2023 Special Recognition

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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.
**SUPERIOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS**

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

87% 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.*

**Accepted Into Tier 1 Colleges Over Time**

- 2006: 31%
- 2007: %
- 2008: %
- 2009: %
- 2010: %
- 2011: %
- 2012: %
- 2013: %
- 2014: %
- 2015: %
- 2016: %
- 2017: %
- 2018: %
- 2019: %
- 2020: %
- 2021: %
- 2022: 70%

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

**ATTENDED Tier 1 & Tier 2 Colleges**

- 2001: 45%
- 2022: 75%
**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 consistently excel on state assessments. In 2022, students ranked in the 98th percentile on the 3-8 ELA and Math Tests in New York State! Examples from 2022 include:
- Ranked #1 in Grade 7 Math in the region; Ranked in the Top 10 in the region on the Grades 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 ELA tests; Ranked in the Top 10 in the Region on the Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Math tests.
- Ranked #1 in NYS in English Regents; Ranked #2 in the region in Living Environment Regents and Ranked #4 on Algebra I Regents; Overall, Byram Hills students Ranked in the 94th percentile on all Regents exams in NYS.

**REGENERON SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH**
Results from 1991 - 2023
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.

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.

**Neuroscience Research Prize, American Academy of Neurology**
The American Academy of Neurology recognized 13 National Finalists since 2015, including recent honorees:
- Rachel Chernof, 2019
- Samantha Abbuzzese, 2019
- Kylie Roslin, 2018
- Alexandra Remnitz, 2018
- Jeremy Ma, 2018
- Stella Li, 2018

**International Science and Engineering Fair Finalists**
*Regeneron ISEF* is the world’s largest pre-college STEM competition:
- Dominick Rowan, 2016
- Sela Berenblum, 2016
- Isabelle Chong, 2017
- Audrey Saltzman, 2017
- Samantha Abbuzzese, 2019
- Renner Kwittken, 2019
- Brent Perlman, 2019
- Luke Brodsky, 2021
- Mia Dittrich, 2021
- Tessa Schwartz, 2021
- Edith Bachmann, 2022
- Jack Blackman, 2022
- Gabriella Colabella, 2022

**Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Finalists**
The National JSHS is a Tri-Service sponsored STEM competition that promotes original research and experimentation in the sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at the high school level and publicly recognizes students for outstanding achievement encouraging the future generation of scientists and engineers and celebrating student achievement in the sciences:
- Ian Schneider, 2010
- Connor Berlin, 2011
- Dominick Rowan, 2016
- Arjun Goyal, 2016
- Joshua Freedman, 2019
- Renner Kwittken, 2019
- Owen Skrilloff, 2020
- Samuel Aberman, 2020
- Olivia Canter, 2021
- Mia Dittrich, 2021
- Alec Berkman, 2022
DISTRICT RECOGNITION

Academic Challenge Recognition
- National Coach of the Year – Martin Gilbert, 2022
- United States National Champions in 2006, 2021
- United States National Champions (Junior Varsity) in 2020
- 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 in 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. 2022-2023 will be the 26th year Byram Hills High School has attended the event.

AMERICA’S BEST STEM HIGH SCHOOLS
One of thirteen high schools identified as having a strong STEM program and dynamic learning environment for students.
- Identified by Newsweek Magazine, 2019

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.
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
SPECIAL RECOGNITION
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Armonk, NY

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24 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)
2022-2023 (8 Winners)

1 Golden Dozen Football Award
1 Diamond 9 Excellence in Baseball

3 CON EDISON
WESTCHESTER SCHOLASTIC SPORTS AWARDS

OUTSTANDING
ATHLETICS
PROGRAM

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), 2022(1)

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

TENNIS
BOYS
State Finalist 2022
Regional Champions 2022
League Champions 2014, 2017
Sectional Champions 2014, 2022
Section I Conference Champions 2009, 2010
Division I Champions 2009, 2014

