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BYRAM HILLS
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
To the Byram Hills Parents and Community Members

Our school programs are central to our goal of moving from *Good to Great*, a concept espoused by noted business author Jim Collins.

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. Our new and timely programs are designed to ensure the highest quality of education for our students.

I hope you find the Special Recognition document informative and inspiring!

Sincerely,

Jen Lamia, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

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**BLUE RIBBON AWARD**

*Nationally Recognized High School*

*Byram Hills High School was presented with the 2020 Blue Ribbon Award in recognition in the Exemplary High Performing Schools category!*

*Nationally Recognized Middle School*

*H.C. Crittenden Middle School was presented with the Blue Ribbon Award 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.
Creating the LEADERS of the Next Generation

**SUPERIOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS**

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

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**Accepted Into Tier 1 & Tier 2 Colleges**

82% of the class was accepted into the top 11% of colleges in the U.S.

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

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**Accepted Into Tier 1 Colleges Over Time**

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**ATTENDED**

Tier 1 and Tier 2 Colleges

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* 2001
  - Tier 1: 57%
  - Tier 2: 57%

* 2021
  - Tier 1: 82%
  - Tier 2: 82%

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* 2001
  - Tier 1: 31%
  - Tier 2: 31%

* 2021
  - Tier 1: 65%
  - Tier 2: 65%
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 Index.

Excellent Test Data
Byram Hills students have consistently excelled on state assessments averaging in the 96th percentile on state tests!

Examples from 2021 include:
- Ranked #1 in Grade 6 Math in the region;
- Ranked in the Top 10 in the region on the Grades 3, 5, 6, 7 ELA tests;
- Ranked in the Top 10 in the Region on the Grades 3, 4, 6, 8 Math tests.

Examples from 2019 include:
- Ranked #1 in English Regents;
- Ranked #2 in Algebra I Regents;
- Ranked #3 in Living Environment Regents;
- Ranked #6 in US History Regents.

Authentic Science Research Program

REGENERON SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH
Results from 1991 - 2022

The Byram Hills Authentic Science Research Program was named one of the TOP FIVE high school science research programs in the world by Intel Science Talent Search and has been awarded with semifinalist/top scholars for the last 26 consecutive years.

127* Intel Semifinalists/Regeneron Top Scholars
(with 21 finalists)

22% of Students

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, Finalist, National Presenter, 2013
- Alison Biddle, Finalist, 2015
- Chris Hadrono, Finalist, 2015
- Sarah Crucilla, Finalist, 2016
- Brian Singer, Finalist, National Presenter, 2016
- David Berlind, Finalist, 2017
- Stella Li, Finalist, 2018
- Jeremy Ma, Finalist, 2018
- Alexandra Remnitz, Finalist, National Presenter, 2018
- Kylie Roslin, Finalist, 2018
- Samantha Abbruzzese, Finalist, 2019
- Rachel Chernoff, Finalist, National Presenter, 2019

Siemens Westinghouse Competition
- Todd Feller, 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
- Samantha Abbruzzese, Finalist, 2019
- Renner Kwittken, Finalist, 2019
- Brent Perlman, Finalist, 2019
- Luke Briody, Finalist, 2021
- Mia Dittrich, Finalist, 2021
- Tessa Schwartz, Finalist, 2021

Junior Science and Humanities Symposium
- Ian Schneider, National Finalist, 2010
- Connor Berlin, National Finalist, 2011
- Dominick Rowan, National Finalist, 2016
- Arjun Goyal, National Finalist, 2018
- Joshua Freedman, National Finalist, 2019
- Renner Kwittken, National Finalist, 2019
- Owen Skrlloff, National Finalist, 2020
- Samuel Aberman, National Finalist, 2020
- Olivia Canter, National Finalist, 2021
- Mia Dittrich, National Finalist, 2021
Academic Challenge Recognition

- United States National Champions (Junior Varsity) in 2020
- United States National Champions in 2006, 2021
- United States National Semifinalist in 2005, 2010
- County Champions in 2005, 2006, 2010
- “The Challenge” on Channel 12:
  - Westchester/Hudson Valley Finalist in 2009
  - 1st Place, OMAR Q BECKINS quiz bowl tournament, 2010

BHHS Mock Trial

The Byram Hills High School Mock Trial team has advanced to the semi-final round of the tournament sponsored by the Westchester County Bar Association 15 times in the last 31 years.

- The Mock Trial Team has come in 1st place in Westchester 5 times, most recently 2021, 2019 and 2015.
- New York State Finalists - 1992

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 competed in four tournaments. Our students have received numerous awards, and 2011-12 saw four freshman place in the top 5 speakers.

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 20 consecutive years.

AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award

Byram Hills has earned the College Board’s AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for attaining over 50% female student representation in AP Computer Science Principles for 2018, 2019 and 2020. We are one of only 639 schools to be recognized in AP Computer Science Principles.

