

BC3 golf event raises \$818K through 22 years

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(Butler, PA) While Ben Holland and Mike Davidson won the rain-shortened Butler County Community College Education Foundation golf outing at Olde Stonewall Golf Club, the real winners are BC3's students, Patti-Ann Kanterman said of the event that raised \$66,000.

Among those who benefit from the 22nd outing are members of Rho Phi, BC3's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, which in spring 2017 attained the highest possible status in the prestigious international academic honor society for community college students; and those receiving BC3's President's Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to those who graduate in the Top 10 percent of their classes at any of Butler County's eight public high schools – Butler, Freeport, Karns City, Knoch, Mars, Moniteau, Seneca Valley or Slippery Rock – and who enroll at BC3 the following semester. The President's Scholarship covers full tuition up to 17 credits and is renewable.

"I know several young people who have taken advantage of the President's Scholarship," said Kanterman, whose company sponsored a hole in the outing. "It really made a difference to them and to their parents that BC3 was able to offer that."

Some of her 45 employees are graduates of BC3's metrology with precision measurement technology associate degree program, and others have taken BC3's Workforce Development business classes, Kanterman said.

"Even if they are just a one-day course," she said. "We have people who have taken advantage of that to help them advance here. We believe in BC3's mission and the services it provides."

Ruth Purcell, executive director of the BC3 Education Foundation, said the golf outing has generated \$818,000 since it began in 1996. BC3 will award to 171 students in the 2017-18



Jim Hrabosky, Butler County Community College's vice president for administration and finance, lines up a shot during the BC3 Education Foundation's 22nd golf outing at Olde Stonewall Golf Club on Aug. 4, 2017.

academic year nearly \$200,000 in scholarships, a portion of which are supported by golf outing proceeds.

Holland and Davidson fired an 11-under through 14 holes before the outing was called due to rain. Bob Vernick, Rob Foust, Dr. Nick Neupauer and Jim Hrabosky – representing Farmers National Bank – shot a 9-under to finish second; and Mike Preston, Stan Wingold, Rick Carpetta and Jeff Embert – representing Stantec – had a 6-under to finish third in the scramble.

Neupauer is BC3's president and Hrabosky, its vice president for administration and finance.

Closest to the pin winners were Holland on No. 5 at 21 feet; Steve Wagner on No. 7 at 5 feet, 1 inch; Chris Kowach on No. 14 at 6 feet, 4 inches; and Jeff Goldinger on No. 15 at 4 feet, 6 inches. Nelson Johnson had the longest drive on No. 10 and Rick Enscoe sank the longest putt on No. 18 before the weather became inclement.

“Even the rain didn't put a damper on play or generosity of the players,” Purcell said, adding that Josh Fye, of Farmers National Bank, donated his 50/50 raffle winnings to the BC3 Education Foundation.