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THE OFFICIAL BYRAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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BYRAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN IS GRACE LIN, SALUTATORIAN IS DANIEL NDOCAJ

Byram Hills High School proudly announced that **Grace Lin** is this year's valedictorian, and **Daniel Ndocaj** is the salutatorian.

"Congratulations to Grace and Daniel on being named valedictorian and salutatorian of the Byram Hills High School Class of 2024," said Principal Christopher Walsh, who announced the names of top-ranked students to applause during graduation rehearsal on June 12. "The achievement is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and excellence throughout their four years at BHHS," he added. "Their perseverance and commitment have truly been remarkable."

The students, who have the highest weighted GPAs, will each deliver a speech at graduation on June 20.



ASHLEY STANGEL AWARDED WITH SENATOR SHELLEY MAYER'S 2024 YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to **Ashley Stangel**, who was invited to attend Senator Shelley Mayer's 2024 Youth Leadership Recognition Awards Ceremony and Roundtable! Ashley has been selected as a recipient of this prestigious award in recognition of her outstanding community service. During the roundtable, she had the opportunity to discuss her community efforts with Senator Mayer and other awardees. This was followed by a formal ceremony where she received her certificate from Senator Mayer.



SOPHOMORES SHINE AT SOMERS SCIENCE FAIR

25 sophomores from the Science Research Program participated in the Somers Science Fair, the largest science fair in the nation. We are proud to announce the following students who were recognized for their outstanding work:

FIRST PLACE - Lindsay Coady

SECOND PLACE - Sutton Schames, Heather Millman, and Max Charney

THIRD PLACE - Sophie Cai, Elizabella Dec, Claire Mauney, and Beatrice Bachmann

GLOBAL SCHOLARS RECEIVE RECOGNITION AT THE CHANGEMAKER PROJECT'S IMPACT EVENT

20 teams of Year 2 students presented at The Changemaker Project's Impact Event among students from around the world. Five of our teams were selected for the top 10:

Study Pals (Sarah Bershad and Ava Schoenhaut) - developed a tutoring program for students in Tanzania preparing for national exams.

The Water Girls (Emily Goldman, Charlotte Karp, Darien Messina) - created a campaign to secure the installation of water filtration systems for a school in Uganda that will supply clean water to over 1600 students.

Open Arms (Ava Frankel, Adam Lefkowitz, Ari Dreilinger, Jordyn Bernstein) - created an educational campaign and a family event for asylum seekers and refugees in New York City.

Wrongful Convictions (Grace Tambini) - created an educational campaign about the issue of wrongful convictions in the American judicial system.

Do What's Write! (Ashley Stangel) develop an awareness campaign about the issue of book banning in American schools. Ashley's work was chosen as the overall winner!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SCIENCE RESEARCH SENIORS

At the 35th Annual Science Research Symposium, 27 seniors were celebrated for their individual research projects, each reflecting hundreds of hours of determination, perseverance, and exceptional scientific inquiry. The keynote speaker was Dr. Rachel Occhiogrosso-Abelman, a graduate of the class of 2010 and an alumna of the science research program. The night was filled with inspirational speeches about perseverance, scientific exploration, and the celebration of bright futures.

Congratulations to the seniors: **Ayaka Ammon, Lily Anchin, Drew Anikstein, Connor Boekel, Calvin Cai, Jack Canter, Lucas Canter, Benjamin Curley, Abigail Cushman, Nicolette DiSano, Jacob Fenster, Kyriaki Gavriil, Zachary Goldman Adin Kersh, Benjamin Levy, Grace Lin, Lauren Lombardi, Jonathan Manowitz, Daniel Ndocaj, Joseph Palackal, Zachary Pero, Jake Santos, Rachel Schapiro, Romy Schweitzer, Gregory Shrayer, Yicheng Yang and Eliza Zeltner.**

To watch the full ceremony, [CLICK HERE](#).

SENIOR ATHLETIC RECOGNITION

Congratulations to all of our senior athletes who were recognized at the Senior Awards Ceremony!

