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## Announcements:

### ⇒ Summer Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
(Closed on Friday)

### ⇒ Used Uniform Store Hours starting June 2:

Wednesdays: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and  
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Thursdays: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### ⇒ Employment Opportunities:

#### \* Strings Teacher

Part time position on Fridays

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Monday - Friday from 3:00 pm  
to 6:00 pm. If interested,  
please send your resume to  
[mcamacho@bcspanthers.org](mailto:mcamacho@bcspanthers.org).

⇒ **Summer Mailer:** Watch for the BCS  
Summer Mailer that will go out in June.  
This will have information about next  
school year you won't want to miss.



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As our 2020-2021 School year comes to an end, we want to THANK YOU and share how the Lord has blessed Bradenton Christian School.

### **We have much to celebrate as we honor our 60th Anniversary Year:**

- *In 1960, our enrollment was 24 students from 12 families for grades 1-5. Today, our enrollment is 860 students from 621 families in grades Preschool-12.*
- *In 1971, we purchased the land of the current campus and built the elementary building with 23,000 sq. ft. in 1972. Today we have 5 buildings on this same land for grades K-12 (with Preschool at West Bradenton Baptist Church) with a total of 160,000+ sq.ft.*
- *In 1960, our proposed budget was \$9,159. Today, our proposed budget is \$9,306,329.*
- *Our first graduating **high school** class was in 1979 with 11 students. Today, including 2021 graduates, BCS will have 1802 total high school graduates.*

The past 60 years have not always been easy, but many challenges have refined our faith and helped us grow closer to Christ and to trust His plan.

### **Blessings do abound at BCS!**

This year, we made it through a pandemic, opened a \$19M Pentecost Athletic Center where we raised \$19.5M, met many operating budgeted goals, and kept all our teachers and staff paid. We were poetically donated exactly 60 acres on our 60th anniversary year to build a new school in Parrish in the near future **and BCS will celebrate 61 graduating seniors this month.** We thank God, and we thank you for playing an instrumental part in these accomplishments. We ask that you continually pray for BCS. Let's continue to grow closer to Christ and love and trust Him more as we jump into the next 60 years.

Please be sure to check out our most recent Gala celebration video where we had guest speakers, Taylor Stutts (a grandson of Bernie and Pearl Bandstra-founding family of BCS) and Chase Cofer, who are both graduates of BCS (Class of 2006) and our emcee Jason Chambers, (Class of 1999). We would also like to thank the following founding members of BCS who were in attendance that night: Will Wichers, Johanna Zaagman and Marilyn Bouwer. Gala Video: <https://youtu.be/2V-EivIBLWs>

Also, please be sure to watch and share our new BCS promotional video below! We are excited to share God's blessings and love through our school to other families. Thank you for a great 2020-2021 school year. Promotional Video: <https://youtu.be/fhDQ6Crxkjc>

Until next year,  
Dan Vande Pol

# Student Activities

## **Elementary Awards Ceremony**

Thursday, May 27 at 8:30 am in the Gym

## **Last Day of School**

Thursday, May 27 - 11:30 dismissal for all

## **Graduation**

Friday, May 28 at 7:00 pm at Bayside EAST Campus (15800 SR 64, Bradenton)

## **Summer Reading**

Middle & High School Students - Don't forget your Summer Reading! For the complete list of summer reading assignments, go to our website and click on Academics, then Secondary, then Summer Reading and click your grade

## **2021-2022 School Year**

## **Fall Sports Begin**

Monday, August 2

## **Meet Your Teacher Day**

Monday, August 9

PreK & Elementary - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

MS & HS - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## **First Day of School**

Wednesday, August 11 - 11:30 dismissal for all students

## **SENIORS**



**May 28** – Graduation Day at Bayside EAST CAMPUS (15800 SR 64, Bradenton)

- **9:00 am - Rehearsal – THIS IS MANDATORY FOR ALL SENIORS!**
- 6:00 pm – All Seniors must be at Bayside (Doors open for Graduates Only)
- 6:15 pm - Doors open for families only
- 6:30 pm - Doors open for general public
- 7:00 pm – Graduation





## High School students looking for service hours over the summer!

**Dive Into Reading** is in need of 200+ volunteer mentors for June and July. Dive Into Reading is a fun, educational, social/emotional one-on-one learning time with rising 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade students attending Camp RISE.

Camp RISE is a camp for Title I students who are one or more grades behind in reading - students are invited to participate by the Manatee County School District when they see they are slipping behind grade level in reading.

Students are transported by the school district to a Dive Into Reading location (usually a restaurant) and arrive around 9:00 am where they are greeted and paired with a mentor

for the one-day-a-week program that lasts for four or five weeks. We want you to develop a relationship with the child your are paired with and that's why we ask for a full 4/5 week commitment if possible.