GIRLS
State Champions 2021, 2022
Regional Champions 2022
All-State Doubles Team 2016, 2018, 2019, 2022
LoHuD Doubles Players of the Year 2022

BOYS LACROSSE
Sectional Finalists 2014, 2019, 2021
League Champions 2014

GIRLS GOLF
State Finalist 2015, 2016
Sectional Champion 2010 (1)
League Champion 2008

VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS

2021 & 2022
3 CON EDISON
WESTCHESTER SCHOLASTIC SPORTS AWARDS

1 Golden Dozen Football Award
1 Diamond 9 Excellence in Baseball
FINE ARTS AT BYRAM HILLS
MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS AT BYRAM HILLS GAIN ACCOLADES AS THEY CREATE, PERFORM, RESPOND AND CONNECT IN A POST-PANDEMIC ERA.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS
- IMPROVISATION WORKSHOPS WITH SWEET PLANTAIN QUARTET
- CENTRAL PARK AND METROPOLITAN MUSEUM FIELD TRIPS
- MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND
- TABLETOP LOOPER INTRODUCED AS A NEW COMPOSITION/PERFORMANCE TOOL
- MUSIC IN THE PARKS TRIP TO SIX FLAGS
- ALL-DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVALS & HOMECOMING COLLABORATION
- DISTRICT OFFICE ART EXHIBIT
- ARMONK OUTDOOR ART SHOW
- YOUNG ARTIST ART EXHIBIT AT KATONAH MUSEUM
- NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY
- TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY
- PERFORMANCES IN DOWNTOWN ARMONK
- NYSSMA MAJORS

- ALL-COUNTY FESTIVALS
- INDOOR CONCERTS K - 12
- THEATRE AT WAMPUS, HCC, AND BHHS
  - MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING (BHHS)
  - MATILDA JR. (HCC)
  - FREAKY FRIDAY (BHHS)
  - WILLY WONKA JR. (WAMPUS)

MUSIC (SINCE 2001)
- 68 ALL-STATE MUSICIANS
- 274 AREA ALL-STATE MUSICIANS
- 19 ALL-COUNTY HS JAZZ MUSICIANS
- 255 ALL-COUNTY INTERMEDIATE MUSICIANS
- 1 NATIONAL ORCHESTRA MUSICIAN
- ACCEPTANCES TO NY SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS & YOUTH SYMPHONY COMPOSITION PROGRAM

MEDIA & VISUAL ARTS
- ACCEPTANCES TO NY SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS & YOUTH SYMPHONY COMPOSITION PROGRAM
  - JUNK KOUTURE FINALIST
  - 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
SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Science Olympiad

- **HCC:** Finished 8th overall of 20 schools. Tied for 11th out of 29 total teams. 8 – Individual Event Top 10 performances.
- **BHHS:** Qualified for state competition. Finished highest amongst Lower Hudson Valley Qualifying Teams.
- **BHHS:** Placed 6th overall at regionals. Qualified for state competition.
- **BHHS:** Placed 6th overall at regionals.
- **BHHS:** Placed 6th, qualified for state competition.
- **HCC:** Placed 4th overall at regionals.
- **BHHS:** Team A finished 4th Place and qualified for state competition, winning medals in 13 events. 1st place in Mission Possible.
- **HCC:** Team A qualified for the state competition, earning medals in 3 events.
- **BHHS:** Team A finished 3rd Place and qualified for state competition winning 12 events.
- **HCC:** Team A and B finished in the top 10.
- **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).
- **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).
- **BHHS:** Team A received medals in 4 of 19 events; Team B received medals in 4 of 19 events.
- **BHHS:** 7th Place overall at the Regional competition. Received medals in 4 of 19 events.

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

The University of the State of New York

STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION SCHOOL 2019

This certificate acknowledges the achievement of Coman Hill School in being selected to receive the distinction of being a Recognition School. In celebration of the University of the State of New York’s commitment to high academic achievement, growth and production, high standards, and the highest quality education. The School Year 2019-2020.

