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

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.
SUPEROIR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

Accepted Into Tier 1 & Tier 2 Colleges

84% 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. *

Accepted Into Tier 1 Colleges Over Time

31% 66%

ATTENDED

Tier 1 & Tier 2 Colleges

45% 2023
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 2023, students ranked in the 99th percentile on the 3-8 ELA and Math Tests in New York State! Examples from 2023 include:
- Ranked #1 in Grade 8 Math in the region;
- Ranked #1 in Grade 8 ELA in the region;
- Ranked #5 in the Top 5 in the region on all ELA tests grades 3-8;
- Ranked #6 in the region on the on all Math tests grades 3-8.
- Ranked #1 in NYS in English Regents;
- Ranked #1 in NYS in Algebra I Regents; Overall, Byram Hills students Ranked in the 95th percentile on all Regents exams in NYS.

Authentic Science Research Program

REGENERON SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH
Results from 1991 - 2024

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 27 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.

OTHER RECOGNITIONS

Neuroscience Research Prize, American Academy of Neurology
The American Academy of Neurology recognized 13 National Finalists since 2015, including recent honorees:
- Samantha Schaevitz, 2023
- Rachel Chernof, 2019
- Samantha Abbruzzese, 2019
- Kyle 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:
- Chloe Bernstein, 2023
- Samantha Milewicz, 2023
- Emily Stangel, 2023
- Edith Bachmann, 2022
- Jack Blackmar, 2022
- Gabriella Colabella, 2022
- Luke Briody, 2021
- Mia Dittrich, 2021
- Tessa Schwartz, 2021
- Samantha Abbruzzese, 2019
- Renner Kwitkken, 2019
- Brent Perlman, 2019
- Isabelle Chong, 2017
- Audrey Saltzman, 2017
- Dominick Rowan, 2016
- Sela Berenblum, 2016

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:
- Alec Berkman, 2022
- Olivia Canter, 2021
- Mia Dittrich, 2021
- Samuel Aberman, 2020
- Owen Skrilloff, 2020
- Joshua Freedman, 2019
- Renner Kwitkken, 2019
- Arjun Goyal, 2016
- Dominick Rowan, 2016
- Connor Berlin, 2011
- Ian Schneider, 2010
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 2021, 2019 and 2015.
- New York State Finalists - 1992

BHHS Speech and Debate Team
The Byram Hills Speech and Debate team has enjoyed tremendous success over the years. Building on the accomplishments of previous students, in 2018 the team expanded to include Speech events. This expansion has led to seven students earning National Academic All-American Honors, six students competing at the Tournament of Champions, and the team’s roster increasing to over 40 students each year. The team is also recognized as a National Speech and Debate Association “Leading Chapter” and a member of the “100 Club” a list of the top 100 teams in the United States.

Harvard Model Congress
Led by Harvard graduate students, over 1,500 high school students participate in this dynamic simulation of American Government. As the premier government simulation event for high school students, the Harvard Model Congress provided students with the opportunity to become more informed and productive citizens of the 21st century. At HMC, students assumed the roles of Senators, Congressman, and other vital roles within the American government. In 2018-2019, 24 students attended the conference with two seniors taking home individual awards. Ten seniors took part during the 2019-2020 season and one took home an award. It has always been the goal of the Club to help students understand the importance of informed citizenry in a more nuanced way than the classroom alone can provide. Through government role play and civic involvement, it is also the goal of the Club to promote lifelong individual growth and learning through group activity in a manner which is fun, instructive, and engaging.

AP Platinum School
Byram Hills achieved the highest recognition, Platinum distinction, for student participation and achievement in AP courses/exams. This includes: 84% of students completed at least one AP course; 80% of students earned at least one level 3 or higher; and 37% of students took at least five AP courses.

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, 2020 and 2023.

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.
FALL SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY
Boys League Champions 2010, 2016, 2018
Girls League Champions 2016
Nationally Ranked/Boys State Finalist 2010, 2011

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

BOYS SOCCER
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
All State Player 2023

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)
• 2023-2024 (7 Winners)

1 Golden Dozen Football Award

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

GIRLS SOCCER
Sectional Finals 2014
Regional Champions 2020
League Champions 2014, 2015, 2020
Journal News First Team All Stars 2014, 2015
MSG Varsity First Team All Stars 2015

GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING
NYS Championship Participant 2014, 2015, 2016, 2023
All-American Team Swimmer Qualified 2009, 2013

GIRLS TENNIS
State Champions 2021, 2022
Regional Champions 2022
Section Champions 2023
All-State Doubles Team 2016, 2018, 2019, 2022
LoHud Doubles Players of the Year 2022

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
NYS Semifinalist 2023
Regional Champions 2023
Section Champions 2023
All State Players 2023(3)
WINTER SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL
Regional Champions 2021
State Final Four 2011, 2016
Sectional Champions 2011, 2016
Sectional Finalists 2013, 2015
League Champions 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018,
2019, 2020, 2023

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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

