



BYRAM HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECTRUM

A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019!

With excitement in the air, members of the Class of 2019 arrived on the graduation stage to the traditional melody of "Pomp and Circumstance," heard inspiring speeches packed with words of wisdom, and finally crossed the stage as graduates.

Byram Hills High School's 51st Commencement Ceremony was held on June 18th at The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College, where seniors said goodbye to high school life and welcomed the start of their next chapter.

Principal Christopher Walsh welcomed the graduates, their relatives and friends and the Byram Hills faculty by declaring that all of the graduating seniors have fulfilled the mission of the District.

"I am very happy to report that on stage tonight we have assembled 213 productive and responsible citizens ready to face the world and all of the challenges that come with it."

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**"BE AMBITIOUS.
BE BOLD. BE BRAVE."**

- ALAN CHANG, VALEDICTORIAN



Aniella Poppo, Abby Quintiere, Amina Chace, and Emma Lucchino display their colleges on their graduation caps.

CONGRATS GRADS!

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Salutatorian Emma Lucchino questioned how, at age 18, high school graduates are supposed to have their lives all figured out.

"It's exciting and freeing to not know what's going to happen," she said. "Now is our time to experience new things, take chances and find our own paths."

"This is one of the few times when not knowing could be seen as a good thing," she continued. "That's why we have a high school graduation, to declare that none of us know what we're doing, and that's something worth celebrating."

Valedictorian Alan Chang told the story of himself as a 16-year-old boy who thought he could solve his problems by reaching a goal one summer. He discovered that it was finding the confidence to be himself that led to happiness.

"We are all capable of such great change, yet sometimes we're too hung up on trying to change our self rather than change the world," he said. "In reality, every single one of us is, and should stay, their own person."

In the principal's address, Mr. Walsh recalled the Oscar-winning documentary, "Free Solo." It's the gripping story of renowned rock climber Alex Honnold's "free solo" climb of El Capitan, an ascent up the 3,000-foot, vertical rock face in Yosemite National Park he made alone and without a rope or other safety gear.

Mr. Walsh believed that Mr. Honnold was lucky to find his life's purpose at a young age, and he urged the graduates to spread their wings in search of their own.

"My hope today is that each of them will find a purpose, which they will pursue with as much passion as Alex Honnold did, and that those of us in their lives have the courage to support that pursuit," Mr. Walsh said. "Graduates, what you've earned here today is the opportunity to become what you have the potential to be. That can only happen if you're willing to take those risks and remain vulnerable in life."

Superintendent Dr. Jen Lamia reminded the graduates that she had seen most of them learn, struggle and bloom since they were 5-years-old. "Through the years, you have defined the Byram Hills student," she said. "You are brilliant, committed and independent. How can you use these attributes in the next chapter in your lives?"

"Remember that your motivation to be who you will be is within you and must be true to you," she said. "That is what you have shown us thus far. Seniors, thank you for the way you have defined yourselves and for the lessons you've taught all of us about brilliance, commitment and independence."

Other highlights included the presentation of the senior class gift, the concert choir's performance of "A Million Dreams," the presentation of the diplomas and the cap toss.

NEW PROM SUCCESS!

For the first time in 25 years, the Byram Hills High School prom was held on land and for the first time in school history, the community was invited to attend the pre-prom event with all of the high school students. Students and parents chatted, mingled, took photos and were grateful to share in the occasion. Thanks to the PTSA and Grade Activity Board, students arrived to a balloon arch, a red carpet, a step and repeat, snacks and great music.

The school administration, the Senior Grade Activity Board and the PTSA began their plan to update the prom over a year ago to make the experience more inclusive for students, safer, and with more community involvement.

Hundreds of fashionable couples walked the red carpet and were photographed, both inside and out of the high school they have called home for the past four years.

For the students and their families, this was a most special and memorable evening.



Matthew Cohen, Tatiana Geller, Brandon Fonte, and Abigail Binder pose in front of the Step and Repeat for a photo op.

GRADE 8 MOVES UP

The HCC Moving Up Ceremony brought excitement to students and their families on June 24th, 2019. Students received their diplomas and kind words from H.C. Crittenden Principal, Ms. Kim Lapple.

"As a grade, you've excelled both as individuals and as a collective group," said Ms. Lapple. "This class has become such a positive force." She then proudly handed the grade over to Mr. Christopher Walsh, Principal of Byram Hills High School.



