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The William L. Kubinski Student Athlete Scholarship shall be awarded to a college bound Highland student who has excelled in the classroom and on the field of play and who is pursuing a career in education. Applications will be reviewed by the Highland Foundation Scholarship Committee and representatives of the Kubinski Family. The scholarship recipient will be recognized with a \$2,000 William L. Kubinski Student Athlete Scholarship at the annual HHS Senior Awards assembly.

Applicant Requirements:

- Highland High School graduand
- 3.2+ GPA record
- Active participant in Highland Hornets Athletics
- Pursuing 4-year college degree in education
- Letter of Recommendation from one teacher and/or administrator and one coach

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City, Zip: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Parents' or Guardians' Names _____

Years at Highland: _____ High School GPA: _____

College you will attend: _____

Intended Course of Study: _____

Academic Accomplishments: _____

Athletic Accomplishments:

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About Bill Kubinski, Educator and Coach

Bill Kubinski's career spanned nearly four decades starting in 1964 as an elementary teacher at Brunswick's Towslee Elementary School leading to roles as principal at Crestview and Hickory Ridge Elementary followed by director of athletics and physical education when he helped to create the Pioneer Conference. Along the way, he took on numerous coaching assignments from junior high to high school leading teams in football, basketball and track & field. Sports played a large part in his life and role as an educator. It was his belief that sport provided invaluable life lessons - win, lose, pick yourself up, work hard and strive for greatness.

His tenure with Brunswick culminated with the role as assistant superintendent for personnel, a role that allowed him to help shape the future of Brunswick education for years to come. It was during this time where he had the opportunity to help develop the program to recruit, hire and develop the future educators making teaching and teachers his highest priority. He formally retired from the profession in 2002 however his teaching legacy continues on in the student-athletes, teachers, colleagues and community he touched and truly believed in.

Retirement enabled Bill, the coach, to become more fully realized and he pursued it with the same commitment and enthusiasm he did throughout his life. He joined the staff of the Highland High School Track & Field team coaching the hurdles and pole vault. His efforts paved the way for numerous individual and team accomplishments including his youngest son, Mike, who continued to pursue both the hurdles and pole vault throughout college.

“Bill touched all the bases, being a coach, teacher, athletic director, principal and assistant superintendent. He was the kind of leader that had a combination of qualities that lead to success: *strength and kindness*. For 38 years to school staff members, he was a mentor, colleague, supervisor, and friend. For students and athletes, he was a role model and a person to look up to.”

- Jim Hayas (*Retired Superintendent, Brunswick City Schools*)

“He was an exceptional man and you have been lucky to call him dad. I can recall several of the conversations I had with him one-on-one at the track and football field - and each of our conversations were so easy and flowed like we were old friends. He had a way of caring for others that came through in his passion for seeing them succeed. Thank you for sharing him with the rest of us.”

- Brett Joseph (*Highland High School, Student-Athlete*)

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