

BARBERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Barbers Hill

Summer 2017

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Independent School District



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*Top Ten of Class of 2017*  
*Barbers Hill High School*

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## VISION STATEMENT

Barbers Hill ISD envisions academic excellence characterized by goal-driven, college/career ready graduates who are responsible, accountable, contributing members of society.

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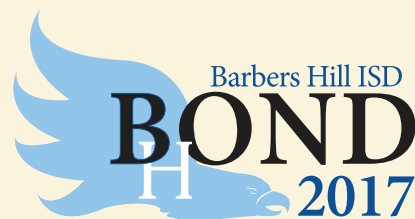
*Barbers Hill High School Class of 2017 graduation at Eagle Stadium*

## Dr. Greg Poole, Superintendent **Stronger than Ever**

Barbers Hill High School's 346 graduates walked across the stage to officially become Barbers Hill Alumni on May 26th in front of an enthusiastic crowd of 7,500+ at Eagle Stadium. The accompanying photograph attests to what an impressive sight it was as we culminated yet another remarkable year that witnessed exceptional accomplishment! Our High School, led by the Class of 2017, received top 10% recognition at the national level, and our school district as a whole received one of the highest set of letter grades (two A's and two B's) of any district in the state in the first-ever statewide rating system utilizing letter grades. For the 21st year in a row, Barbers Hill ISD won the UIL Academic District Championship, and we are poised to finish in the top 10 in the UIL Lone Star Cup. Our district continues to grow at a record clip, and our board of trustees and administrators guide our district with an eye to maintaining the ingredients of tradition and excellence. It does not take a drone to see that it was another record-setting year. In fact, whatever angle you look from, Barber Hill continues to serve as a standard by which others are evaluated, and each year, our students and staff set the bar higher!

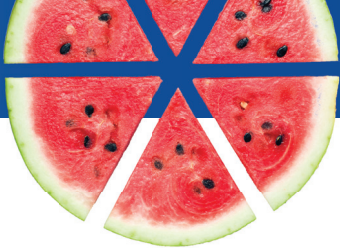
## BHISD Bond 2017 Update

Barbers Hill voters overwhelmingly approved Bond 2017, which will provide a new Early Childhood Center for grades PreK – 1, and additional classroom space for students at both Middle Schools. The \$120 million bond marked several superlatives for Barbers Hill residents. With 86% voter approval, the bond had one of the highest approval margins of any bond elections in Texas during May voting. It is the largest bond in our district's history, and as the 17th bond proposed to and approved by Barbers Hill residents, it continues the tradition of 100% bond passage since 1929. BHISD would like to thank our taxpayers and residents who have placed this confidence in our district, and we hold your trust sacred as we seek to provide the children of our district with the highest quality education in a fiscally responsible manner.



# WE CAN, WE WILL!

# EXCELLENCE... any way you slice it...



## US News and World Report Ranks BHHS

Barbers Hill High School was one of over 28,000 high schools across America whose data was analyzed by U.S. News and World Reports for consideration as a Best High School in America. Nearly all public high schools were included in the study, but only the top 30% were ranked nationally. Barbers Hill High was ranked #2045 nationally, and #179 in Texas, earning a Silver Badge from U.S. News and placing the campus in the top 10% of high schools in the nation.



“We are so proud of yet another academic recognition, and especially so, being that this is at the national level,” said BH Superintendent Dr. Greg Poole.

U.S. News ranks high schools primarily on a combination of state test scores and college readiness scores (which are tied closely to Advanced Placement enrollment and passing rates). Three levels of badges were possible, including a gold badge for the top 500 high schools in the United States, a silver badge for schools scoring above the median College Readiness Index (10% of schools), and bronze for those meeting other criteria but scoring under the median CRI.

“This recognition is the result of strategic planning and hard work by both staff and students at Barbers Hill High School,” said Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Sandra Duree. “Principal Rick Kana and his amazing staff continue to lead this campus to new heights. Our motto is ‘Excellence by any Measure’ and it is rewarding to see our academic footprint extending to a national level.”

BHHS is home to more than 1400 students and 143 faculty.

## State A-F Rating

In January of this year, the Texas Education Agency released unofficial ratings for campuses and districts statewide based on a preliminary A-F scale. The rating utilized a variety of data from the 2015-16 school year, but primarily data from the STAAR test. We are very proud to report that upon surveying the results of Houston-area districts, Barbers Hill ISD attained the highest grades of any K-12 district in Region 4, which comprises over 1 million students.