Byram Hills Central School District
Armonk, NY
STUDENT RECOGNITION

Based upon their work in various courses, many students have published articles in professional journals or received recognition for outstanding accomplishments. Below are some samples of publications or accolades for our students.

PUBLICATIONS

2022 Curley, Alana: Fisher, Carla L; Kastrinos, Amanda; Curley, Alana; Canzona, Mollie; Piemonte, Nicole; Wolf, Bianca; Pipe, Teri; Cancer Care Research, 2(3):p e025, July 2022.

2022 Fleischer, Ella: Sleep Research Society; Published: https://doi.org/10.1093/sleep/zsac070

2022 Haber, Dylan: Regenerative Nephrology 2nd ed (Contributor textbook chapter 6)


2022 Postian, Tanya: Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive, & Aesthetic Surgery


2020 Aberman, Alexis: Garrison,Hallie; Baudet, Gladys; Breitfeld, Elise; Aberman, Alexis; Infancy (2020)


2019 Chang, Alan: Codina,Adan; Renauer, Paul A.; Wang, Guangchuan; Chow, Ryan D.; Park, anghui Ye; Zhang, Kerou; Dong, Matthew; Gassaway, Brandon; Ye, Lupeng; Errami, Youssef; Li, Shen; Chang, Alan; Dhanapat; Jain; Herbst, Roy S; Bosennberg, Marcus; Rinehart, Jesse, Fan, Rong; Chen, Sidi (2019) Cell Systems 8, 136-151. doi.org/10.1016/j.cels.2019.01.004


2019 Zhang, Moses: https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1538-3873/ab0f41/meta


2018 Berenblum, Ramy: Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (The FASEB Journal)


STUDENT AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2022 Global Scholars Changemakers

Top Ten Finalist
- Kelsey Vaquero & Lauren Quintiere, End the Taiji Dolphin Hunt

People's Choice Award for Best Pitch
- Allie Cooper, Net Zero

Awarded grants for professional websites
- Logan Guummer, Child Labor
- Izzy Sampere, Insulin Insecurity Crisis
- Amy Gagliardi, Plastic Pollution Preventers
- Mya Tauber, Children Not Wives–Stop Child Marriage
- Luke Berliner & Aidan Heffner, The Destigmatizers—Mental Health Stigma

Awarded full funding & professional mentorship from a doctor & filmmaker
- Eleanor Wangensteen, Seize The Day–Epilepsy Resource for teens

Additional students receiving funding:
- Sydney Black, Plastics GO! app
- Alain Burt, Max Cutier & Jason Fakler, The River Day Project
- Audrey Goldberg, Social media impact on teenager mental health
- Cynthia Han, Anti-Asian hate
- Claire Verzello & Drew Krevelin, Uplifting the food industry after COVID
- Sophia Kahn, Brooke Altman & Peri Siskin, Students Against Anti-Semitism

Richard A. Berman Leadership Award for Human Rights
Emily Hollander, 2022

The “Andy Cahn” Community Service Award
Hollie Gordon, 2022
Dylan Schmel, 2022

TEACHER RECOGNITION

WLHCSS Outstanding High School Social Studies Teacher
Joanna Lewick, 2022

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

Teacher Publication in English Journal
Dana Ferraro. Whose Classroom is it Anyway? 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
Sheila St. Onge, 2018

University of Chicago Outstanding Educator Award
Michael Young, 2017

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

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 & Chris Lewick

Publications in Physics Teacher
**ADMINISTRATOR RECOGNITION**

**Publications**

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

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

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

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**


*Taylor, Andrew. Impact of Access, Ability, and Attitude on Teacher and Administrator Use of Data, 2009.*

*Tedrow, Staci. The Role of Student and Teacher Feedback on Teachers’ Instructional Decision Making, 2018.*

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