the head football coach for OSU in 2001 and in ten seasons won seven Big Ten Championships and the 2002 National Championship. After leaving OSU, Tressel served as executive vice president for student success at the University of Akron and returned to YSU in 2014 as its president. Married to his wife Ellen, a YSU graduate, they are the proud parents of four adult children, one grandson, and one great-granddaughter.

Born and raised in Canton, Ohio, the Pro Football Hall of Fame city, Doss lived with his mother and grandmother until the age of six when he moved in with his uncle, who became his primary caregiver. After winning back-to-back state football

championships for his alma mater Canton McKinley High School, Doss earned a full-ride scholarship to OSU where he played safety from 1999-2002. During his college career, he became a four-year letterman, three time All American, Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, Fiesta Bowl MVP, and 2002 National Champion. Upon graduation, Doss was drafted in the National Football League (NFL) by the Indianapolis Colts. He went on to win a Super Bowl with this team alongside Peyton Manning. His NFL career continued for several more years until retiring from the league. Today, Doss works for The Robert Weiler Company, a Columbus based commercial real estate business, while raising his three daughters with his wife.

Both OSU Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, Tressel became a member of the College Football Hall of Fame in 2015 with Doss being inducted into the Hall this December. Together, they will speak about how “leadership is all about the action you take to serve others” and “how can you make a difference for others.”

FREE Conversation on Leadership

**Tuesday, October 18, 2022
7 p.m.**

Bryan Arts and Education Center

JIM TRESSEL

MIKE DOSS

BRYAN AREA Foundation

TRUIST

SPAC

Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers

Free Event

6:00 p.m. - Doors Open
7:00 p.m. - Conversation with photo opportunities at the conclusion.



Message from our Chair



Diana Moore Eschhofen

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Chair of the Board

Whether or not you are a fan of social media, it is worth noting that currently, 1,046 people “like” our Bryan Area Foundation Facebook page. Our newer Instagram account currently has 264 followers. The Foundation has about 51 members, so that means more than a thousand people outside of our membership are making a conscious choice to follow what we are doing by keeping in touch with our social media conversation. That doesn’t count the many people who view our posts without “liking” our page. For example, the recent video post showing Amy Miller’s appearance with Ben Dominique and Paula Kline on WTOL-TV talking about the new inclusive playground at the former Lincoln School location reached 7,824 people’s newsfeed, and received 517 individual reactions and comments, many from people who are not our regular followers.

Enhancing awareness of the Foundation’s impact on the community is one of the priorities identified in our strategic plan. Each new person who learns about how we continue to enhance the quality of life for our area citizens increases our opportunities to grow our charitable assets and lead the way as a catalyst and resource for charitable giving.

It’s exciting to see all that is happening to improve our community. Whether you prefer to post on social media or share one-on-one or in small groups, keep spreading the word about the Bryan Area Foundation.

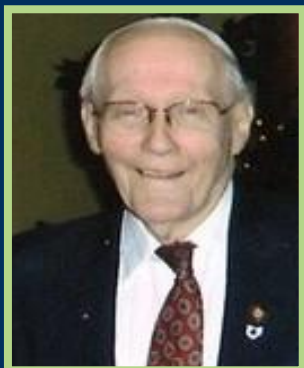
It matters!



In Memory

We are saddened by the passing of long-time Foundation members, John G. Toner and Michael D. Kannel. Their service and commitment to our communities will always be remembered and appreciated.

We will miss them and their unwavering support.



John Toner

John G. Toner was elected to the Bryan Area Foundation in 1991 and served as a trustee from 2003-2006. He was also a founding member of the Edon Area Foundation in 2000 and served as its president and as a member of the board in subsequent years. John passed away on June 15, 2022.

Michael D. Kannel died unexpectedly on June 21, 2022. He was a charter member of the Montpelier Area Foundation that started in 1988 and served on it until his passing. He was also instrumental in founding and participating in many other Montpelier organizations that are still benefiting the community and residents today.



Michael Kannel

Celebrating a Community Member



Help us celebrate a community member by giving back!!!