Barbers Hill ISD Grades	
Student Achievement	A
Student Progress	A
Closing Performance Gaps	B
Post Secondary Readiness	B

“Barbers Hill ISD welcomes every opportunity to measure our students’ success... Taxpayers and parents deserve an evaluation system that gives some assurance that expectations are being met.”

-Superintendent Dr. Greg Poole

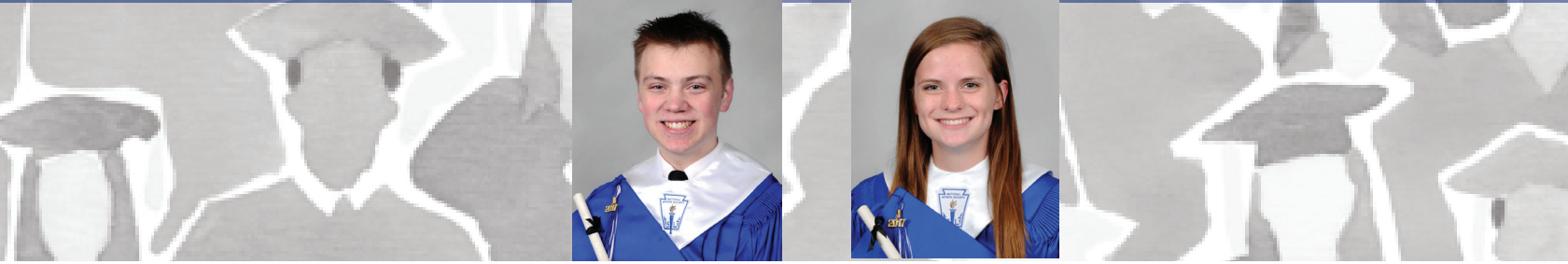


## TEA State Ratings 2016

All Barbers Hill campuses were rated “Met Standard” by the Texas Education Agency, which was the highest rating possible in 2016. In addition, every rated Barbers Hill ISD campus received Distinctions, with 11 total, recognizing outstanding performance in Mathematics, Reading, Science, Postsecondary Readiness, Closing Performance Gaps, and Student Progress. BHISD students scored 90% passing on the 2016 STAAR tests in all subjects/all grades, outperforming both regional and state scores by 14% and 15% respectively. For more info, visit our website at [bhisd.net/aboutbhisd](http://bhisd.net/aboutbhisd).



# Eagles Soar in Academics!



Class of 2017 Valedictorian **Michael Johns** a National Merit Commended Scholar, will attend Northeastern University in Boston with a major in Chemistry.

Class of 2017 Salutatorian **Rebecca Hall** a National Merit Commended Scholar, will attend Purdue University in Indiana with a major in Astronautical Engineering.

## National Merit Commended Scholars

Barbers Hill High School students Becca Hall, Mason McManus, Adrian Bustios, Michael Johns, Carson Andrus, and Logan Kovach were recognized by the National Merit Program for scoring in the Top 5% nationally on the Preliminary SAT test. All six students were named National Merit Commended Scholars.



## 21st Consecutive Year

BHHS took home the District Sweepstakes Award in UIL competition for the 21st consecutive year, with 14 Individual First Place Awards and 7 First Place Team Awards. Junior Pamela Johnson placed 4th in Regional competition in Prose. Included in this award is also One Act Play, which placed 3rd in Regional competition with its production of "Macbeth."



## AP Scholars

Fifty-eight BHHS students were named AP Scholars this year, including students from the Classes of 2016 and 2017. AP Scholars are named in 3 categories. The highest level is AP Scholars with Distinction, where 9 students were recognized, followed by 15 AP Scholars with Honors, and 33 AP Scholars. For the first time in BHHS history, a student was named a National AP Scholar, Class of 2016 graduate Jeremy Nicolai.