Students need to sign up for a minimum of one morning a week (Monday - Thursday) and it's from **8:30 am - 10:30 am**. There are 6 locations to choose from:

- Anna Maria Oyster Bar Cortez
- Anna Maria Oyster Bar Ellenton
- Anna Maria Oyster Bar Landside
- Gecko's Bar 7 Grill on SR-70
- O'Bricks Irish Pub & Martini Bar
- The Bishop Museum

The signup form may be found at [www.OysterBar.net/reading](http://www.OysterBar.net/reading) and you have to attend one 60 minute mentor training that is held by Zoom.

**If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Amanda Horne at 941-545-3620 or amobamanda@gmail.com**

## Congressional Art Competition

Congratulations to **Dallas Bethune**, **Jessica Harold**, **Elisabeth Lee**, and **Silia Matelau** who have their work submitted into the Congressional Art Competition. A reception was held at The Ringling Museum of Art on Monday, May 10. Out of 31 pieces that were entered from high schools throughout Manatee and Sarasota counties, two of the six winners were from BCS. Elisabeth received an Honorable Mention and **Silia won first place**. Her painting will be displayed in Washington, D.C. for a year. She also won two round trip tickets to see the display courtesy of Southwest Airlines. Congratulations to all!





# Athletics



**Female Son Light Award**

**Emma Swaagman**



**Male Son Light Award**

**Gabe Derosia**



**Female Athlete of the Year**

**Emma Bivona**



**Male Athlete of the Year**

**Alec Lucas**

# Christian Character Awards

	Encouragement	Positive Attitude	Self-Control	Spiritual Boldness
12th Grade	Kali Brown	Gabe Derosia	Victoria Thompson	Gabe Holton
11th Grade	John Evangelista	Jake Robinette	Logan Kliewer	Jake Robinette
10th Grade	David Thompson	Calla Beukema	Jackson Mullett	Evan Childers & McKinley Williams
9th Grade	Reid Price	Olivia Blank	Christina Magloire	Kaylie Funderburke
8th Grade	Mia Figuerola	Sofia Puccia	Faith Allen	LeahGrace Young
7th Grade	Caroline Gage	Joy Volcy	Shylah Lofton	Haley Childers
6th Grade	Brydon Cox	Brooke Kragt	Madelyn McSwain	Makyla Berry



Mia Figuerola won the Outstanding 8th Grader Award



# BRADENTON CHRISTIAN 2021-2022 CALENDAR

**July 31** Campus Clean Up Day  
**2** Fall Sports Begin  
**3** New Teacher Orientation  
**4-9** Teacher Orientation  
**5** All 6th, New, MS Student Welcome 5:45 pm  
**6** Senior Pictures  
**9** HS New Student Welcome-5:30 pm  
**9** Elem. New Student Welcome-5:30 pm  
**9** Meet Your Teacher Day  
**PreK&Elem** - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**MS & HS** - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
**11** **1st Day of School (11:30 Dismissal)**  
**16** K-5th Back to School Night-6:00 pm  
**19** MS & HS Back to School Night-6:00 pm

AUGUST '21						
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**1-29** Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Sale  
**6** Labor Day (No School)  
**7** Middle School Pictures  
**8** High School Pictures  
**9-10** Preschool Pictures  
**13** Freshman/Parent Workshop  
**13** Senior/Parent Workshop  
**20-24** Homecoming Week  
**24** Homecoming Game  
**21-22** Elementary School Pictures

SEPTEMBER '21						
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**1** No School  
**1-3** Fall Spiritual Retreat  
**4** Family Assoc. Meeting  
**5** NHS Induction Ceremony  
**7** End of 1st Quarter  
**8** Teacher Record Day (No School)  
**13** PSAT  
**18-22** Spiritual Emphasis Week  
**23** Auction  
**26** Picture Retake Day

OCTOBER '21						
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**1** Junior/Parent Workshop  
**11** Veterans Day Celebration  
**15** Hispanic HS Induction Cerem.  
**18** Otis Spunkmeyer Pick Up  
**22-23** Teacher In-Service (No School)  
**24-26** Thanksgiving Break (No School)  
**30** Giving Tuesday

NOVEMBER '21						
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**2** Strings Concert (6th-12th)  
**3** Elem. Christmas Program  
**7** Band Concert (6th-12th)  
**10** Choral Concert (6th-12th)  
**15-17** Secondary School Exams  
**17** End of 1st Semester (11:30 Dismiss)  
**20-3** Christmas Break (No School)  
**28-30** Chick-fil-A Basketball Tournament

DECEMBER '21						
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**1-3** Christmas Break (No School)  
**3** Teacher In-Service (No School)  
**3-7** Interim (High School Only)  
**4** School Resumes  
**17** MLK Day (No School)  
**27** Open House - 5:30 pm