"Your class will be the 55th in our school's history and I look forward to seeing the distinct identity that you create," said Mr. Walsh.

"September 3rd is in 71 days and we can't wait to have you all at the high school. Congratulations to the class of 2023."

Byram Hills Honors Four Educators with Teacher Recognition Awards

Four Byram Hills educators were honored at the June Board of Education meeting with the Teacher Recognition Award for their outstanding commitment to education. "The purpose of this award is to really highlight special service and special commitment to our schools," Superintendent Dr. Jen Lamia said. "We are identifying a particularly distinguished contribution that a teacher has made."

"These teachers collaborate with others in a very special way to bring new insights into Byram Hills that can really help us grow and learn."

Recipients of the annual award traditionally address the faculty at the start of the next school year and receive \$1,000 for professional development or classroom materials.

The honorees were nominated by their principal.



The 2018-2019 recipients are Leslie Goldfarb, a math specialist at Coman Hill Elementary School; Cathleen Oliveto, a fourth grade teacher at Wampus Elementary School; Barbara Barthelmes, a library media specialist at HCC Middle School; and David Hubbs, an English teacher at Byram Hills High School.

Coman Hill Elementary School

"Leslie Goldfarb is an outstanding teacher and a remarkable individual. As math specialist, Mrs. Goldfarb models continuous reflection on her practice," Coman Hill Principal MaryBeth Crupi said.

"She uses student work samples, assessments, and her own observations to contemplate the best strategies to introduce new math concepts," she said. "No teaching decision is taken lightly as Leslie carefully deliberates how to reach each and every student so they can achieve at their highest potential."

Mrs. Goldfarb also collaborates with her colleagues at Coman Hill, and she was instrumental in the successful implementation of the new math program, Investigations.

Simply put, Mrs. Goldfarb is an amazing person.

"She is so humble that she never takes credit for all the work she does behind the scenes to help everyone succeed," Ms. Crupi said. "Leslie has helped the students, teachers, and administration succeed in so many aspects of our daily lives. From Investigations math lessons to revising IST practices to having someone listen to you and ponder next steps, Leslie is the kind of friend and colleague that everyone dreams to have at least once during their lifetime."

Wampus Elementary School

Cathleen Oliveto is deeply devoted to Wampus and the Byram Hills District. "Throughout the years, Mrs. Oliveto has always put the care of children at the forefront of her work," Principal Peggy McNerney said. "Mrs. Oliveto is known as a teacher who will go the extra mile for her students inside and outside the walls of her classroom. Mrs. Oliveto has celebrated wonderful events in her students' lives, and she has been a steadfast rock for her students and their families during difficult times."

Mrs. Oliveto is dedicated to her colleagues and has taken the lead in beautifying the school.

"Most recently, she created a display of handmade butterflies along the library/cafeeteria corridor," Ms. McNerney said. "She invited all members of Wampus to add colorful flowers to these walls. Mrs. Oliveto understands how to build a community of care, compassion and kindness."

"Mrs. Oliveto exemplifies the District's goal of building communities of care and compassion where service to others and kindness prevail," Ms. McNerney said.

H. C. Crittenden Middle School

Barbara Barthelmes, the school's library media specialist, embodies HCC's mission of creating an active learning community where everyone is empowered to take risks and embrace rigor while maintaining a healthy mindset.

Last summer, she was instrumental in the transformation of the school library into a state-of-the-art media center, thanks to the support of the Byram Hills Education Foundation. This is a space that fosters curiosity, creativity and collaboration for students and staff alike.

"Mrs. Barthelmes dedicated long hours, sifting through books and resources to ensure that this renovation not only changed the physical appearance of the library, but also the manner in which students could utilize the resources within the space," Ms. Lapple said. "Through these actions, she modeled risk-taking by moving beyond print materials and introducing new avenues for the H.C. Crittenden community to access information electronically."

She has integrated her own professional learning into the fabric of the new media center. She has refined her practice with Makerspace activities and has brought the Green Screen technology to HCC. Finally, she never forgets the importance of bringing literature to life and finding organic connections to grade level curriculums.

Byram Hills High School

English teacher David Hubbs is a leader who is dedicated to the principles of continuous improvement and student engagement.

"What truly distinguishes David's teaching is his knowledge of students as individuals," Principal Christopher Walsh said. As a mentor teacher, Mr. Hubbs plays a key role in introducing freshmen to the Byram Hills culture.

