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## 20th Annual Tennessee Undergraduate Social Science Symposium

# Brian Bordainick

Brian Bordainick, a 2007 graduate of the University of Georgia, is a teacher and athletic director at G. W. Carver High School in the 9th Ward of New Orleans. He began his career there as part of the national program Teach for America. As the youngest high school athletic director in state history, Bordainick, with few resources and in spite of formidable odds, was able to resurrect Carver's once renowned athletic program. Still, his first year as a teacher and an athletic director left him disheartened by the disparities between his students' high school experience and that of more affluent students just a few miles away. Bolstered by the support of the Carver community, Bordainick founded the 9th Ward Field of Dreams to support construction of a state-of-the-art football field and track on Carver's campus in the upper 9th Ward. In just two short years, the organization achieved the impossible and reached its goal of raising over \$1.85 million in funding for the facility. They are slated to break ground in October 2011 on the facility that will be open to all public schools and community members free of charge. Attendance has increased at schools and violence has decreased in one of the most devastated neighborhoods in post Katrina New Orleans. Brodainick's belief in the transformative power of youth athletics has shaped his career and he enjoys building community support for his mission. For more information on the 9th Ward Field of Dreams, please visit [www.9thwardfieldofdreams.com/news](http://www.9thwardfieldofdreams.com/news).



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**Tennessee Room**

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