2018

Byram Hills Central School District

Special Recognition
April 2018

Dear Byram Hills Parents and Community Members,

During the period from 1997 through 2010, the Byram Hills schools experienced extraordinary enrollment growth. Our enrollment increased from 2,180 students to 2,794 students - an increase of almost 30%. This growth created the focus and opportunity to provide new and timely programs designed to ensure the highest quality of education for our students. These programs were central to our goal of moving from Good to Great as espoused by noted business author Jim Collins, and are still central to our success today.

Evidence of our accountability and success is presented in the document “Special Recognition” which is available on our website or from the District Office. This document provides data that we use to track our progress on everything from college admissions results to athletic records.

I hope you find this information informative and inspiring!

Sincerely,

Jen Lamia
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Superior COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Accepted Into Tier 1 & Tier 2 Colleges

68% of the class was accepted into the top 11% of colleges in the U.S.

Tier 1 (Most Competitive) and Tier 2 (Highly Competitive) are part of Barron’s 6 levels of college rankings based upon competitiveness.*

Tier 1 College Acceptances

ATTENDED Tier 1 and Tier 2 Colleges

* Barron’s uses three criteria to determine competitiveness; GPA, SAT/ACT scores, and percent of students accepted.
DISTRICT RECOGNITION

TOP RANKED HIGH SCHOOL
Byram Hills High School has ranked in the top 100 of public schools in the U.S. by Newsweek and Forbes magazines. Identified as a district that provides "value added" by Standard & Poor's.

Excellent Test Data
Byram Hills students have consistently excelled on state assessments! Examples from 2017 include:
- Ranked #1 in Grade 6 and Grade 7 English Language Arts in New York State.
- Ranked #1 in Grade 6 and Grade 7 math in New York State.
- Consistently ranked within the top 5% of districts on all regents exams.

The Dr. Robert Pavlica Authentic Science Research Program

REGENERON SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH
Results from 1991 - 2017
The Byram Hills Authentic Science Research program was named one of the TOP FIVE authentic science research programs in the world by Intel.

The Regeneron Science Talent Search is the most prestigious science research competition for high school seniors. The competition provides a national stage for America's best and brightest young scientists to present original research to nationally recognized professional scientists.

OTHER RECOGNITION

Neuroscience Research Prize, American Academy of Neurology
The American Academy of Neurology recognized the following students:
- Brett Roston, National Winner, 2013
- Alison Bidjarano, Finalist, 2015
- Chris Hadiono, Finalist, 2015
- Sarah Crucilla, Finalist, 2016
- Ryan Infante, Finalist, 2016
- Brian Singer, Finalist, National Presenter, 2016
- David Berglund, Finalist, 2017
- Stella Li, National Presenter, 2018
- Kylie Roslin, National Presenter, 2018
- Jeremy Ma, National Presenter, 2018
- Alexandra Remnitz, Presenter, 2018

Siemens Westinghouse Competition
- Todd Fellerman, Semi-Finalist, 2000
- Vincent Fong, Semi-Finalist, 2000
- Phil Harris, Semi-Finalist, 2001
- Jemmie Cheng, Semi-Finalist, 2004
- Joseph Vellone, Semi-Finalist, 2006
- Dominick Rowan, Finalist, Fifth Nationally, 2016
- Alexandra Brocato, Semi-Finalist, 2018

International Science and Engineering Fair
- Dominick Rowan, Finalist, 2016
- Sela Berenblum, Finalist 2016
- Isabelle Chong, Finalist, 2017
- Audrey Saltzman, Finalist, 2017
DISTRICT RECOGNITION

2006 Presidential Scholar Award
The Presidential Scholar Program recognizes and honors some of our nation’s most distinguished graduating high school seniors. Nationally, up to 141 students are named as Presidential Scholars each year, one of the nation’s highest honors for high school students.

Academic Challenge Recognition
- National Academic Champion in 2006
- National Semifinalist in 2005 & 2009

“The Challenge” on Channel 12:
- Westchester/Hudson Valley Finalist in 2008
- Westchester/Hudson Valley Semi-Finalist in 2009
- 1st Place, OMAR Q BECKINS quiz bowl tournament, 2010

BHHS Mock Trial
The Byram Hills High School Mock Trial team was a finalist 5 times since 1992 in the Westchester County Bar Association Tournament. The Mock Trial Team has qualified for the elimination rounds in every year but twice in the last 25 years.

BHHS Debate Team
The Byram Hills High School Debate Team ranked 1st place three times in the Rockland County Forensic League: 2002, 2005 & 2006! In 2012, the team has doubled in size, and we compete in four tournaments. Our students have received numerous awards, and 2011-12 saw four freshman place in the top 5 speakers.

NYS REWARD SCHOOL
Byram Hills has received Reward School status from NYS Education Department for having schools with high achievement. To receive this recognition, schools must be in the top 20% in the state for ELA and mathematics achievement for two consecutive years, show growth from year to year, and have no significant gaps in student achievement between subgroups.