*Jeremy Nicolai*





# • State of Excellence



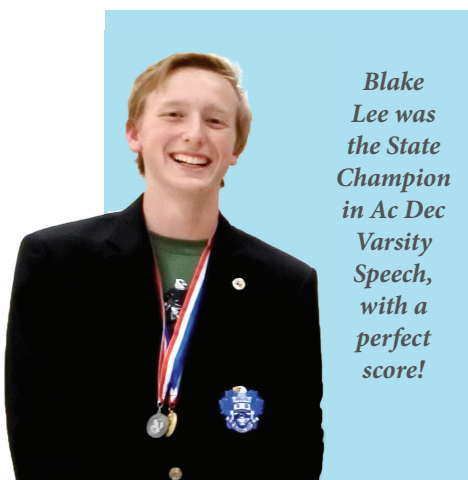
## HOSA State Champ

Barbers Hill senior Alyssa Jackson, a Health Sciences student and member of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), was named State Champion in Veterinary Sciences in April. Alyssa will continue to International competition this summer in Orlando. Alyssa is pictured with BHHS Health Science teacher Julie Hearn.

## Academic Decathlon State Champions

Barbers Hill High School Academic Decathlon team placed 9th Overall in Texas and were the State Champions in Super Quiz. Additional individual awards included: Joseph Muscat – Honors 2nd Place Speech, Honors 3rd Place Music; Sarah Mask – Honors 3rd Place Language and Literature; Blake Lee – Varsity 1st Place Speech (Perfect Score).

Ac Dec teams consist of nine students competing at three different levels testing in 10 subjects, including Social Science, Science, Language and Literature, Math, Economics, Music, Art, Speech, Interview, and Essay. The theme for this year's competition was World War 2.



*Blake Lee was the State Champion in Ac Dec Varsity Speech, with a perfect score!*



*Sponsor Ashley Mehrens, Blake Lee, Logan Dugat, Dillon Morgan, Sarah Mask, Noah Gori, Sarah Moorman, Joseph Muscat, Jared Berwick, Rebecca Hall with Sponsor Cheyne Cox and Principal Rick Kana*



## Debate State Team

In addition to ranking 5th in UIL CX Debate among all 5A schools in Texas, the team of Johnson and Goode also advanced to Double Octo-finals at the Texas Forensics Association (TFA) State competition in March (a tie for 17th). Debate sponsor is Chris Brannen.

State participants at the TFA State Tournament included: Reagan Mason, Lauren Willingham, Wesley Mosley, J.T. Golden, Pamela Johnson, and Ethan Goode.

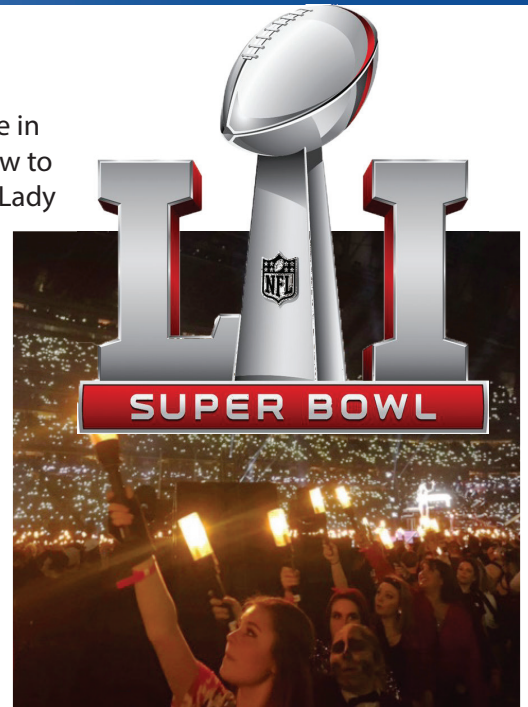




# State of the ARTS

## Super Drill Team!

Barbers Hill Eaglettes were one of 13 Houston area drill teams invited to participate in the Super Bowl LI halftime show in Houston. The students received a front-row view to one of the most-watched performances of the year, surrounding the stage during Lady Gaga's halftime show. The Eaglettes also won Sweepstakes Awards at both spring competitions, earning an invitation to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.



## All-State Band

Ethan Doucet and Dylan Sailors, members of the Barbers Hill Soaring Eagle Band, were selected from among 68,000 musicians for the Texas All-State Band. Only the top 2.6% of musicians who audition become All-State musicians.



*Ethan Doucet, Senior  
Dylan Sailors, Junior*

## BHHS Art is Top

BHHS Art student Lauren Gray ranked in the top 1% of student artists in Texas this spring when her artwork received a Gold Medal at the Visual Arts Scholastic Event's State competition.

