



# KRIS LANDERS FOUNDATION

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**--The Kris Landers Foundation continues fundraising efforts to honor Kris Landers' memory through the renaming and improvements of the OCHS Athletic Stadium.—**

The Kris Landers Foundation continues to raise funds to honor Kris Landers' memory through the renaming and improvement of the OCHS Athletic Stadium and other facilities. In August 2021, the Oldham County School Board approved the renaming of the athletic stadium to **"Bell Field at Kris Landers Stadium."** The Foundation Board is still actively working to help improve the athletic facilities for current and future generations of Colonel student-athletes in Kris' name. Donations can still be made through the foundation's GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-kris-landers-foundation>. Checks may also be mailed and made payable to Kris Landers Foundation, 2610 Stonefield Ln., LaGrange, KY 40031.

Plans are being made for a class challenge of past graduating classes that had a connection to Kris to assist us in raising funds, as well as other events such as a poker tournament, golf scramble, donation booths, etc. We also plan to engage the business community and other local foundations for their support. An additional program being initiated by the OCHS Athletic Department is the selling of Legacy Bricks that will be placed around the entrance of the planned stadium improvements. Past and present Colonels can be honored through messages on the bricks that will surround the stadium entrance. Pricing and options for these bricks can be found at [www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/LandersFund](http://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/LandersFund) or by scanning the QR code.



**--The Kris Landers Foundation presented four (4) \$1,000 Inspirational Legacy Awards. --**

In addition to the stadium improvement plans, the Kris Landers Foundation presented four graduating seniors \$1000 scholarships each in June 2021. The scholarships, named "Inspirational Legacy Awards," were presented to Amelia Day (SOHS), Maggie Hall (SOHS), Claire Lindemier (SOHS), and Madison Milewski (OCHS). Information about this school year's Awards will be announced in January. The Foundation will continue to seek students who share the same values of kindness, compassion, and community as Kris did in his life. Seniors from all High Schools in Oldham County may apply for these awards; and those chosen will be able to use the award towards college or other postsecondary training and certification programs.

"We are so excited to be able to put this program together in Kris' name and help students in our community achieve their goals—whether those involve college, trade schools or other types of training



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or certifications. Our goal from the start was to make these awards available to students not necessarily based upon their GPA, class rank, or ACT Score; but upon their involvement in the community and efforts to inspire others through kindness, compassion, and leadership just as Kris did,” said Landers’ sister Kim Cox. “Kris touched so many people in our community and loved helping others. So, the opportunity to continue that legacy makes me very proud,” said Cox.

**About the Kris Landers Foundation:** The Kris Landers Foundation was organized in January 2021 and operates as a 501-c-3 non-profit corporation. The board hopes to raise \$150,000 to help complete the Stadium Project and fund future Inspirational Legacy Awards to deserving high school seniors. To date, over \$30,000 has been raised.

Kris Landers graduated from OCHS in 1992 and went on to work at the Oldham County Board of Education for nearly 30 years. He was passionate about Oldham County sports and was a fixture on the sidelines for OCHS Football and Basketball games dating back to the late 1980’s. His impact reached far beyond the sidelines as he worked with the LaGrange Fire and Rescue Department and the Crusade for Children for over 40 years. In 2013, Kris was very proud to serve as the Grand Marshal of the Oldham County Day Parade. He was also awarded the Colonel “Lead the Charge” Award in 2019 for his long time commitment to OCHS.

The Kris Landers Foundation Board meets monthly and is comprised of Jason Morgan (President), Stock Yards Bank; Brian Durbin (VP), Arcadia Communities; Kim Cox, Community Volunteer; David Letendre (Secretary), OCHS Athletic Director; Scott Childers, Ford Motor Company/Oldham County Sheriff’s Department; Keith Smith, LaGrange Fire and Rescue Department; Blake Haselton (Treasurer), Oldham County Superintendent (Retired), University of Louisville Dean; Matt Watkins, Principal, Arvin Center; and Scott Watkins, Norton Healthcare.

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