- 2015-2016
  - Wampus Elementary and
  - H.C. Crittenden Middle School
- 2014-2015
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- 2013-2014
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Harvard Model Congress
Led by Harvard graduate students, over 1,500 high school students participate in this dynamic simulation of American Government. In 2011-2012, 32 Byram Hills students participated, the largest delegation ever from one school. In 2010-11, two students received 2nd place awards within their respective committee. In 2016-2017, one student was awarded for excellence in his committee. Byram Hills High School has sent a delegation to Harvard Model Congress for at least twenty consecutive years.

Award for Aspirations in Computing
In 2018, three Byram Hills High School students were honored with the Award for Aspirations in Computing in the Hudson Valley, provided by the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT.) Award recipients are selected based on their aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing; leadership ability; academic history; and plans for post-secondary education. NCWIT builds a talent pool for the growing technical workforce and honors young women for their computing-related achievements and interests.
OUTSTANDING
ATHLETIC
PROGRAM

Educational Goals of the
Byram Hills
Interscholastic Athletic Program

COMPETENCE
A student athlete in a quality program is competent in terms of:
✓ Skill development
✓ Knowledge of the game/strategies
✓ Fitness/conditioning/healthy behavior

CHARACTER
A student athlete in a quality program demonstrates:
✓ Responsibility
✓ Accountability
✓ Dedication
✓ Trustworthiness/Fair Play
✓ Self-Control

CIVILITY
A student athlete in a quality program demonstrates civility toward others showing;
✓ Respect
✓ Fairness
✓ Caring

CITIZENSHIP
A student athlete in a quality program demonstrates citizenship through actions showing evidence of:
✓ Loyalty/Commitment
✓ Teamwork
✓ Role Modeling

SOCCER
Boys
State Champions 2007
Regional Champions 2014, 2009, 2006
Sectional Player of the Year 4X in Last 10 Years
NSCAA Scholar Athlete Award 2016, 2015, 2014
Westchester County Sportsmanship Award 2016

Girls
Sectional Finals 2014
League Champions 2015, 2014
Placed 2 Players on the Elite 12 Team 2015
Journal News First Team All Stars 2015, 2014
MSG Varsity First Team All Stars 2015

FOOTBALL
Bowl Champions 2014
Golden Dozen Scholar Athlete 2016, 2015
New York State Single Season Passing Record 2015

HOCKEY
League Champions 2016-17
Sectional Semifinalists 2016-17
Pink the Rink Champions 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
Hoby Baker High School Character Award (4)

BASKETBALL
Boys
Sectional Champions 2016, 2011
Sectional Finalists 2015, 2013

Girls
League Champions 2012, 2010

CHEERLEADING
Westchester County Team Spirit Champions 2016
10 Nominees for NCA All-American 2016
3 All-American, 2 All Section Award Winners 2016
Section 1, Conference 3 Champions 2011

BASEBALL
State Champions 2015
Sectional Champions 2015
League Champions 2014
Diamond 9 Athlete (1)
Maxpreps All-American (1)
New York State Player of the Year 2015
Tri-State Player of the Year 2015
### CROSS COUNTRY
- Boys League Champions 2016, 2010
- Girls League Champions 2016
- Nationally Ranked/Boys State Finalist 2011, 2010

### WINTER TRACK AND FIELD
- Boys League Champions 2010-11
- Girls League Champions 2016-17

### SPRING TRACK AND FIELD
- Girls Section Champions 2016, 2015

### SWIM
**Boys**
- NYS Championship Participant 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15
- League Champions 2016-17
- Conference Champions 2016-17

**Girls**
- NYS Championship Participant 2016, 2015, 2014
- All-American Team Swimmer Qualified 2013, 2009

### VOLLEYBALL
**Girls**
- League Champions 2014, 2013

### WRESTLING
- Section Champions 2017, 2015 (1)

### SKI
- State Finalists 2015-16
- Section Finalists 2016-17, 2015-16 (2)

### TENNIS
**Boys**
- League Champions 2014
- Sectional Champions 2014
- Section I Conference Champions 2010, 2009
- Division I Champions 2014, 2009

**Girls**
- League Champions 2014
- All-State Doubles Team 2016

### BOYS LACROSSE
- Sectional Finalists 2014
- League Champions 2014

### GIRLS GOLF
- State Finalist 2016, 2015
FINE ARTS @ BYRAM HILLS

3 of the 10 finalists in the Stuart Weitzman Shoe Competition are BHHS Visual Arts Students!

BHHS Concert Choir and HCC String Ensemble received a gold rating at New York State School Music Association Majors Festival!

HCC Visual Art Student is winner of 2018 Lion’s Club Peace Poster Contest Regional and State Level!