"A student-centered educator, David's communication with students and parents alike involve all parties in the discussion of the whole child," Mr. Walsh said. "Well before the District formally partnered with Challenge Success, David was working to help students manage anxiety. I can think of countless hours and emails sent by David that get to the heart of what we care about in Byram-providing students with a supportive learning environment."

Outside of the classroom, Mr. Hubbs has been stockpiling used formal wear for years as part of the Operation Prom clothing drive. This year, he supported students in the Youth Against Cancer Club by serving as one of the advisers.

Byram Hills High School Awards

JAMIE TESTA ONWARD AND UPWARD SCHOLARSHIP

Given to a senior who shows exemplary commitment to helping others and dedication to public service.

ANIELLA POPPO

ARMONK LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Awarded to seniors for their outstanding, active, public and/or community service during their high school years.

**EVIA MASCARO
SPENCER WEINHOF**

NORTH CASTLE POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Presented to a senior who has shown academic excellence and a commitment to the North Castle community.

MARGARET WALSH

ARMONK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EX- CELLENCE IN BUSINESS AWARD

Awarded to a senior who has demonstrated impressive business acumen, responsibility and dedication either as an employee of a local business establishment or as an entrepreneur.

GREGORY SKRILOFF

JOHN A. LOMBARDI SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding civic service and achievement.

SAMANTHA EFOBI

THE NYS COMPTROLLER'S 2019 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Given to seniors for academic achievement and outstanding community service.

**SAMANTHA KREVOLIN
DAVID MCDANIELS**

WELLESLEY COLLEGE BOOK AWARD

Awarded to a junior outstanding in her academic performance, character, and contributions to school and/or community life.

ISABELLE LEVY

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE BOOK AWARD

Awarded to a junior who has earned an excellent academic record and who has exhibited qualities of leadership and service in the school community.

ALLISON STILLMAN

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD

Presented to an academically- outstanding junior who demonstrates intellectual leadership and strong character

ARIELLE RAGALS

BRANDEIS BOOK AWARD

Presented to a junior who demonstrates commitment to academics and service to his/her community.

SARAH ILANY

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA BOOK AWARD

Given to a junior with outstanding character and high academic achievement, who provides important service to school or community.

REESE TATEO

YALE UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD

Presented to a junior in recognition of outstanding character and intellectual promise with diverse skills and leadership qualities.

ALISON LEHMAN

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO BOOK AWARD

Presented to a junior who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and scholarly research in a rigorous college preparatory program.

MADISON HIGGINS

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE BOOK AWARDS

Awarded to juniors who exhibit excellent academic achievement and who contribute to the extracurricular activities of the school.

**SPENCER KARP
ELLA MANNERS**

CORNELL UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD

Awarded to a junior who has demonstrated academic excellence, as well as outstanding dedication to extracurricular activities and meaningful participation in community service.

KALLIE HOFFMAN

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD SOFIA GIAMARTINO

HARVARD PRIZE BOOK AWARDS

Given to outstanding juniors who display excellence in scholarship and high character.

**SAMUEL ABERMAN
ELENA LOWE**

TULANE UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD

Awarded to a junior who embodies Tulane's motto "Not for one's self, but for one's own" and is a true servant leader.

ANDREW MILLER

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD

Presented to a junior who demonstrates excellence in civic engagement and a commitment to independent and creative thought.

BENJAMIN HAMMOND

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Given to juniors having an academic interest in engineering, business, science or liberal arts.

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: ISABELLE NELSON
LEADERSHIP AWARD: DOMINIC PICCA**

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA JEFFERSON BOOK AWARD

Presented to a junior who embraces creativity and innovation, and embodies the spirit of discovery, much like the University's founder, Thomas Jefferson. The student is a demonstrated citizen leader who works to improve their community locally or globally.

SETH MORRISON

SMITH COLLEGE BOOK AWARD

Awarded to a junior who combines academic excellence with participation in extracurricular activities and a commitment to community service.

MEREDITH MAYERS

ENGLISH AWARDS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN EXCELLENCE IN WRITING AWARD

HAYLEY SIEGLE

SENIOR ENGLISH AWARDS

For outstanding senior English students

**EMMA LUCCHINO
LINDSEY PERLMAN**

ED WALZER WRITING AWARD

This award was established by the family of Ed Walzer, a graduate of Byram Hills who went on to have a career as a writer. The family has asked that the English department present the award to dedicated writers in the hope that they will pursue their passion for writing.