A big congratulations to our seniors who won special recognition awards:

Arete Award of the Year: Kiley Blackmar & Dario Amicucci

Courage Award of the Year: Kiki Gavriil & Brian Rippy

Leadership Award of the Year: Anastasia Byrnes & Connor Boekel

Primetime Performer Award: Nikolet Vataj & Tyson Repa

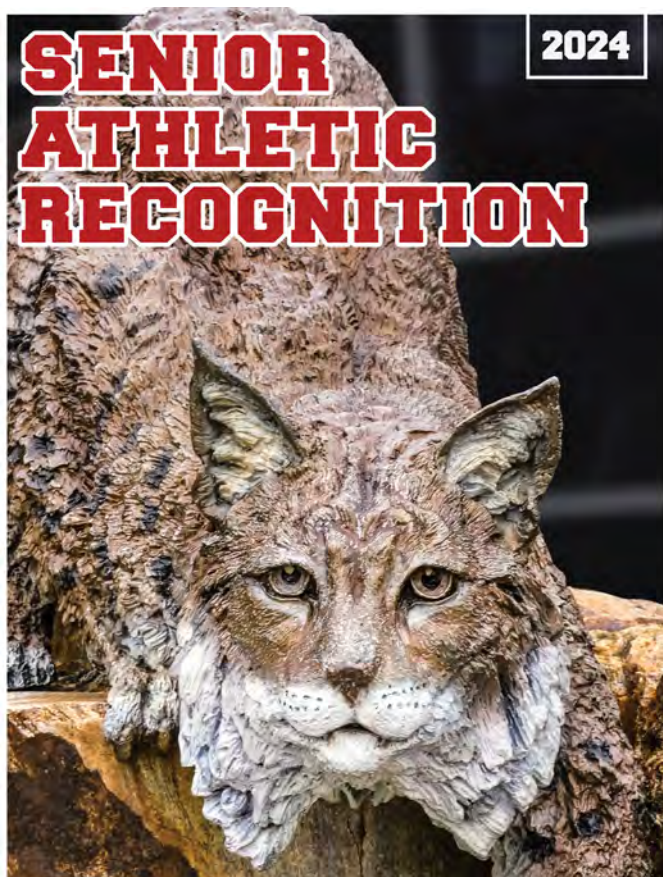
Bobcat of the Year: Ali Glusky & Skye Rosenblatt

Lynn Rosenthal Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award: Grace Corelli

William A. McCoy Jr. Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award: Zach Pero

Sportsmanship Award of the Year: Anyla Asif & Jack Quinn

Athlete of the Year: Alana Vataj & Erik Cipriano



23 SENIORS RECEIVE NYS SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS

In the first year it was offered at BHHS, 23 Seniors completed the requirements to obtain the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness. Students gained points by completing requirements set forth by NYSED. Students who earn this credential will have it listed on their official transcript.

Congratulations to:

Rielle Blasi

Charlotte Brodbeck

Samara Brown

Anastasia Byrnes

Jack Canter

Lucas Canter

Sophie Dockswell

Jake Fenster

Shruthi Franklin

Jessica Freiberg

Arianna Garcia

Billy Gillespie

Zachary Goldman

Samara Mahadeva

Zoe Marcus

Jonathan Manowitz

Jessica Pedersen

Zachary Pero

Romy Schweitzer

Sabrina Sawhny

Alexandra Waxman

Ashley Weissman

Alexander Woodworth

REGENTS EXAM SCHEDULE

Our Regents/Final Exam began on Friday, June 14th, and continue until Thursday, June 20th. A copy of the Exam Schedule is linked [HERE](#).

Morning exams will start at 8:00 am. Students should arrive 15 minutes early and be at their testing locations by 7:45 am. Afternoon exams will begin at 12:00 pm. Students should arrive at their testing locations by 11:45 am. All students who do not receive testing accommodations should report to the Upper Gym for all exams except the English Language Arts Exam on June 14th. All students who receive testing accommodations will receive their testing locations from their Resource teacher or can go to the Guidance Suite prior to their exam to find out their testing location.