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
ATHLETICS
PROGRAM

Educational Goals of the
Byram Hills
Interscholastic Athletics Program
Competence
Character
Civility
Citizenship

Award of Excellence
For Exemplary Display of Sportsmanship, Ethics & Integrity
A program of the National Federation of State High School Associations

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

GIRLS
Sectional Finals 2014
Regional Champions 2020
League Champions 2014, 2015, 2020
Placed 2 Players on the Elite 12 Team 2015
Journal News First Team All Stars 2014, 2015
MSG Varsity First Team All Stars 2015

FOOTBALL
Section Finalist 2019
Bowl Champions 2014
Golden Dozen Scholar Athlete 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021
New York State Single Season Passing Record 2015
Spring Section Champions 2021

HOCKEY
Howard Cosell Sportsmanship Award 2019-20
League Champions 2017
Sectional Semifinalists 2016-17, 2017-18
Hoby Baker High School Character Award (5)

BASKETBALL
BOYS
Regional Champions 2021
State Final Four 2011, 2016
Sectional Champions 2011, 2016
Sectional Finalists 2013, 2015
GIRLS
League Champions 2010, 2012, 2019, 2020

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
Pitcher of the Year 2021
Umpires Association Sportsmanship Team of the Year 2019
Phil DiRuocco Scholarship Award 2021
State Champions 2015
Sectional Champions 2015
League Champions 2014, 2019, 2021
Diamond 9 Athlete (2)
Maxpreps All-American 2015
New York State Player of the Year 2015
Tri-State Player of the Year 2015
CROSS COUNTRY
Boys League Champions 2010, 2016, 2018
Girls League Champions 2016
Nationally Ranked/Boys State Finalist 2010, 2011

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

SPRING
Girls Section Champions 2015, 2016

SWIM
BOYS
NYS Championship Participant 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17,
Conference Champions 2016-17, 2018-19

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

Volleyball
Girls

Wrestling
League Champions 2015 (1), 2016, 2019
Section Champions 2015 (1), 2017, 2019, 2020 (1)
State Finalist 2015 (1), 2020 (1)

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

Tennis
Boys
League Champions 2014, 2017
Sectional Champions 2014
Section I Conference Champions 2009, 2010
Division I Champions 2009, 2014

Girls
League Champions 2014, 2018, 2019
All-State Doubles Team 2016, 2018, 2019

Boys Lacrosse
Sectional Finalists 2014, 2019, 2021
League Champions 2014

Girls Golf
State Finalist 2015, 2016
Sectional Champion 2010 (1)
League Champion 2008

OUTSTANDING ATHLETICS PROGRAM

3 CON EDISON WESTCHESTER SCHOLASTIC SPORTS AWARDS

2021
VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS

10 NYS SCHOLAR ATHLETE WINNERS
2014-2015 (1 Winner)
2015-2016 (2 Winners)
2016-2017 (1 Winner)
2017-2018 (3 Winners)
2018-2019 (2 Winners)
2019-2020 (1 Winner)
2020-2021 (1 Winner)
2021-2022 (5 Winners)

4 NEWS 12 SCHOLAR ATHLETE
2016-2017 (1 Winner)
2017-2018 (1 Winner)
2018-2019 (2 Winners)

1 Golden Dozen Football Award
1 Diamond 9 Excellence in Baseball
Special RECOGNITION

FINE ARTS AT BYRAM HILLS

MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS AT BYRAM HILLS GAIN ACCOLADES BY IMMERSING THEMSELVES IN THE ARTISTIC PROCESSES OF CREATING, PERFORMING, RESPONDING, AND CONNECTING.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- GUEST COMPOSER VISITS
- WORLD DRUMMING VIRTUAL CLINICIAN
- CENTRAL PARK AND STORM KING TRIPS
- EXPANDED OFFERINGS: EXPLORING MUSIC AT HCC INCLUDES PIANO, UKULELE, WORLD DRUMMING, MUSIC TECHNOLOGY, GUITAR, AND “JAM DAYS”.

BHHS ARTISTS BEGIN WORK WITH METALSMITHING, VINYL CUTTING, DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, AND THERMAL BOOKBINDING.

- NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY
- TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY
- PERFORMANCES IN DOWNTOWN ARMONK
- THEATRE AT WAMPUS, HCC, AND BHHS
  - THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER (BHHS)
  - MOANA JR. (HCC)
  - PIPPIN (BHHS)
  - PETER PAN, JR. (WAMPUS)
- BYRAM HILLS WILL HOST NYSSMA STRINGS LEVELS 1-4 ADJUDICATION FOR WESTCHESTER COUNTY

MUSIC (SINCE 2001)

- 68 ALL-STATE MUSICIANS
- 266 AREA ALL-STATE MUSICIANS
- 19 ALL-COUNTY HS JAZZ MUSICIANS
- 241 ALL-COUNTY INTERMEDIATE MUSICIANS
- 1 NATIONAL ORCHESTRA MUSICIAN
- ACCEPTANCES TO NY SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS & YOUTH SYMPHONY COMPOSITION PROGRAM

MEDIA & VISUAL ARTS

- NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY (JURIED SHOW)
- KATONAH MUSEUM OF ART (JURIED SHOW)
  - NATIONAL CERAMICS ART SHOW
- NYC 48 HOUR FILM FESTIVAL – BEST USE OF GENRE
- NEW HAVEN, CT FILM FESTIVAL – AUDIENCE AWARD AND BEST USE OF CHARACTERS
NYS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Byram Hills has received Reward School status from NYS Education Department for having schools with high achievement and show growth from year to year, and have no significant gaps in student achievement between subgroups.