EMMA FREUND

SOCIAL STUDIES AWARDS

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY BOOK AWARD

Awarded to an exceptional junior who has achieved outstanding scholarship in the subject of Social Studies.

ALISON LEHMAN

SOCIAL SCIENCES AWARD

Given to a senior who has shown exceptional growth in the field of Social Studies.

LEONARDO GAGLIARDI

NORTH CASTLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARD

Given to a senior who has excelled in American History, European History, and/or the senior electives.

SAMANTHA ABBRUZZESE

HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AWARD

Presented to a senior who is an outstanding and serious history scholar

PIETRO PEREZ

**THE NORTH CASTLE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY HISTORICAL RESEARCH AWARD
IN HONOR OF RICHARD LANDER
AND DORIS FINCH WATSON**

Given to a student who has an interest and passion in historic research to honor North Castle's late town historians.

SARAH FAKLER

MATHEMATICS AWARDS

STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

For outstanding achievement in Mathematics

OUTSTANDING SENIOR: ALAN CHANG

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR: SPENCER KARP

THE KEN HAMILTON MEMORIAL AWARD

Given to a senior who has displayed exceptional skills in software design, programming, systems analysis and hardware configuration; and who demonstrates excellent understanding and appreciation of computer science.

DANIEL VATAJ

**RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC
INSTITUTE AWARD**

For outstanding achievement in Math/Science

ANA VATAJ

SCIENCE AWARDS

THE FARADAY AWARD

Presented to a senior who can manage long-term projects from inception to conclusion and create solutions in non-traditional ways.

OREN MOLLOY

**BYRAM HILLS AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE**

Awarded to an outstanding senior for excellence in science.

BRENT PERLMAN

BAUSCH & LOMB AWARD

Presented to an outstanding junior science student.

ELENA LOWE

**BYRAM HILLS AWARD FOR
POTENTIAL IN SCIENCE**

Awarded to an outstanding junior for potential in science

ALLISON STILLMAN

WORLD LANGUAGE AWARDS

Honors the senior that has demonstrated a superior command of the language.

**FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE IN ITALIAN
SAMANTHA ABBRUZZESE**

**FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE IN SPANISH
JONAH SCHWAM**

**FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE IN FRENCH
EMMA LUCCHINO**

THE DUAL LANGUAGE AWARD

Awarded to a senior that has demonstrated a superior command of two upper level languages, taken concurrently.

LUKE GORDON

FINE ARTS AWARDS

PTSA ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

STEFAN DINKEL

BYRAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL ART AWARD

DANIELLE CRONIN

**SENIOR AWARD: COMMITMENT
TO THE ARTS**

DHRUV FRANKLIN

MUSIC AND THEATRE AWARDS

**THE JOHN PHILIP SOUSA
NATIONAL BAND AWARD**

In recognition of outstanding achievement and interest in instrumental music, for singular merit in loyalty and cooperation, outstanding performance and dedication to participation in band work.

BRENT PERLMAN

THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ AWARD

STEFAN DINKEL

THE NATIONAL CHORAL AWARD

**SHEA GORDON
ISABELLE ILAN**

**OUTSTANDING CAREER CONTRIBUTION
TO THE THEATRE PROGRAM**

**SHEA GORDON
HANNAH HOLDEN
SYDNEY NEPO
NICOLE TISSOT**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD

SEZ (SOUTHEASTERN ZONE) AWARD

**TALENE BASIL
NINA BROWN
JEFFREY FERNANDES
MAXWELL PIERCE**

BHHS SPORTSPERSONS OF THE YEAR

**MICHAEL KALIAN
LINDSEY GROTTA**

LYNN ROSENTHAL MEMORIAL AWARD

Female Scholar/Athlete of the year

KATHERINE LEV

**WILLIAM A. McCOY, JR.
MEMORIAL AWARD**

Male Scholar/Athlete of the year

PIETRO PEREZ

VINCENT GRECO AWARD

Presented to a senior who has demonstrated resiliency and has been a positive contributor to the Byram Hills High School community.