JANUARY '22						
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**7** Family Assoc. Meeting  
**11-25** Re-enrollment for BCS families  
**17** Celebration of Strings Concert  
**18** Grandparents Day (1/2 day 11:30 dismiss)  
**21** President's Day (No School)  
**25** Gala

FEBRUARY '22						
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**4** Music In Our Schools Festival  
**10** End of 3rd Quarter  
**11** Teacher Record Day (No School)  
**11-13** Spring Spiritual Retreat  
**14** No School  
**15-16** MS Iowa Testing  
**17-19** Drama Production  
**21-25** K-5th Iowa Testing  
**21-25** Spiritual Emphasis Week  
**28-1** Spring Break (No School)

MARCH '22						
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**11** 8th Grade/Parent Workshop  
**11-13** 5th Grade Tallahassee Trip  
**12** Tri M Honor Society Induction  
**14** No School (for 5th Grade Only)  
**15** Good Fri (No School)  
**17** Easter  
**18** Easter Monday (No School)  
**19** Choral Concert (6th-12th)  
**20** 5th Grade Parent Meeting  
**22** Junior/Senior Banquet  
**26** Band Concert (5th-12th)  
**26-27** Giving Challenge  
**28** JV/MS Sports Awards Ceremony  
**30** Brouwer Cup Golf Tournament

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**2** No School  
**5** National Day of Prayer  
**5** Strings Concert (5th-12th)  
**10** NJHS Induction Ceremony  
**13** Varsity Sports Awards Ceremony  
**17** HS Academic Awards Ceremony  
**17-18** Senior Exams  
**19** Senior Chapel  
**20-23** Senior Trip  
**23** MS Academic Awards Ceremony  
**24-26** Secondary School Exams  
**26** FREE Sports Physicals (12:00-4:00)  
**25** Last Day of Preschool (11:30 dismiss)  
**26** Elementary Awards Ceremony  
**26** Last Day of School (11:30 dismiss)  
**27** Graduation

MAY '22						
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MAY '22

AP Test Dates

ACT Test Dates

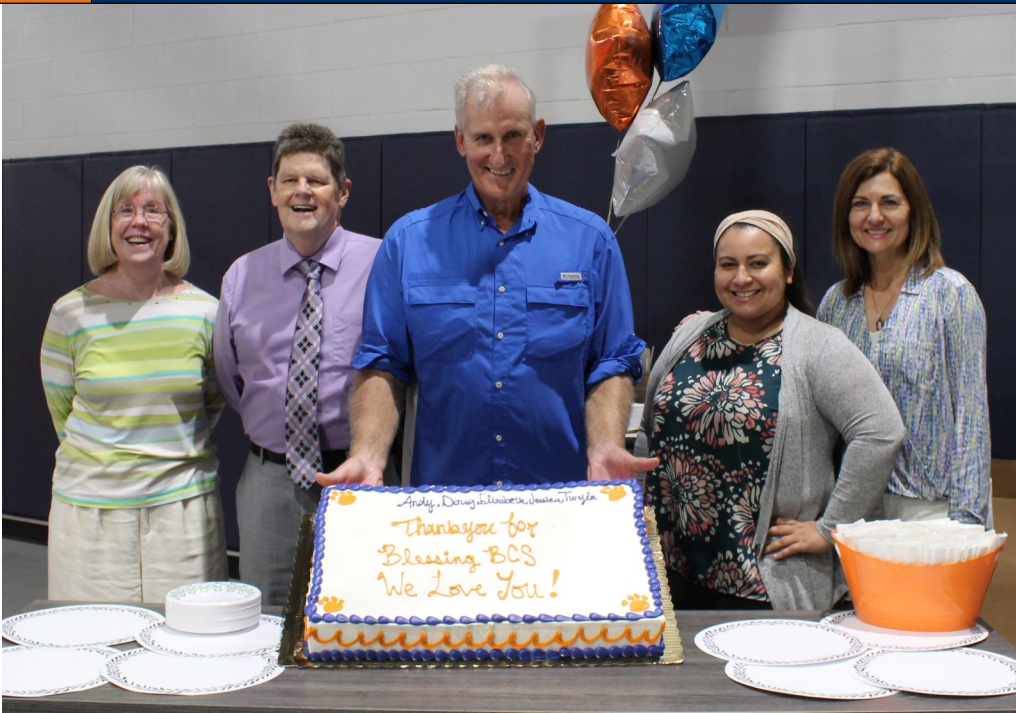
September 11  
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 February 5  
 April 9  
 June 11  
 July 16

SAT Test Dates

August 28  
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JUNE '22

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## Thank you for Blessing BCS

Twyla Bobitz, Middle School Math Teacher  
 Andy Bobitz, Elementary Principal  
 Doug Shaffer, Amazing Bus Driver  
 Jessica Pignotti, Middle School English Teacher  
 Elizabeth Thomas, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

We want to thank all these teachers and staff who have been called by name to serve at BCS. Thank you for bringing the message of Christ to our students and teaching them of Christ's love, grace, and mercy. We have been so blessed by each of them and they will ALL be missed. Thank you good and faithful servants!