Joining Lauren at the state competition were Ashlyn Briscoe and Elizabeth Childress. The State VASE competition includes all schools 1A through 6A in Texas.



*Elizabeth Childress, Ashlyn Briscoe, Lauren Gray*

## BHHS One Act Play

BHHS Salt Dome Theatre's "Macbeth" advanced to Regional competition for the 25th year in a row!



*Kade Davis as Macbeth and Raya Wright as Lady Macbeth.*





**Livestock**



**Dairy Foods**



**Poultry**



**Ag Tech**



**Vet Tech**

## FFA State

BHHS FFA Career Development Event Teams qualified for State competition. State teams include the 1st place Ag Mechanics, 1st place Livestock, 2nd place Poultry, and 3rd place Milk Quality teams. **Ag Mechanics Team** included: Logan Stewart, Landon Joseph, Stayton Sartor, and Dallas Kirkland. **Livestock Judging Team** included: Madison Steadham, Linny Hall, Ashton McCawley, and Reagan McCawley. **Poultry Team** included: Emily Roberts, Kolton Wingate, Zach Ard, and Andi Gilmore. **Dairy Foods Team** included: Blake Green, Jake Schaffer, Makenna Castanada, and Brice Otto. **Vet Tech Team** included: Alyssa Jackson, Madi Bryant, Trey Anzaldua, and Ridley Ulrich.



## National History Bee

Middle School South History Bee State winners Matti Halmari, Carson Cheshire, Gunnar Morton, Trey Jones, Katherine Strickland, Tyler Brock, and Claire O'Brien advanced to national competition June 1-4 in Atlanta. Also participating in History Bee were Colter Thomas, Bryce Sheffield, and Coleman Ramsey.



## Duke TIP State Honorees

More than 40 Barbers Hill 7th grade students were invited to participate in Duke TIP Testing this year. Duke State honorees earned special recognition by scoring approximately at or above the national average of recent high school graduates on at least one part of the ACT or the SAT college entrance exam. Ten students from MSS and ten students from MSN earned this prestigious recognition.

## Middle School North



**Front:** Landon Lewis, Patrick Morgan, & Grace Mathis  
**Back:** Khushi Patel, Olivia Long, Tabitha Maberry, Braden Jacobs, Lawson Caverretta, & Colby Stone

## Middle School South



**Front:** Matti Halmari, Coleman Ramsey, Carson Cheshire  
**Back:** Sydne Gregory, Colter Thomas, Stephanie Reynolds, Veronica Torres-Rodriguez, Emalee Maze



# Lady Eagle Athletes Shine!



## Lauren Gray Swims to Another Win

Junior Lauren Gray qualified for the State Swim Meet in the 100-yard freestyle, breaking her school record with a time of 52.99. Lauren also qualified in the 100-yard backstroke, breaking her own school record with a time of 59.21. Lauren placed 5th in the 100-yard Freestyle at state, and 8th in the 100-yard Backstroke at state.

## Ryan Pickering 5th Place at State

Junior Ryan Pickering competed in the discus throw at the UIL State Track and Field Meet earning 5th place with a throw of 128'11".



## BH Girls Basketball State Contenders

The Varsity Girls Basketball Team qualified for State with their Region 3 Championship win over Georgetown. The Lady Eagles faced Canyon High School in the Alamodome, earning the State Semi-Finalist title for 2017.



# Boys Cross Country Team



Boys Cross Country competed in the State Championship Meet on November 12 in Round Rock, Texas, where they finished 10th place overall. The team ran their best race of the year and averaged 16:44 per runner, which is a new all-time school record. Five individual runners on the team came in under 17:00 minutes as well, which also was a record for BH.



## First Year of BH Soccer Wrap Up

In its inaugural year, Barbers Hill Girls Soccer team placed third in district, advanced to the Bi-District playoffs, and finished the season 14-4-3. We are extremely proud of our teams, both boys and girls, who broke ground to bring this global sport to the Hill. Congratulations, Coach Kyle Westerberg and Coach Brian Moore. We can, we will!