BRIAN MUCKER

**MICHELE DELAMONICO MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

This award celebrates the memory of a beloved teacher, colleague, mentor, and club advisor at Byram Hills High School. The BHTA and the BHAA honor a senior student who exhibits the qualities that Michele was known for; resilience, love of learning, collaboration, service to others, sense of humor, and academic engagement. Michele gave back to our community in many ways. She left behind a legacy of care, commitment, and community building. The award will be given to a student who personifies those ideals.

JACK KENNY

PTSA CARUOLO LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is granted to a senior on the basis of leadership, character, dedication, loyalty, humanity, and interest in education.

LINDSEY GROTTA

**HY BLATTE-JACK WOLLENBERG
MEMORIAL AWARD**

This award goes to a senior who has a humanitarian outlook, a willingness to extend himself for others, and an optimistic approach to life and its challenges.

ROBERT WAXMAN



The BHHS Award recipients.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BYRAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2019!

Samantha Brooke Abbruzzese
Gianfranco Affrunti
Andrew Thaddeus Aldous
Jason Chris Alexandrou
Michael Joseph Alexandrou
Lucas Vincent Alimonti
Samuel Alvis
Ellen Michelle Amico
Macie Rose Aronsky
Adit Kumar Arvati
Ishmael Hamza Asad
Julia Holly Barnett
Talene Aida Basil
Nicholas George Basile
James Alfred Bastone
Eason James Bayley
Cole Hendrix Beck
Casey Begleiter
Jordan Brett Begleiter
Ethan Daniel Behar
Ruth Bari Beinhacker
Samuel Harrison Bilotti
Abigail Claire Binder
Garrett Matthew Boekel
Joseph Francis Borsellino
Haley Dana Breisblatt
Nina Madison Brown
Matthew Ryan Butera
Michael P. Caporale
Juliet Lucia Capriglione
Camille Carthy
Sydney Anne Casler
Tyler Matthew Cermele
Amina Chace
Nicole Chalarca
Alan Chang
Rachel Avery Chernoff
Zachary Mason Cogan
Charlotte Grace Cohen
Jack Anthony Cohen
Matthew Cohen
Ryan Mack Cohen
Spencer Adam Cohen
William Brian Cohen
Katherine Colella
Alessandra Colella-Albino
Olivia Rae Conte
Dean Andrew Corelli
Cecily Rose Corpina
Joely Lake Coviello
Danielle Cronin
Alexander D'Angelo
Ciara Isabella Dalton
Elizabeth Sarah DeGeorges
Matthew Alexander Deutsch
Michael F. DiMarco
Stefan Philip Dinkel
Sophia DiStefano
Jordan Lyn Dorfman
Éva Rose Duffy
Samantha Efobi
Michael Endico
Sarah Fakler
Nicole Alana Feldman
Jeffrey J. Fernandes
Isaac Seth Fischer
Talia Lyn Fisher
Vivien Eleni Flokas
Brandon Marc Fonte
Dhruv Franklin
Angela Marie Fratta

Jack James Fratta
Joshua Norman Freedman
Emma Alexis Freund
Isaac Robert Frimet
Carson Frye
Matthew Vincent Gaetano
Leonardo J. Gagliardi
Sofia Nadia Garcia
Luke Alexander Gastelu
Alec Lucas Geller
Cole Spencer Geller
Caitlin Geller
Dylan Matthew Geller
Tatiana Jane Geller
Carla Rose Gemelli
Harley Reuben Geoghegan
Jamie Gluckman
Luke Dennison Gordon
Olivia Rose Gordon
Shea Alexander Gordon
Jordyn Olivia Green
Lindsey Anne Grotta
Rahul Gupta
Erin Rose Haas
Tyler Kosi Harp
Skyler Healy
Hannah Simone Holden
Natalie Ann Hooker
Megan Hwang
Isabelle Sasha Ilan
Ethan Brett Jacobs
Hailey Lauren Jacobs
Alicia Noelle Jacovatos
Maximus Jarl
Benjamin Harris Kahn
Michael Anthony Kalian
Grayson Joel Kaminer
Tyler Ian Kaminer
Elyse Julia Kanner
Elyse Shakeh Karozichian
Jack Joseph Kenny
Savannah Lee Kirkwood
Alex Mitchell Kleiman
Hannah Rose Klein
Jack Bennett Kovensky
Samantha Katie Krevolin
Melissa Kelly Krohnengold
Max Andrew Kruman
Renner Kwittken
Timothy Jordan Lee
Benjamin Harris Leff
Katherine Sage Lev
Henry Livingston
Nathaniel Thomas Lucas
Emma Lucchino
Sophie Maniscalco
Nicholas Sergio Martinez
Evia Faith Mascaro
Sabrina Mauro
Benjamin Reed Mautner
David Ryan McDaniels
Wolfram Harry Pao-ke Mesh
Nicole Meyer
Evan Matthew Miller
Matthew Lawrence Miller
Tyler Jake Miller
Oren H. Molloy
Anthony Monteforte
Mikayla Alexia Moreno
Brian James Mucker

