



The Dr. William C. Boshier, Jr. Memorial Teaching for Excellence Endowment Fund

Growing Today – Thriving Tomorrow

Help create a vibrant future for thousands of teachers and students. Your gift to the Boshier Memorial Endowment Fund will ensure every student and teacher has the tools necessary for success in the classroom. Together we are strengthening public education for generations to come.

Dr. William C. Boshier, Jr.



Honorary Campaign Chair



Former Virginia Governor George Allen

“It is a heartening pleasure to be part of this perfect way to honor an extraordinary leader and positive advocate for public education. Dr. Boshers dedicated his life to creating the highest quality educational opportunities for children, thereby truly improving their lives and our entire Commonwealth of Virginia.”

Endowment Campaign Co-Chair



Bill Leighty

“I can think of no better way to honor the memory and accomplishments of our good friend and mentor, Dr. Bill Boshers, than to continue his work developing the future educators in Virginia and Henrico through the Henrico Education Foundation.”

Endowment Campaign Co-Chair



Lane Ramsey

“Bill Boshers was a unique individual and I am excited to honor his memory. He supported quality education for all children, promoting leading edge educational strategies in everything he did. He loved people, whether students, members of his Sunday School class, or someone he just met on the street. He treated everyone as if they were his best friend. You couldn’t be around Bill very long before he told you an endearing story about his family. His friendship will live on in the hearts of many people.”

Establishing the Dr. William C. Boshers, Jr. Memorial Teaching for Excellence Endowment Fund

The Henrico Education Foundation (HEF) is honoring the memory of Dr. William C. Boshers, Jr. through the establishment of the Boshers Memorial Endowment Fund. Dr. Boshers was a man of great integrity, an exceptional superintendent, and a lifelong advocate for public education. His visionary leadership was the foundation for many of Henrico County Public Schools’ present successes. HEF is embarking on an ambitious campaign to honor the memory of this exceptional public servant by raising \$500,000 to establish the Boshers Memorial Endowment Fund. The endowment will create a lasting legacy of perpetual financial support for public education in our community, touching the lives of more than 50,000 students and teachers each year. The fund will ensure that future generations will have the chance to seize the opportunities and benefits of a quality education.

OUR GOAL

The goal is to raise \$5 million to fully endow the Boshers Memorial Endowment Fund. First, HEF will establish the fund through this initial campaign, “Growing Today—Thriving Tomorrow.” This initial phase will raise the first \$500,000 while increasing community engagement in public education.

Dr. William C. Boshers, Jr.

The Remarkable Journey of a Teacher



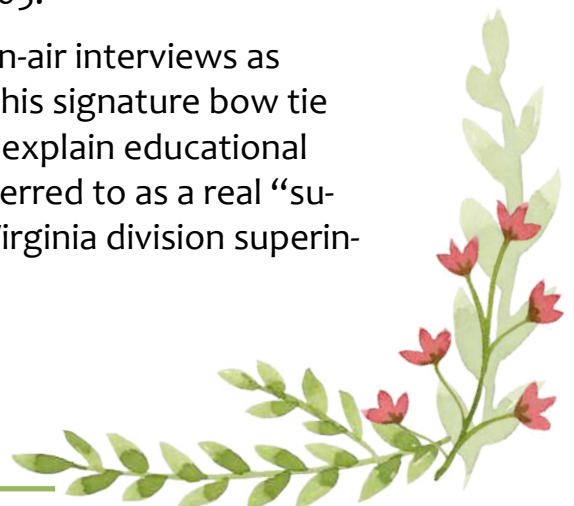
A graduate of Lee-Davis High School in Hanover County, Dr. William “Bill” Boshers, Jr. received a bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Richmond, a master’s degree in counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University and a doctoral degree in educational administration from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Boshers began his career as an English teacher in 1968 at J.R. Tucker High School in Henrico County. In 1971, he became an educational specialist, supervising division secondary English teachers. Three years later, he became principal at Highland Springs High School. In 1978, Dr. Boshers left Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS) briefly to work for the Commonwealth of Virginia, returning in 1981 as superintendent of schools, serving for more than 13 years before being appointed as state superintendent of public instruction in 1994.

Henrico experienced significant growth under his leadership, opening five new schools. Perhaps Dr. Boshers’s greatest gift to HCPS was his vision of high school specialty centers designed to more effectively meet the needs of 20th century learners. This is now considered a best practice for secondary schools throughout the commonwealth.

Dr. Boshers’s impact extended to educators beyond Henrico County through his service as superintendent of schools for Chesterfield County, and as distinguished professor of public policy at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he also served as dean of the School of Education from 2002 to 2005.

Many central Virginia residents remember “Bill” from his on-air interviews as education specialist with NBC’s local affiliate, WWBT. With his signature bow tie and a jaunty sense of humor, Dr. Boshers’s unique ability to explain educational issues in simple language endeared him to many. Often referred to as a real “superintendent’s superintendent,” Dr. Boshers was the only Virginia division superintendent to be named twice as superintendent of the year.



What is an endowment?

An endowment is an investment fund established to enhance funding beyond general operating expenses. The purpose of the Boshier Memorial Endowment is to honor the memory of Dr. William C. Boshier for generations to come by creating a permanent fund to provide critical financial resources. The endowment will nurture student academic success, create innovation in the classroom, and strengthen the quality of Henrico County Public Schools.

Gifts to the Boshier Memorial Endowment will be invested and the income gained from the fund will be used to impact learning in the classroom through funding for advanced teacher training, leadership development programs, and innovative classroom grants. These resources will also help prepare graduates for college and careers. Finally, the funds will provide assistance to financially disadvantaged students, ensuring that every child has equal access to educational opportunities.

What types of gifts can I make to the endowment?

There are many ways to make a donation to the Boshier Memorial Endowment Fund.

HEF gladly accepts any of the following types of gifts:

- Cash or check
- Stocks, mutual funds or bonds
- IRAs, 401Ks or profit-sharing plans
- Life insurance
- Real estate
- Charitable trusts or gift annuities
- Bequests by will or trust

For more information about how to give or make a planned gift, contact Mike Taylor, HEF Executive Director at 804-652-3869, ext. 3, or mike@henricogives.org.



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