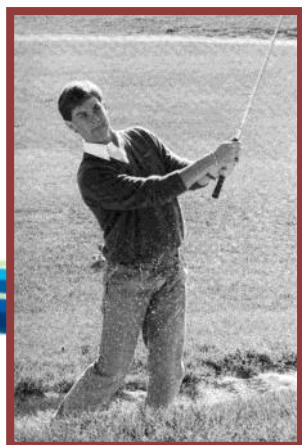
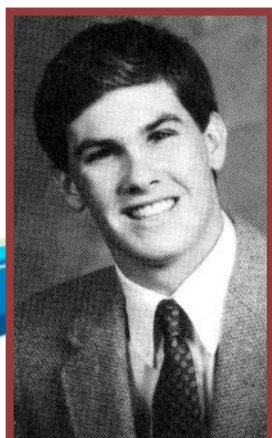
Tom and Sue Herman

Thomas (Tom) M. Herman was born September 25, 1932, in Edgerton, Ohio, and prior to his retirement and move to South Carolina, was an active member in the Bryan, Ohio community, including the Bryan Area Foundation. A graduate of Miami University of Ohio, Tom married his college sweetheart, Susan (Sue) Young, and they are the proud parents of five boys, Dr. Craig, Dr. Bruce, Steven, Timothy, and Andrew. In 1990, Tom and Sue tragically lost their youngest son, Andrew, better known as “the Gerb,” in an automobile accident. Because of their involvement with the Foundation, they established a scholarship in his memory, the Andrew M. Herman Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each year two Bryan High School seniors who have demonstrated leadership abilities and participation in school or community activities, including part-time employment, are eligible to receive one of two \$2,500 scholarships to their college, university, or technical school of choice.

In honor of Tom’s 90th birthday on September 25th, the Herman family has pledged to match up to \$15,000 in total donations received now through December 31, 2022. If you would like to honor Tom by making a donation to the Andrew M. Herman Memorial Scholarship Fund, you may do so by mailing a check or making an online donation.

Checks should be mailed to PO Box 651, Bryan, OH 43506.

Please note “Tom Herman” in your check memo line or in the dedication box if made online.



Andrew Herman

We hope you will join us in wishing Tom Herman a happy birthday and in giving back to the community through this scholarship match opportunity!!



Continuing Education Scholarships


Scholarships
Awarded

Chris and Mary Thaman Scholarship

Congratulations to Katie Taylor and Ali DuBois, recipients of the Chris and Mary Thaman Scholarship! This annual scholarship is awarded to any Williams County or Fairview High School graduate who has completed at least one year of post-secondary education following graduation, employed in some capacity to support their education, and in good academic standing.

Pictured is Katie (left) accepting the scholarship from Mary Thaman (right). Katie is enrolled in the physician assistant master's program at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with a goal to move back to Northwest Ohio when she graduates. She is especially interested in dermatology, family medicine, and orthopedics, but will finalize her field after all her clinicals. Congratulations and good luck to Katie as she pursues her dreams and a big thank you to the Thaman family for helping her achieve them!



Pictured is Mary Thaman (left) presenting this scholarship to Ali DuBois (right) who is attending the University of Toledo. Upon her college graduation with a degree in biology, she plans to attend optometry school to become an eye doctor. Congratulations, Ali!



Harlan and Ernestine Spangler Continuing Education Scholarship

Congratulations to Sarah Hahn and Courtney Bowerman on receiving the Harlan and Ernestine Spangler Continuing Education Scholarship. This annual scholarship is awarded to a Williams County resident who is at least 25 years old and returning to school from at least five years in the workforce.

Pictured is Sarah (left) accepting the scholarship from Kirk Vashaw (right), representing the Spangler Family. Sarah will be attending Spring Arbor University to obtain her Master of Social Work, allowing her to assist and empower those in need. She currently works as a therapist at Inspiring Hope Counseling which helps children, adolescents, adults, and families. Congratulations to Sarah and thanks to the Spangler Family for helping her achieve her goals!



Pictured is Courtney (left) accepting the scholarship from Kirk Vashaw (right), representing the Spangler Family. Courtney, who is a registered nurse working at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers, will be attending Lourdes University to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Congratulations to Courtney and thank you to the Spangler Family for helping to make dreams come true!

Robert F. Flightner Memorial Law Enforcement

Congratulations to Patrolwoman Ashley Eberly and Patrolman Austin Batt on receiving the Robert F. Flightner Memorial Law Enforcement Scholarship. This annual scholarship is for the training and education of law enforcement officers in Williams County.