On the day of the exam, students should bring several sharpened pencils, blue or black pens, a calculator, and a ruler, if needed. The cafeteria will not be open; if a student needs to bring food and/or drink, they can do so and leave it in their locker. Please remember that communication devices (i.e. phones and smart watches) are not allowed in the exam room.

Buses will operate on a different schedule than usual, as explained below:

Morning Buses will Pick Up at the Regular Time

11:30 AM - Mid-Day Dismissal Buses

2:18 PM - Regular Dismissal Buses

4:15 PM - Late Buses

Please note that buses will only pick students up at their regularly scheduled time in the morning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Main Office.

JUNE SOFT SKILL

Flexibility/Adaptability. The ability to shift focus and direction quickly and easily. Employers are increasingly seeking individuals who can naturally adapt to many situations. Managers have noted that their most valued employees are often the ones who can “think on their feet and wear many hats.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 17th

- Fall Sports Preseason Mtg. (Gr. 6 - 11) 7 pm
- Eid-al-Adha

Tuesday, June 18th

- Regents Exams

Wednesday, June 19th

- Juneteenth Schools & Offices Closed

Thursday, June 20th

- Regents Exams
- BHHS Graduation 5 pm

Friday, June 21st

- Regents Exams
- Rain Date: BHHS Graduation 5 pm

Monday, June 24th

- Regents Exams

Tuesday, June 25th

- Regents Exams

Wednesday, June 26th

- Last Day of School for Students

JUNE 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 SAT
2	3 - 2 Theater Banquet 6 pm BHEF Board of Directors Mtg. @ DO 7 pm	4 - 3 Algebra Regents Board of Ed. Mtg. 7:30 pm	5 - 4 Science Research Symposium 6:30 pm	6 - 5	7 - 6 Registration Deadline for 7/13 ACT (Not Available in NYS)	8 ACT
9	10 - 7 Senior Athletic Awards Night 7 pm	11 - 8 Senior Night & BHEF Movie Night 6:30 pm PTSA Exec Mtg. @ DO 9:30 am PTSA End of Year Celebration @ DO 11:30 am	12 - 1 Graduation Rehearsal 9:30 am	13 - 2 Last Day of Classes Senior Prom Community Reception 5 pm	14 Regents Exams	15
16	17 Fall Sports Preseason Mtg. (Gr. 6 - 11) 7 pm Eid-al-Adha	18 Gr. 4 Orchestra Concert 8:40 am Gr. 8 Moving Up Ceremony 6 pm Regents Exams	19 Juneteenth Schools & Offices Closed	20 Regents Exams BHHS Graduation 5 pm	21 Gr. 5 Moving Up Ceremony @ BHHS 9:30 am Rain Date: BHHS Graduation 5 pm	22
23	24	25 Gr. 8 Student Orientation @ BHHS 8:45 am	26 Report Cards on Portal (CH- WA-HCC-BHHS) Last Day of School for Students	27	28	29
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IT'S TIME TO RE-ENROLL!

Register for the 24/25 school year now for early bird discounted dues

Join or renew your PTSA membership today for the 2024/25 school year by visiting BHPTSA.ORG or scanning this code. By signing on this Spring, you save \$10 on your annual membership

We are a top district in NY and your participation propels Byram Hills further!

What does the Parent Teacher Student Association do?

We provide support for students, families, administrators and teachers here at Byram Hills.

The PTSA enriches our community in so many ways, including:

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| Assemblies & field trips | School health & safety |
| Book fairs | School photos |
| Charitable giving | Scholarships for 4 BH seniors |
| Classroom celebrations | Special events |
| Community programming | Spirit wear & booster sales |
| Digital member directory | Staff appreciation events |
| Learning enrichment | Support for children with life differences |
| Parent volunteer coordination | Support for community families in crisis |

And so much more!



Becoming a PTSA member family does not require any of your time, but your annual \$50 financial support is invaluable to our schools.

Want to get involved? We have volunteer opportunities throughout the academic year. Join us at our board meetings or email membership@bhptsa.org to find out more.