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## Frederick to leave Ed. Foundation revived

After an enormously successful four-year tenure, Kristen Frederick has announced that she is stepping down as executive director of the ACBL Educational Foundation. Frederick's time at the helm of the organization was marked by significant increases in donations, programs and grant-making.

In 2018, a group of organizers set in motion a plan to re-energize the Educational Foundation – a nonprofit that's separate from the ACBL, with its own board of trustees – with the goal

of aggressively soliciting donor money for a wide-ranging series of projects. The board selected Frederick as its first-ever executive director, and she helped the shape the “new” Ed Foundation to achieve that goal. But the transition wasn't easy.



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## Youth NABC starts today



**Stephanie Threlkeld and Shaneka Cunningham welcome players to the Youth NABC.**

Young players from across the United States and Canada will gather for the 14th Youth North American Bridge Championships, which begins

today. Balloons guide the way to the playing area on the second floor, down the hall and around the corner from the

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## Game night a huge success

About 150 players came to the “Beyond Bridge: Game On” social event Wednesday night on the lobby level of the Sheraton. They played board games, card games, backgammon, cribbage, foosball and more.

The event was the idea of Bronia

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**ATTENDANCE  
through Wednesday  
5757 tables**



## Goodwill Message

You can be competitive and still be friendly, caring and ethical.

*Nancy Strohmer, Chair  
Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee*

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escalators.

The three-day event is run by Stephanie Threlkeld, the ACBL manager of marketing and education, and Shaneka Cunningham, executive assistant.

“We’re excited to welcome the kids,” Cunningham said.

The event is expected to be about the same size as last year, when 83 preregistered and 110 attended, about half of what it was in 2019. There were 86 preregistered.

“My goal is 120,” Threlkeld says. “We’re still in a building process post-COVID.”

They range in age from 7 to 20, with an average of almost 15.

The preregistered players represent 14 states and one Canadian province, with New Jersey once again sending the most with 21, largely thanks to a school bridge program in Orange. California (12), Florida (11), Ontario (7), Illinois (6), New York (5) and Washington (5) are the other small groups. There had been two signed up from Colombia but they canceled due to flight issues.

There are fewer large groups of school bridge programs and more players coming by themselves. The pandemic has affected YNABC attendance disproportionately because so

many of the attendees were 16 and over before it hit.

“Everybody graduated and went to college during those two years,” when there were no YNABCs held, Cunningham said.

The disruption left school bridge programs without a base to start from when kids came back to school. More youth are learning bridge through online programs like BridgeWhiz, the ACBL Educational Foundation program. This allows more kids to get into bridge without having to be at one of the few schools where a bridge program exists, but it leaves them without a local organizer to bring them to the YNABC.

The major awards at the YNABC are sponsored scholarships, including the Baron Barclay National Youth Open Pairs, the ACBL Educational Foundation and BridgeWhiz National Youth Swiss Teams and the Master Point Press Sportsmanship Award.



### Thursday, July 20

**10 am**

Youth Pairs single session

**2 pm**

Youth Teams single session

**10 am, 2 pm**

Cardrook Pairs single sessions

Cardrook Pairs are games designed for newer players

### Friday, July 21

BARON BARCLAY NATIONAL  
YOUTH OPEN PAIRS

**10 am**

Qualifier

**2 pm**

Finals

Youth Pairs single session

**10 am, 2 pm**

Cardrook Pairs single sessions

### Saturday, July 22

ACBL ED FOUNDATION &  
BRIDGEWHIZ  
NATIONAL YOUTH SWISS TEAMS

**10 am**

Qualifier

**2 pm**

Finals

Youth Teams single session

**10 am, 2 pm**

Cardrook Pairs single sessions

Youth Award Ceremony

**5:30 pm**

Including Master Point Press

Sportsmanship Award,

Baron Barclay Youth Pairs Scholarship

and ACBL Ed Foundation &

BridgeWhiz National Youth Swiss

Teams Scholarship



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