Pictured is Ashley (left) accepting the scholarship from Bryan Area Foundation Scholarship Committee member Dottie Hallett (right). Ashley will be attending the Ohio School Resource Officers Association (OSROA) basic training and Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Officer training. Both courses will help her further her career and be better equipped to assist the youth of Williams County. She believes early intervention, positive relationships, consistent support, and safe confidants are key to the success of students. Good luck and congratulations again to Ashley as she pursues her dreams and a big thank you to the Flightner family for helping her achieve them.

Pictured is Austin (left) accepting the scholarship from Bryan Area Foundation Scholarship Committee member Jason Kunsman (right). Austin is a full-time patrol officer with the Montpelier Police Department and part-time patrol officer with the Stryker Police Department. He is also a student at the University of Toledo and will graduate at the end of the fall 2022 semester with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. His ambition is to eventually teach law enforcement in police academies throughout the State of Ohio. Congratulations again to Austin and thank you to the Flightner family for helping him reach his goals.



\$17,000 Awarded

in new continuing education scholarships

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."

-Marian Wright Edelman

Upcoming Events

Dates to Remember

“Wheelz” Rolling into Town

Courtesy of the Bryan Area Foundation



On Tuesday, October 11, Aaron ‘Wheelz’ Fotheringham will be rolling into town to speak to kindergarten through fifth grade students and teachers from the Bryan City and St. Patrick’s elementary schools. Born with Spina Bifida, a birth defect of the spinal cord, Aaron had limited use of his legs and started using a walker, then crutches until the age of eight when he began using his wheelchair full-time. Despite his physical struggles, he was able to find ways to adapt and overcome any obstacle that came his way.

Aaron’s first experience at a skatepark was in December 2000 when his father and older brother helped him to the top of a quarter pipe. After some trial and error, eight-year-old Aaron rolled away from his first drop into a ramp and at that moment he was hooked! Where most people see a wheelchair as a limitation, Aaron saw it as freedom!

In 2005, Aaron got the opportunity to enter BMX contests and managed to win a few. Aaron loved the rush of competition, but his desire to have other wheelchair-bound participants to compete against challenged him to progressively try more difficult tricks. Over the years, he achieved the world’s first backflip followed by a double backflip, front flip, backflip 180, and backflip 360. All these daring stunts have changed his life and given him the opportunity to appear in magazines, newspapers, sports television, and a feature film. He also gets the chance to travel all over the world speaking to groups and accomplishing his favorite activity, mentoring others with disabilities.

Aaron ‘Wheelz’ Fotheringham enjoys showing people of all ages that having a disability and using a wheelchair is not a restriction but an opportunity. He is passionate about helping kids see wheelchairs in a new light and usually teaches them a trick or two that they can use for life. We look forward to seeing what tricks he can teach us in October!

2nd Annual Christkindl Market in Bryan

Please join the Bryan Area and Bryan Development Foundations on the square as we host the second annual Christkindl Market. Like European Christmas Markets, this event will feature numerous vendors selling unique crafts and merchandise. Don’t miss your chance to start your holiday shopping early and purchase those special gifts for the people on your list. Hours are from 4-8 p.m. on the following days:

1st Wknd: Nov.25 (Fri) & Nov. 26 (Sat)

2nd Wknd: Dec. 1 (Th) & Dec. 2 (Fri) & Dec. 3 (Sat)

3rd Wknd: Dec. 8 (Th) & Dec. 9 (Fri) & Dec. 10 (Sat)

4th Wknd: Dec. 15 (Th) & Dec. 16 (Fri) & Dec. 17 (Sat)



Grant Deadline

September 30 is the deadline for all grant applications.

Applications & Instructions can be found @ www.bryanareafoundation.org (GRANTS tab).

Newsworthy



Members & Grant

Welcome New Members!!!



Welcome to our newest Bryan Area Foundation members, (L to R), Chris Malanga, Dustin Schlachter, and Dave Batt! All long-time residents of Bryan, each of them brings a wealth of community experience and business knowledge to the Foundation.



Chris, an educational technologist at Northwest Ohio Computer Association since 2016, helps teachers, administrators, and students integrate technology into schools. He previously served as the Executive Director of the Williams County United Way, but has since opened his own video production company with his son, Tony. Together they bring sports, concerts, services, and ceremonies to your preferred screen.