Gianluca Jude Nelson
Sydney Mae Nepo
Evan Michael Okun
Pietro Sottovia Perez
Brent Stern Perlman
Lindsey Stern Perlman
Brett Logan Perlmutter
Jenna Merri Pfeffer
Thomas Mark Piazza
Max Michael Pierce
Josie Hannah Pilchik
Kristin Amanda Polera
Aniella Poppo
Michael Alex Primiano
Abby Quintiere
Griffen Scott Rakower
Zachary David Ratzan
Noah Ray
Stella Blue Recht
Lorenzo Michael Rocco
Andrew Daniel Rosenberg
Allyson Ross
Kylie Melissa Rowan
Joseph Saglimbeni
Sebastien Lucas Robert Sampere
William Samsen
Nolan Michael Sanders
Nicholas Scaglione
Grace Elizabeth Scavone
Dean John Schaefer
Alexa Paige Schimel
Alexa Schlau
Jonah Evan Schwam
Lauren Selkin
Alex Matthew Shapiro
Charles Sidoti
William James Siegel
Samuel Siegel
Hayley Jayne Siegle
Jonah Stephen Silpe
André F. Silva
Gregory Skriloff
Samuel Ethan Sporn
Dylan Sara Starker
Evangelos Peter Stefanopoulos
Berdj Elias Stepanian
Jake Stern
Sofia Beatrice Stillman
Jacob Merchant Stumacher
Riley Michael Sullivan
Zoe Simpson Swiss
Olivia Rose Tantleff
Michael Joseph Tedesco
Emily Claire Tillinger
Nicole Ann Tissot
Elijah Benjamin Tolz
Hannah Tallulah Tolz
Lucas Henry Travers
Nicholas Rocco Troiano
Wylie Sebastian Troy
Zachary Tuzzo
Daniel Alfred Vataj
Kayla Vesuvio
Margaret Grace Walsh
Robert Michael Waxman
Julia Reese Weiler
Spencer Weinhoff
Tyler Jacob Weinstein
Emily Rachel Weis
Katherine Grace Zepf
Moses Zhang

STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER

Sounds of patriotism filled the Coman Hill halls in June as kindergarteners prepared for their Flag Day performance. The repertoire included well-known traditional songs of our country, as well as exuberant dances set to the music of popular American songs and marches.

The kindergarten performance theme remains consistent each year, focused on patriotism and the Flag Day holiday. "The students are so motivated that they rise to the vocal challenges and complicated language found in many of these songs," says Emily Capalbo, Coman Hill music teacher.

This theme also provides a natural at-home connection. "I think there's unspeakable value in sharing their learning and excitement in discovering that family members know the songs. It only perpetuates their enthusiasm," Ms. Capalbo says.

She involves a lot of cross-curricular exploration; students read books about songs, discuss them in a historical context, use visual prompts as a way to support vocabulary, and they also explore geography. "We use maps a great deal," says Ms. Capalbo. "There's new meaning in This Land is Your Land when we locate California and New York on the map, understanding how far Woody Guthrie traveled and learning that this trip inspired him to write his famous song."

The Kindergarten Flag Day performances precede the school's Flag Day Celebration, when all of the teachers and students gather outside around the flagpole singing patriotic songs after a ceremonial flag raising. Ms. Capalbo continued, "The singalong is special because it brings everyone in Coman Hill together, commemorating the end of school in a moment of community, song and celebration."



Students show their enthusiasm for the Red, White, and Blue.



Field Day received two thumbs up from the Wampus students.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

On a crisp May morning Wampus students, staff and faculty came prepared with their colored tee shirts and smiles to the opening ceremonies of Field Day, 2019. This has been a tradition for over 45 years and is the most anticipated event in school.

