

# Bowling for Scholars on a roll, raises \$11K

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Members of Team Armco Credit Union are shown Nov. 9, 2018, at Family Bowlaway Fun Center during the Butler County Community College Alumni Association's fifth Bowling for Scholars fundraiser.

(Butler, PA) The BC3 Alumni Association's fifth Bowling for Scholars fundraiser attracted a record 114 participants who filled the Family Bowlaway Fun Center's 28 lanes and raised \$11,280 to benefit Alumni Legacy Scholarships available to grandchildren or children of former students who have earned at least 30 credits at BC3.

"We were very pleased to see that many people stepping up, coming out and bowling," said Michelle Jamieson, a 1984 BC3 graduate and associate director of the BC3 Education Foundation. "People see Bowling for Scholars as a nice family event, and an opportunity to support BC3 at the same time."

Among those supporting BC3 by participating in Bowling for Scholars was 1994 graduate Tony Shakely, vice chair of the BC3 Education Foundation, a member of BC3's Alumni Council, and marketing manager and commercial loan officer at Armco Credit Union.

Shakely, who earned an associate of arts degree in general studies from BC3, bowled as part of a team of 16 and Armco Credit Union was a sponsor of the event for the fifth consecutive year.

“The credit union has ties to BC3,” Shakely said. “And we always want to be supportive of causes that BC3 has. This is an easy one to support because you are helping students.”



Butler County Community College registered nursing students, from left, Olivia Baker, Hunter Gifford, Maria McAvoy, Jacob Polzer, Allison Bard and Dannyelle Neely, are shown Nov. 9, 2018, at Family Bowlaway Fun Center during the BC3 Alumni Association's fifth Bowling for Scholars fundraiser.

## Scholarship “took burden off my parents”

Thirty-three students have been helped with \$500 Alumni Legacy Scholarships since 2004, including MacKenzie Hardin, one of seven to be selected in BC3's 2018-19 academic year.

“I was very glad to have received the scholarship,” said Hardin, an 18-year-old from Sarver and freshman registered nursing student whose father, Bart Turrano, earned an associate of science degree in business administration from BC3 in 1991. “When I was in the process of making my college decision, he said what a good experience he had at BC3. So for me to be able to receive this scholarship, and then ultimately attend BC3, meant a lot.”

Hardin said she was also sold on BC3 because of its affordability and “I had heard really good reviews about its nursing program.”

BC3 registered nursing students Dannyelle Neely, Olivia Baker, Maria McAvoy, Hunter Gifford, Jacob Polzer and Allison Bard were also on a roll at Bowling for Scholars, which as the BC3 Alumni Association's only annual fundraiser has raised \$50,110 and drawn 660 participants since 2014.

Like Hardin, Gifford is also a BC3 registered nursing student and among recipients of a 2018-19 Alumni Legacy Scholarship, joining Jesse Fesel, Jacob Friel, Gregory Miller, Sara Peters and Savana Turner.

Receiving a scholarship “helped me with my tuition, so participating in Bowling for Scholars will help future students,” said Gifford, a 19-year-old from Karns City whose mother, Sandi, earned an associate of arts degree in elementary education from BC3 in 1991 and his sister, Madison, an associate of applied science degree in business management from BC3 in 2017.

“It not only took the burden off my parents, it helped me so I would not have to pay as much out of pocket,” Gifford said. “It definitely was a positive in receiving the scholarship. I chose BC3 because I was going for the nursing program, BC3 was affordable and close to home. That was important to me. I am family-oriented, so being away from my family wasn’t going to work.”



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## “Every student should start at BC3”

Approximately 23,000 students have earned at least 45 credits at BC3 since its founding in 1965, according to Jamieson. The BC3 Alumni Association, established in 1997, preserves the history of BC3, improves the college's relationship with its former students and the community, and works to advance the mission of BC3.

Future POS provided the participant Giveaways for Bowling for Scholars; Corbett Inc./KI, Thompson-Miller Funeral Home and Butler Pet Cremation were Strike Zone sponsors; and Pizza’s Joe’s, the pizza sponsor.

Joining Armco Credit Union as Star Scholar sponsors were C.W. Howard Insurance, Fred L. Burns Inc., Pocket Nurse, Shields Paving and Twin Capital Management Inc.

CRH Catering Co., Connellsville, which previously donated gift certificates and snacks such as potato chips, crackers, cookies and nuts, was a Perfect Game sponsor for the first time.

“CRH just wanted to do a little something more,” said Bea Green, a CRH Catering employee and manager of the Pioneer Café on BC3’s main campus.

Her supervisor, Bryce Hall, asked whether she and her co-workers would like to participate in the event.

“We all thought it would be fun,” Green said, adding with a laugh that she was the top bowler on the CRH team of five with a score of 170.

“I have nothing but good things to say about BC3,” Green said. “I think every student should start at BC3 and get what credits they can. It is awesome that BC3 is raising money to help support those students who would like to attend BC3.”



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## BC3 opportunities “phenomenal”

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Green said she is looking forward to the sixth Bowling for Scholars, which will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 8 at Family Bowlway Fun Center.

“We had a great time,” Green said.

A great time, Shakely said, that also benefits a great institution.

“I think BC3 is one of the best organizations in Butler County for everything that it does for our community. It provides an affordable and excellent, quality education, allows our residents to stay here and take advantage of it, and that,” Shakely said, “is phenomenal.”