Dustin, owner of Advanced Rehabilitation Technology, S&S Directional Boring, and OBIC, is dedicated to providing water and wastewater system repair and maintenance solutions to customers that are both affordable and long-lasting. His entrepreneurial abilities help him serve as a board member on the Bryan Area Chamber of Commerce and Bryan City Schools. During his free time, Dustin finds enjoyment and relaxation in outdoor activities and is a devoted husband and father of three.

Dave, better known as Batter, is retired from plant operations at Anderson & Vreeland and Ohio Art and as a sales executive for Sky Insurance and Anderson & Vreeland. He now stays active serving on the Bryan Parks and Recreation Board, Wesley United Methodist Church, Moose, Bryan Athletic Boosters, and Bryan Chamber of Commerce. He is husband to Jan, father of Justin and Jennifer, and loving grandpa to five grandchildren.

We look forward to working with Chris, Dustin, and Dave and thank them in advance for helping to ensure the Bryan Area Foundation continues to prosper and grow.



BAF Members Annual Meeting

Bryan Area Foundation members and their significant others are invited to our annual meeting on Thursday, October 20. Invitations will be mailed shortly.

Sarah's Friends Receives Grant for Housing Unit

Founded in 1991, Sarah's Friends, is a non-profit in Williams County providing non-judgmental support for those harmed by crime. Operating with the mission to empower victims of domestic violence and abuse to heal emotionally, physically, and spiritually, Sarah's Friends delivers a continuum of care in a manner that promotes individual and family safety, autonomy, and dignity. Serving 175 people each year, they offer compassionate aid, advocacy and referrals, and supportive in-house services.

Sarah's Friends also has four transitional housing units and recently received a \$17,850 grant from the Bryan Area Foundation to renovate unit 114. The newly remodeled apartment will give the individual moving in the opportunity to become economically stable, gainfully employed, and independently sufficient. All survivors and their dependents can be housed for a minimum of six months, with possible extensions up to twenty-four months, until they reach a point of sustainability.

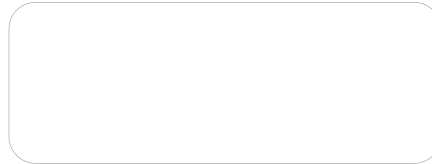




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Coming Soon

In the next few weeks, a parklet built by Doug Soards, will be appearing in the heart of our downtown area. Parklets are public seating platforms that convert curbside parking spaces into vibrant community spaces. Also known as street seats or curbside seating, most parklets have a distinctive design that creates a public gathering space, with greenery, and/or bike racks. Parklets encourage social engagement, drive economic growth, and enhance city aesthetics. These parklets are being brought to downtown Bryan via the partnership between the BAF Community Impact Committee and the Bryan Development Foundation.



**Look for this new seating area soon in front of
Kora Brew House & Wine Bar!!**



**Fun(d) Fridays featured on our
social media starting in September!**



Bryan Inclusive Playground



On Thursday, August 4, news journalist Chase Bachman with television stations WTOL 11 and Fox 36 WUPW came to Bryan to report on the City of Bryan Lincoln Park Inclusive Playground. Being built on the former site of the Lincoln Elementary School, he interviewed Paula Kline, former Bryan City Schools employee; Ben Dominique, City of Bryan Parks and Recreation Department Director; and Amy Miller, President/CEO of the Bryan Area Foundation, about the future addition to our town.



The goal of the project is to build a diverse, safe, and fun play space for people of all abilities that will enhance the quality of life for everyone. To achieve this, inclusive playgrounds are constructed with the Seven Principles of Universal Design and equipment that allow children of all aptitudes to interact with each other and do what they enjoy most.....**play!** Currently, the closest inclusive playground is located an hour away and not convenient to area residents.

The City of Bryan Parks and Recreation Department will manage the playground and estimate starting construction in September of 2023 with a completion date of April 2024. The project will cost a minimum of \$530,000 with private, not-for-profit, local, and federal funds being raised to pay for it. If enough donations are received, a pavilion and concrete walking paths could also be built on the site.

**We need your help to
make this playground
a reality!!**

Donations for the
**City of Bryan Lincoln Park
Inclusive Playground**
can be made payable to the
Bryan Area Foundation
by check or using the
“Donate Now” button on our
website

www.BryanAreaFoundation.org



Rendering of the proposed playground.