

From our Founder

In this time of budget crises, busy schedules, overwhelmed educational systems and lack of comprehensive information sources, the BYCFF is designed to provide an online portal that brings resources, service learning opportunities, technology and up to date information to students, parents, teachers, coaches and guidance counselors of Connecticut.

HOW WILL YOU HELP OUR KIDS?



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Believe You Can Fly Foundation is committed to empowering all students to take the steps necessary to obtain a degree of higher learning from the institution of their choice. We are dedicated to providing resources, support and solutions in areas of education, athletics and community concerns.

GOALS

- Increase college graduation rate (currently 54%)
- Engage freshman in college preparation
- Establish web site that answers all questions parents, students, school administration and community members pose about college
- Unify students throughout the state in order to create group identity and sense of purpose
- Bring innovative, bold programs to students to help them obtain a college degree.



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Where Education Is No Longer Just A Dream...

FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

BYCFF WEB SITE RESOURCE-

- ✔ Free Academic & Athletic Recruiting Service from ONLINECOLLEGESCOUTING.COM
- ✔ Free Websites for High Schools to post all athletic and academic information for alumni and community with IHIGH.COM
- ✔ Ability to broadcast school sporting events over the Internet for a minimal fee through IHIGH.COM
- ✔ Community Service Opportunities with web site tracking of student service hours
- ✔ Finance Education section for students
- ✔ Up to date information on SAT and GPA scores required by individual colleges for admission acceptance
- ✔ Student Athlete section on what's needed to participate in collegiate athletics
- ✔ Educational games
- ✔ Newsletter written by Students
- ✔ Help links for Teen Issues
- ✔ Timeline informing students & parents what to do each year in preparation for college
- ✔ Comprehensive FAQ section
- ✔ Suggestion section for the BYCFF web portal to enhance it's ability to link CT organizations that involve education, athletics and community concerns

IN OUR SCHOOLS

- 1) Informational assemblies
- 2) Inner city school - Suburban school student exchange program
- 3) College student - High school student mentor program
- 4) Education Advisory Council (EAC) at each school to gather ideas/issues, formulate solutions and encourage student involvement (*12 members*)
- 5) Statewide Student Empowerment Council (SEC) from participating schools to guide and assist BYCFF (*12 members*)
- 6) Parents Education Council (PEC) from booster clubs of schools with the highest percentage of participation in BYCFF (*12 members*)
- 7) Guidance Counselor Advisory Board (GCAB) guidance counselors from the schools ranked highest in BYCFF participation (*12 members*)
- 8) Student eligibility for scholarships, computers and awards based on active participation in SEC and EAC councils, school involvement, and community service



COMMUNITY INVOLVE-

Community patrons (Goal: 100,000) who donate \$20 or more per year to fund activities and scholarships for qualifying students.

Ensure that every child has a computer in their home through donations and corporate sponsorships.

Service learning opportunities with community businesses and professionals to increase exposure and students awareness of career choices.



The objectives and activities of the Foundation will be based on input from participants. The one member each from the SEC, PEC and GCAB councils will be on the board. (See #5, #6 & #7)



Input from all participating BYCFF educational communities will be included.

Fundraisers will reach out to the community through academic, entrepreneurial and athletic activities.



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