

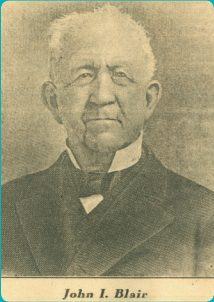
# Philanthropy Leads to Progress

Over the past 168 years, Blair Academy has evolved, of course, but many aspects of the “Blair experience” have remained constant, including the School’s commitment to superior academic preparation and relationship-based learning. This foundation, made possible by the generous philanthropic support of alumni, parents and friends across the United States and around the world, has given thousands of students extraordinary and one-of-a-kind educational opportunities. Join fellow alumni, parents and friends in continuing to honor this tradition by supporting Blair Academy on its inaugural Day of Giving.

1848

“The hilltop west of the Methodist Church and south of the burying ground in Blairstown was selected for the site of the building, and was offered gratuitously for that purpose by the possessor John I. Blair, Esq.”

- Blair Academy, A Sesquicentennial History by Arthur T. Hamlin



1922

## Why Should I Give to Blair?

“Because she is your school. You should have pride and feel the responsibility to see that she maintains her high rank among American Secondary Schools. Because of your debt to Blair. No tuition fee could be considered an adequate return for what the alumni-ae derived from the school during the formative period of their lives.”

- Blair’s 75th-anniversary brochure, printed and mailed to all alumni in 1922

# Why Participate in Blair’s Inaugural Day of Giving?



Blair parents, circa 1960s



2016: Dr. Martin Miller’s AP European history class

Every gift to Blair Academy touches a life, making dreams come true—from providing state-of-the-art supplements to classroom learning to funding service trips that increase a student’s exposure to countries and cultures throughout the world. Your support of today’s Blair students truly makes a difference—and, in offering your support on April 6, you will join the thousands of alumni, parents and friends who recognize the value of a Blair education. One day. One gift. One community. Be a part of this day by making a gift at [www.blair.edu/day-of-giving](http://www.blair.edu/day-of-giving).

1948



Circa 1940s

“Throughout the century, Blair Academy has been marked by its democratic spirit, its respect for individual worth, and its consecrated purpose of providing educational opportunities for deserving youth. Upon this solid foundation Blair faces a future of greater service both locally and in far-reaching fields.”

- Headmaster Emeritus Charles H. Breed on Blair’s 100th anniversary in 1948



1896: The 10th Reunion of the Class of 1886



2015: Archer Martin '42 and Bob Fuller '42 at their 73rd reunion

# “Time passes, friendship stays”

...reads the inscription on the sundial on the Blair campus. “The supreme test for Blair men and women has come. Does ‘friendship stay?’ Does loyalty remain? Are you willing to give back to Blair a small part of what Blair has given you?” This line appeared in Blair’s 75th-anniversary brochure, printed and mailed to all alumni in 1922—and remains true all these years later.

2016

## Blair Celebrates Inaugural Day of Giving

### Share Your Story

Our alumni, parents and friends give back to and stay involved with Blair for a variety of reasons. We want to hear yours; please share your Blair story with us at [www.blair.edu/tell-your-story](http://www.blair.edu/tell-your-story).

### Show Your School Pride

Make a gift on Blair’s Day of Giving, April 6, 2016, at [www.blair.edu/day-of-giving](http://www.blair.edu/day-of-giving).





1898

## *It all started with Founders' Day...*

On April 6, 1848, Blair Academy was founded thanks to the financial support and guidance of railroad tycoon John I. Blair, carriage maker John Bunnell and the Rev. John A. Reiley, minister of Blairstown's First Presbyterian Church. Philanthropy built Blair Academy in 1848 and has continued to strengthen and enhance the School ever since. We will celebrate our heritage and future on Founders' Day, April 6, 2016, by introducing our inaugural Day of Giving.

“*Had there been no John Bunnell, or his equivalent, there would not have been a Blairstown parochial academy today; without the financial aid of John I. Blair, this school would never have attained its present status; and without the aid and perseverance of Rev. John A. Reiley, the initiatory steps would have been far less pleasant and satisfactory than they proved.*”  
- *The New Jersey Herald*, June 22, 1898

To learn more about Founders' Day, please visit [www.blair.edu/day-of-giving](http://www.blair.edu/day-of-giving).



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April 6, 2016

*One Day. One Gift. One Community.*

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*West Hall, circa 1940s*



*2015-2016 Senior Class Council*