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**Pirate Athletic Hall of Fame, Inc.**

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**March, 2022**

***Dear BCHS Alumni and PAHOF Members:***

We hope this letter finds you well.

The BCHS Athletic Hall of Fame was first established in 1993, and today we have 116 Membersin our Hall of Fame. You are one of our esteemed Alumni. We write this letter to provide you some updates, and to solicit your support.

In 2013, the Boca Ciega Pirate Athletic Hall of Fame, Inc. (“PAHOF”) was incorporated as a nonprofit, tax exempt organization, dedicated to recognizing the efforts and achievements of outstanding former Student-Athletes, Coaches, and other distinguished Alumni from Boca Ciega. Since then, the PAHOF has held an annual Golf Tournament to raise funds to fulfill its Mission, and annually hosts the Induction Ceremony in October, where new Members are added to the PAHOF.

Given the financial success of our annual Golf Tournaments, the PAHOF has now funded $15,000 of Scholarships to BCHS Student-Athletes -- $3,000 April, 2019, $6,000 April, 2020 and $6,000 April 2021 Given the COVID pandemic, we decided not to hold our Golf Tournament this past May, but we funded these Scholarships nonetheless, showing our commitment to helping BCHS Student-Athletes. The Scholarships were awarded to the Female and Male Student-Athletes with the highest, second highest, and third highest cumulative GPAs. As you can imagine, all Scholarship recipients were surprised and elated.

We also commissioned the creation of 4 bronze Memorials, recognizing distinguished BCHS Coaches and Teachers. The Memorials include Coach Gerry Ramsberger at the BCHS Baseball and Softball fields, and Gene Rutledge (Track), Coach Dan Wickline (Field), and Charles Beauchamp II, at the entrance to the Football Field and Track. The PAHOF is retaining funding to maintain these Memorials in perpetuity.

In addition to Scholarships, the PAHOF has plans to fund tutorial and mentoring support for BCHS Student-Athletes, possibly reestablishing a BCHS Letterperson’s Club, and providing unfunded athletic equipment, among other things.

With that as background, ***we ask for your financial support of the PAHOF***. We are a nonprofit, with an all-volunteer Board, and we operate on a very small annual budget. With your support, we will be able to enhance our giving of Scholarships, and increase our support of BCHS Student-Athletes.

Please make your contributions to: “**Pirate Athletic Hall of Fame, Inc.”.** They can be mailed to:

**Linda Punzak, Treasurer**

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We are a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization, so your donation should be tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Please check with your tax advisor.

Thanks for considering contributing to the PAHOF. Bogie helped make me the person that I am today. I bet that’s true for you too. Please help the next generation of BCHS Student-Athletes succeed as well.

David R. Punzak, President

**PIRATE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME, INC.**

**Mission Statement**

***Recognizing former Boca Ciega High School athletes, coaches, and other distinguished alumni who, through their career achievements, can serve as positive role models to current students and to provide scholarship opportunities to student athletes planning post-secondary educations.***