2015-2016
Wampus Elementary
H.C. Crittenden Middle School

2014-2015
H.C. Crittenden Middle School

2013-2014
H.C. Crittenden Middle School

Student Achievement, Growth, Graduation Rates:

2019
Coman Hill Elementary School

2017-2018
Coman Hill Elementary School
Byram Hills High School

Science Olympiad

BHHS: Qualified for state competition. Finished highest amongst Lower Hudson Valley Qualifying Teams.

2020
BHHS: Placed 6th overall at regionals. Qualified for state competition.

2019
BHHS: Placed 6th overall at regionals.

HCC: Placed 4th overall at regionals.

2018
BHHS: Placed 6th, qualified for state competition.

BHHS: Team A finished 4th Place and qualified for state completion, winning medals in 13 events. 1st place in Mission Possible.
HCC: Team A qualified for the state competition, earning medals in 3 events.

2017
BHHS: Team A finished 3rd Place and qualified for state competition winning 12 events.
HCC: Team A and B finished in the top 10.

2016
BHHS: Team A finished 2nd Place (receiving medals in 13 of 19 events). Team B finished in 12th Place (receiving medals in 7 of 19 events.)

2015
BHHS: Team A finished 5th Place (receiving medals in 9 of 19 events); Team B finished in 12th place (receiving medals in 3 of 19 events).

2014
BHHS: Team A received medals in 4 of 19 events; Team B received medals in 4 of 19 events.

2013
BHHS: 7th Place overall at the Regional competition. Received medals in 4 of 19 events

2012
Byram Hills Central School District
Armonk, NY

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STUDENT RECOGNITION

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

2021 Cohen, Alexa: The IYRC Abstract. Exploring parental expectations for children’s educational degree attainment and its relationship with a child’s actual educational degree, parental involvement in the college search process, and a child’s overall well-being. (2021)


2021 Stumacher, Sophie: The IYRC Abstract. "Peek-a-boo!": determining the latency to laughter in the case of three different jokes within infants aged six to eighteen months. (2021)

2020 Aberman, Alexis: Garrison, Hallie; Baudet, Gladys; Breitfeld, Elise; Aberman, Alexis; Familiarity plays a small role in noun comprehension at 12-18 months, Infancy (2020)


2016 Okun, Jared: 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).


2012 Xu, Aurora: Reanalysis of Refractive Growth in Pediatric Pseudophakia and Aphakia. Journal of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus. (Currently in Press.)


2016 Yale Educator Award
Paul Beeken, 2016

New York State Coach of the Year
Scott Saunders, 2015

New York State Master Teacher Program
Chris Lewick, 2015

American Chemical Society Award of Excellence in High School Teaching
Steve Borneman, 2014

Teacher Publication and Presentation
Steve Borneman. Presentation at the 2013 American Chemical Society Symposium.

Boys Basketball League Coach of the Year

President of Soccer Coaches Association
Bryan Horn, Matt Allen, 2010, 2011

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

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

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

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**Special RECOGNITION**

**Byram Hills Central School District**

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


**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 Formicoia, Courtney:** Natural T cell immunity to HER-2/NEU HLA class II peptide, P885-899, in patients with breast or ovarian cancer. Journal of Immunology. 30(8): (2007) (Published Abstract).

**2006 Roberts, Benjamin:** Blocked exit syndrome: A serious risk in venue emergencies. Fire and Safety Magazine (Fall, 2006).


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**TEACHER RECOGNITION**

**Outstanding Educator Award, University of Chicago.**
Luisa Graniero, 2020

**Outstanding Innovative Leader Award, from the LHRIC**
Rekha Singh, 2020

**Teacher Publication in English Journal**
Dana Ferraro. Who’s Classroom is it Anyway? 2019

**Educator of the Month**
Ken Kaplan and the Green Screen Coding Machine, 2019

**Teacher Publication in PNW Boces Curriculum Matters**
Anne-Marie Pasquale, Dr. Timothy Kaltenecker.
The Homework Experiment, 2019

**WLHCSS Outstanding Middle School Social Studies Teacher**
Deborah DeFrancesco, 2018

**WLHCSS Outstanding Middle School Social Studies Teacher**
Sheila St. Onge, 2018

**University of Chicago Outstanding Educator Award**
Michael Young, 2017
Special Recognition in Recycling Award
Meg Johnston

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

Publications in Physics Teacher

Administrator Recognition

How to Implement a Systemic Approach to Student Data Security and Privacy, 2021
Andrew Taylor, 2021

Outstanding Innovative Leader Award, from the LHRIC
Duane Smith, 2020

NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing Educator Award
Lisa Pellegrino, 2018

The World Savvy Global Competency Certificate Program.
Melissa Stahl, 2018

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


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


Thompson, Yvette. The Impact of Play on Language Development, 2002
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