



PRESS RELEASE

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--The Kris Landers Foundation announces plans to provide four (4) \$1,000 Inspirational Legacy Awards for Seniors of all Oldham County High Schools. Awards may be used for College or Postsecondary Training Programs.--

Members of the Kris Landers Foundation have announced their plans to award four (4) \$1,000 Inspirational Legacy Awards as part of their mission to support inspirational seniors within the Oldham County School District. The Foundation seeks students who share the same values of kindness, compassion, and community as Kris did in his life. Seniors from each High School 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. Students must apply for the awards by June 4th. Award applications have been made available to Seniors at each High School or may be requested by emailing Matt Watkins at matt.watkins@oldham.kyschools.us. Awardees will be announced by June 30th.

“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 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.

--Foundation Board continues fundraising efforts to honor Landers memory through the renaming and improvements of OCHS Athletic Stadium--

Aside from the Inspirational Legacy Awards, the Kris Landers Foundation is also working to raise funds to honor Kris’ memory through the renaming and improvement of the OCHS Athletic Stadium. “Kris lived for Friday nights at Bell Field and to think the Stadium will now be known as ‘*Bell Field at Kris Landers Stadium*’ is a thrill for all of us who knew and loved Kris,” said Jason Morgan, President of the Kris Landers Foundation. “The Board is really excited to impact students through the Landers Inspirational Legacy Awards and we are working hard to raise funds to accomplish our goals for a new entrance to the stadium. We plan to challenge past classes that had a connection to Kris to assist us in raising funds, and are planning other events such as a poker tournament, golf scramble, donation booths, etc. We also plan to engage the business community and other local foundations to ask for their support,” Morgan continued.

The Kris Landers Foundation was legally organized in January 2021 as a non-profit corporation. The board expects to receive its 501c3 status soon. Donations can be made by check payable to the Kris Landers Foundation and mailed to 2610 Stonefield Ln., LaGrange, KY 40031. You may also donate via GoFundMe at <https://gofund.me/b8ff5dc0> (or visit www.OCHSAthletics.com for donation link). The board hopes to raise \$150,000 to begin the Scholarship Award Fund and complete the Stadium Project.

Kris Landers graduated 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. Landers was also inducted into the OCHS Hall of Fame in 2020.

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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