Beyond all of the games and festivities there are some important objectives the school looks to accomplish. "The overall goal has always been to bring the Wampus and Byram Hills School community together," said Christina Motta, Wampus physical education teacher, "and to provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their character and sportsmanship in a fun-filled way."

"Students challenge themselves, support others, work together and participate in some good ol' fashioned fun," said Doreen Cohen, Wampus physical education teacher. Events like hula hooping, the egg relay and potato sack races are just a few of the ways students compete.

This year there were 24 stations packed with amusement. "There were individual competition stations like the broad jump or 50 yard dash, cooperative team stations, where homerooms worked together to accomplish a goal, and 'just for fun' stations," said Gina Whalen, Wampus physical education teacher.

What helps to create this Byram Hills classic is the participation of our high school juniors. This year, approximately 65 students joined in the excitement by organizing and running the various stations. One student, Jamie Weiss, said "This was an experience I loved as a kid and now I get to come back with my friends to partake."

As students dashed around the fields covered from head to toe in red, white and blue there was a true sense of school spirit in the air. While not the official last day of school, Field Day always helps usher in the end of school. With warm temperatures and blue skies, this year's celebration led us right into summer.

THE NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Colleen O'Connor joins the District as an Assistant Principal at Byram Hills High School. She was a former assistant principal and special education teacher at East Brooklyn Community High School and most recently, assistant principal at Horace Greeley High School in the Chappaqua School District.

"From my first interview at Byram Hills, I knew this was a place I wanted to work. Their collaborative approach to providing students the best education possible is aligned to my own beliefs about education," Colleen said.

GenineMarie C. DiFalco joins the District as an Assistant Principal at Coman Hill Elementary. She was a teacher at Chatsworth Elementary School in the Mamaroneck School District for 14 years, and prior to that she was a teacher at P.S. 180 in Brooklyn.

"I look forward to being a part of the Byram Hills School District and Coman Hill family where professionalism, commitment to social emotional learning, collaboration, and educating the whole child are paramount," GenineMarie said.



Colleen O'Connor (left) and GenineMarie C. DiFalco (right).



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Our Mission

In an environment of mutual respect, the Byram Hills School District and its community will provide students with the means, the knowledge, and the opportunity to excel in order to become productive and responsible citizens of the twenty-first century.

"A great place to learn."

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Byram Hills honored 17 members of the faculty and staff with the Longevity Service Award for their many years of service to the District. "These dedicated employees have worked in Byram Hills for a combined 390 years," Superintendent Dr. Jen Lamia said during a June 25 Board of Education meeting.

Recipients pictured: (in back row from left) Matthew Allen, Nicole Cavaliere, Theresa Hanrahan, Susan Tyrrell, Angelo Ancona, Joanna Nash, Chris Rasquin, Elise Feder (in front row from left) Jean White, John McNamara, Susan Liebman and Judy DeJarlal.

Missing from photo: Jill Berner, Kim Costello, Richard Peterman, Alison Rosenfeld and Brenda Toohey.



Jonas Kalish (left) and Ally Dellacioppa (right).

The Byram Hills Board of Education has granted tenure to two educators at Byram Hills High School, special education teacher Ally Dellacioppa and Jonas Kalish, who teaches math.

The tenure appointments, approved by the Board on June 11 take effect in late August.

"It's the point where you have made a serious commitment to be a part of something that is going to grow and expand over time and reach people in different ways that you didn't know that you could," Dr. Jen Lamia said. "I think that our two tenure candidates really exemplify that."

Mr. Kalish, who came to the District with experience at Stuyvesant High School and Blind Brook High School, was drawn to Byram Hills for its cutting edge professional development, Dr. Lamia said. He is eager for feedback, collaborates with colleagues and asks to observe their classes. Mr. Kalish supports strategies to minimize students' anxiety and has a warm and calm demeanor that puts everyone at ease.

Ms. Dellacioppa's level of engagement with her students after school matches her strong commitment to her students in her classroom during the school day.

As an educator who has taught Resource Room for grades 10-12 and Regents English, Ms. Dellacioppa is also a part of the Skills/Learning Center and the Flexible Support Program.

"At any given day, you can go to Ally's classroom after school, and if kids are coming, Ally is there," Dr. Lamia said. "Any opportunity that kids have to see her outside of school, they are doing it. She is providing math instruction, and providing support to kids in every one of their content areas in the high school."