Byram Hills Artists and Musicians Achieve Top Honors in National, State, Regional, and Local Performance and Art Competitions

ARTS ACHIEVEMENTS

MUSIC (since 2001):
- 60 All-State Musicians
- 244 Area All-State Musicians
- 13 All-County HS Jazz Musicians
- 220 All-County Intermediate Musicians
- 100 All-County Elementary Musicians
- 1 All-National Orchestra Musician
- Top Rated Ensembles at Music Festivals

MEDIA & VISUAL ARTS
- Scholastic Art Award Winners
- Young Artists: Katonah Museum of Art
- Young Artists: Armonk Outdoor Art Show
- NYSMATA Arts Show Winners
- National Ceramics Art Show Winners
- Stuart Weitzman Shoe Competition Finalists
- SNY Future Filmmakers Festival Finalists
Environmental Recognition

The Wampus School and H.C. Crittenden Middle School were given the Raising Recycling Awareness award for Westchester County Schools by the Department of Environmental Facilities of Westchester County.

Nationally Recognized
Middle School

H.C. Crittenden Middle School was presented with the Blue Ribbon Award in 2006 in recognition of HCC’s exceptional programs and performance!

♦ The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels.

♦ H.C. Crittenden received First Place and Superior Citation awards in 2005 for the student literary magazine, Harold’s Pen. This magazine was also recognized by the National Council of Teachers of English.
### STUDENT RECOGNITION

**Student Publications**

*Based upon their work in the Authentic Science Research program, many students have published articles in professional journals. Below are some samples of publications from our students.*

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<td>2016</td>
<td>Okun, Jared</td>
<td>Evaluating the improvements of StarCraft gameplay in the ABL agent EISBot by implementing dynamic specificities through an external component; 2016 2nd International Conference on Robotics and Artificial Intelligence (ICRAI2016); MATEC Web of Conferences (ISSN: 2261-236X).</td>
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<td>Situational and environmental factors associated with a child’s willingness to use an epinephrine auto-injector. <em>Abstract and poster accepted for presentation at the 2014 AAAAI Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.</em> (February, 2014); abstract for the online version of <em>The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology</em> (Feb. 2014).</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>Xu, Aurora</td>
<td>Reanalysis of Refractive Growth in Pediatric Pseudophakia and Aphakia. <em>Journal of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus.</em> (Currently in Press.)</td>
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2010 Kosminsky, Eli

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2009 Kosminsky, Lily
*Review of Osseointegrational Technology for Patients with Amputations*: University of Utah: (April, 2009,) (Conference Presenter).

2009 Kramer, Stephen

2008 Blum, Jeremy
Cancellation of force induced artifacts in surface EMG using FSR measurements. *Myoelectric Controls/Powered Prosthetics Symposium* 2008: New Brunswick, Canada (Published Abstract).

2007 Cruz, Christopher
Soft tissues in ammonoid cephalopods from the Bear Gulch Lagerstatte, Montana, USA. *Cephalopods- Present and Past*; Tokai University Press, Tokyo: 147-153 (Published Abstract).

2007 Formicola, Courtney

2006 Roberts, Benjamin

2004 Albert, Matthew

2003 Stauffer, Julian

2003 Colasacco, Lauren
TEACHER RECOGNITION (CONTINUED)

Nichols Foundation High School Chemistry Award
Steve Borneman, 2010

Volleyball Coach of the Year
Jared Christian, 2009

New York State Boys Soccer Coach of the Year
Matt Allen, 2008, 2010

League Football Coach of the Year:
John Naughton, 2008

President of Westchester School Council Music Association
Marna Weiss, 2006 – 2008

Distinguished Teacher Award
Anne Kaplan, 2006

Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics by the U.S. Department of Education
Chris Lewick, 2005

Fulbright Scholarship
Bob DiMartino, 2004

Smart Exemplary Educator Award
Ken Kaplan, 2004-2005

Teachers in Space program, NASA’s Educator Astronaut Program
Chris Lewick, 2004

American Dreamer Achievement Award
David Wolfe

Special Recognition in Recycling Award
Meg Johnston

Albert Shanker National/International Conference Scholarship
Laura Borneman, Robin Langsam, & Chris Lewick

Publications in Physics Teacher

ADMINISTRATOR RECOGNITION

NYS Social Studies Supervisory Association: Social Studies Supervisor of the Year Award
Jennifer Laden, 2018

Outstanding Innovative Leadership Award from the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center
Dr. Andrew Taylor, 2017

Westchester Lower Hudson Council for the Social Studies: The Outstanding Social Studies Supervisor Award: 2011-2012,
Kim Lapple, 2011-2012

Author: Curriculum Guide for the Movie, Sisterhood of the Night
Dr. Andrew Taylor, published 2015

Franklin R. Buchanan Prize of the Association of Asian Studies (2006)
Author: From Silk to Oil: Cross-Cultural Connections Along the Silk Roads
(Oases Town and Caravans: pp. 82-99)
M. Amster & Jennifer Laden, published 2005

Author: Kaplan AP World History
Jennifer Laden & P. Whelan, published 2005

Dissertations


Ellen Medd. The Effects of Facilitated Incubation on Fourth Graders’ Creative Writing, 2002.