HOCKEY
Howard Cosell Sportsmanship Award 2020, 2022
League Champions 2017
Sectional Semifinalists 2017, 2018
Pink the Rink Champions 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017,
2020, 2021, 2022
Hoby Baker High School Character Award (5)

SKI
State Finalists 2016
Section Finalists 2016 (2), 2017

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
NYS Championship Participant 2015, 2016, 2017
Conference Champions 2016-17, 2018-19

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

WRESTLING
League Champions 2015 (1), 2016, 2019
Section Champions 2015 (1), 2017, 2019, 2020 (1)
State Finalist 2015 (1), 2020 (1), 2022(1)

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WESTCHESTER
SCHOLASTIC SPORTS
AWARDS

SPRING SPORTS

BASEBALL
Pitcher of the Year 2021, 2022
Umpires Assoc. Sportsmanship Team of the Year
2019
Phil DiRuocco Scholarship Award 2021
State Champions 2015
Sectional Champions 2015
League Champions 2014, 2019, 2021, 2023
Diamond 9 Athlete (2), 2022
LoHud Section Player of the Year 2022
Conference II League E Pitcher of the Year 2023
Orlando Ciraco Memorial Socs. Award 2023

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

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

BOYS TENNIS
State Finalist 2022
Regional Champions 2022
League Champions 2014, 2017
Sectional Champions 2014, 2022, 2023
Section I Conference Champions 2009, 2010, 2023
Division I Champions 2009, 2014
NYS Championship Participant 2023

SPRING TRACK & FIELD
Girls Section Champions 2015, 2016

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

MUSCIANES AND ARTISTS AT BYRAM HILLS GAIN ACCOLADES AS THEY CREATE, PERFORM, RESPOND, AND CONNECT IN EXPERIENCES IN THE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- COMMISSIONED WORK FOR THE STRING ORCHESTRA
- CENTRAL PARK AND MUSEUM OF MODERN ART FIELD TRIPS
- MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BANDS AND JAZZ CHOIR
- PARTICIPATION IN THE BUTTERFLY PROJECT
- MUSIC TRIP TO SIX FLAGS AND DISNEY WORLD
- STUDENT-CURATED ART GALLERY AT BHHS
- 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 FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION
- ALL-COUNTY FESTIVALS

THEATRE AT WAMPUS, HCC, AND BHHS

- FINDING NEMO JR. (WAMPUS)
- LITTLE WOMEN (BHHS)
- ALADDIN JR. (HCC)
- MAMMA MIA! (BHHS)

MUSIC (SINCE 2001)

- 71 ALL-STATE MUSICIANS
- 282 AREA ALL-STATE MUSICIANS
- 19 ALL-COUNTY HS JAZZ MUSICIANS
- 260 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

Byram Hills Central School District

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. Finshed 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 completion, 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

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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

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![State Education Department Recognition School 2019]

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Armonk, NY

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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 **Dittrich, Mia**: Julia J. Winter, Kiara L. Rodríguez-Acevedo, Mia Dittrich, Elizabeth A. Heller, Early life adversity: Epigenetic regulation underlying drug addiction susceptibility, Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience, Volume 125, 2023


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 **Lowe, Nora**: Lowe N, Chang, BioRxiv https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.01.29.478329 (2022)

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; Dhanpat; Jain; Herbst, Roy S; Bosemberg, Marcus; Rinehart, Jesse, Fan, Rong; Chen, Sidi (2019) Cell Systems 8, 136-151. doi.org/10.1016/j.cels.2019.01.004

2019 **Hammond, Benjamin**: Tanaka, Shiji; Hammond, Benjamin; Rosin, Diane L.; Okusa, Mark D. (2019) Bioelectronic Medicine
2019 **Zhang, Moses:** Cell systems,  
http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2019AAS...23334831Z

2019 **Zhang, Moses:**  
https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1538-3873/ab041/meta


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


2018 **Roslin, Kylie:** Anti-NMDA receptor encephalitis and nonencephalitic HSV-1 infection. Salovinj, A, Glanzman J, Roslin, A, Armangue, T, Lynch, DR, Panzer, JA;  

2018 **Rowan, Dominick:** Rowan, D; Tucker, M; Shappee, B; Hermes,J. (Dec 2018).  Solar and Stellar Astrophysics Cite as:  
https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.05614

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**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 Gummer, *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*

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**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
**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**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

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

**Publications in Physics Teacher**

**NAEA Member Exhibit**
Amy Menache, “UP!”, 2023

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**ADMINISTRATOR RECOGNITION**

**Publications**

**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**
Dr. Jennifer Laden, 2018

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

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

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**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 & Dr/ Jennifer Laden, published 2005

**Dissertations**


**Beeken, Paul.** Electronic Energy Transfer in Small Molecules, 1983.


**Kaltenecker, Tim.** Understanding the Role of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum in Leading School Improvement, 2011.


**Matthew, Caroline.** Biological and molecular aspects of Sodalis Glossinidius, 2007.

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