## Barbers Hill 2017 Varsity Football Schedule

8/25	SCRIMMAGE	
9/1	VIDOR	HOME
9/8	SANTE FE	AWAY
9/15	CROSBY	HOME
9/22	KINGWOOD PARK	AWAY
9/29	CANEY CREEK	HOME
10/6	DAYTON	AWAY
10/13	SPLENDORA	HOME
10/20	HUMBLE	
10/27	NEW CANEY	HOME
11/3	OPEN	
11/10	PORTER	AWAY



Barbers Hill Varsity Eagles get an early taste of the game during Spring Training.



## Principals of the Year



Elementary Principal of the Year  
Elizabeth Filer,  
Barbers Hill Elementary South



Secondary Principal of the Year  
Daniel Andrews,  
Barbers Hill DAEP

## Teachers of the Year



Elementary Teacher of the Year  
Erica Rangel  
Kindergarten Center



Secondary Teacher of the Year  
Nikki Hollingsworth,  
Barbers Hill Middle School South



## We Are Growing!

Barbers Hill administration, led by Asst. Superintendent of Planning and Operations Stan Frazier, conducted a facilities study in 2015 to determine the greatest areas of need for future classroom space. The high school was determined to be the campus with the most pressing need, followed by the kindergarten/primary and middle schools. The remaining funds from Bond 2013 were allocated for classroom additions at the high school, and construction began in 2016. These additions will bring 30 classrooms, 3 computer labs, 2 construction technology classrooms, and additional locker space for our growing athletic program at Barbers Hill High School. At the remaining campuses, classroom space needs will be met through recently-approved Bond 2017.



## Saying Goodbye to Eagle Educators

Barbers Hill ISD celebrated six retiring Eagles in May, with more than 80 collective years of service to our district. Retiring are Rene Heard (MSN), Melissa Castillo (MSN), Rosie Canchola (KC), Jabo Leonard (MSN), Serena Smesny (Tech Dept.), and Rhonda Ponder (MSS). Also retiring this year are Heidi Young, Bruce Taylor, Julie Heffner, Kimberly McSpadden, Denise Nicholson, and James Harris. Thank you, staff, for all you have done to build strong Eagles in Barbers Hill. Best wishes for a wonderful retirement!





# Save the Dates for 2017-2018

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN **July 12-25, 2017**

**School Starts: August 17, 2017**

<b>July 31 Monday</b>	<b>Returning Students</b> <b>Kinder New Students</b>	<b>at ALL CAMPUSES</b> <b>at Kinder Center</b>	<b>12:00-7:00 pm</b> <b>12:00-7:00 pm</b>
<b>August 1 Tuesday</b>	<b>Returning Students</b> <b>Kinder New Students</b> <b>Drug Testing</b> <b>(MS and HS Students)</b>	<b>at ALL CAMPUSES</b> <b>at Kinder Center</b> <b>at Middle School</b> <b>North Gym</b>	<b>8:30-11:00 am, 1-5:00 pm</b> <b>8:30-11:00 am, 1-5:00 pm</b> <b>8:30-11:00 am, 1-5:00 pm</b>
<b>August 3 Thursday</b>	<b>ALL New Students</b> <b>Drug Testing</b> <b>(MS and HS Students)</b>	<b>at High School</b> <b>at High School</b> <b>Gym</b>	<b>8:30-11:00 am, 1-6:00 pm</b> <b>8:30-11:00 am, 1-6:00 pm</b>
<b>August 4 Friday</b>	<b>ALL New Students</b>	<b>at High School</b>	<b>12:00-4:00 pm</b>

See District Website for More Details About What to Bring to Registration



Scan for Summer Shopping  
Supply List



For District Calendar:  
[www.bhisd.net/calendar](http://www.bhisd.net/calendar)



**SUMMER READING HAS ITS REWARDS**  
*Check our website for Reading Incentive Details*

## Eagle Launch Dates 2017

<b>August 2, 2017</b>	<b>August 9, 2017</b>	<b>August 10, 2017</b>	<b>August 14, 2017</b>	<b>August 15, 2017</b>
High School	Kindergarten Center	Middle Schools North/South	Kindergarten Center	Elementary School South
Freshman Orientation	A-L Students 5:30 pm	6th Grade 6:00 pm	Pre-K 5:15 pm	6:00 pm
6:00 pm	M-Z Students 6:15 pm	7th- 8th Grade 7:15 pm	Primary School	Elementary School North
			A-L Students 5:30 pm	6:30 pm
			M-Z Students 6:15 pm	





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