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# SPEECH CONTESTS

After writing, memorizing, and practicing speeches, three students were awarded medals and prizes in a final run-off on Thursday, May 6, 2021.

The winners of the 2021 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> competition were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place with "Family Standoff" – Audrey Cox
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with "A Tour in The Amazon Rainforest" – Katie Bradshaw
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with "Positivity in Sports" – Layne Mikulec



Congratulations to these students for all their hard work and winning presentations!

For the first time in seven years, BCS had three winners in the Florida Studio Theater's "Write-A-Play" program. Over 11,000 plays are submitted from all around the USA, France, Israel, Italy, Russia, and Scotland. Of these plays, only 106 are chosen. Congratulations to the following winners:

Honorable Mention –  
"The Missing Bag" by Skyler Dempsey  
"The Reindeer Problem" by Macey Milewski

Award Winner –  
"A Sudden Hit" by Makayla Muneio

These students will attend a virtual awards ceremony on June 5 at 2 PM.



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## March was national “Music In Our Schools Month”

The BCS Music Department Students were extremely busy this spring. The middle and high school band and choir students put on the first-ever outdoor music festival on March 5, 2021, celebrating National “Music In Our Schools Month”. BCS students, faculty, and staff were able to enjoy a beautiful afternoon outside on the new football field listening to performances by the Cadet Band, Ladies’ Choir, Men’s Choir, Advanced Women’s Choir, the all-new Percussion Ensemble, the High School Wind Ensemble, Drum Line, and the ever-so-popular Jazz Band. The weather was beautiful and it was such a thrill to have the opportunity to perform for a live audience after more than a year of performance cancellations.



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SCAN TO CHECK OUT  
OUR WEEKLY SPECIALS  
& EVENTS



## Spring Choir Concert

The Choir Concert was held April 20 and featured beautiful and rousing performances from the Middle School Ladies Choir, the Men's Choir, a Men's Barbershop Quartet, the High School Advanced Women's Choir, and several selections by the combined choirs of Bradenton Christian School. God was Glorified in the music and performances of these outstanding and dedicated students and the audience responded with a resounding standing ovation. Congratulations also to our graduating senior choir members Brooklyn Hollett, Joy Rinsema, and Liv Sand. Joy and Liv also successfully met the requirements for the Tri-M National Music Honor Society and were presented with their Tri-M Honor Society honor cords which they will proudly wear at graduation.



## Spring Band Concert

The BCS Bands put on quite a concert April 27. Performing for a full audience were the 5<sup>th</sup>-grade Beginning Band, the Cadet Band, High School Wind Ensemble, Drum Line, Percussion Ensemble, and the BCS Jazz Band. The BCS music department has certainly kept music thriving - even in the midst of a global pandemic - adding ensembles, equipment, instruments, and enriching opportunities for the dedicated and diligent music students of Bradenton Christian School. Parents and community members were amazed at the ensembles' performances and everyone was inspired by the growth and progress of all the band students. Two senior band students, Abi Millholland and Ethan Marshall, were also recognized and thanked for their incredible contribution and dedication to the BCS band programs. Abi and Ethan both successfully met the requirements for the Tri-M National Music Honor Society and were presented with their Tri-M Honor Society honor cords which they will proudly wear at graduation.







## Tri-M National Music Honor Society Chapter 8738 begins at BCS!

In September 2020, BCS became an official Tri-M National Music Honor Society Chapter, inducting 32 music students into this prestigious Honor Society. Band, percussion, choir, and string orchestra students in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade who maintain a 3.8 GPA in their music ensemble class and hold a minimum 3.3 unweighted GPA overall qualify to apply for Tri-M membership. Each member must uphold high music participation standards, have exceptional leadership qualities, participate in music advocacy and music-promoting service projects, and exude the highest standards of Christian character and behavior. On April 12, 2021, an additional thirteen new members were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society bringing the membership total to 45 students. Each student was presented with an official membership certificate and pin emblem. For the first time in BCS history, four senior music students will be recognized as Tri-M National Music Honor Society graduates. Each graduating Tri-M senior was presented with the official Tri-M honor cord that will be worn at graduation. Congratulations graduating Tri-M seniors Joy Rinsema, Liv Sand, Abi Milholland, and Ethan Marshall.

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## ***College Acceptances***

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Congratulations to these seniors!

<b>Sydney Allman</b> <i>Brewton-Parker College</i>	<b>Emma Bivona</b> <i>Flagler College</i> <i>Southeastern University</i>	<b>Leo Campbell</b> <i>Florida State University</i> <i>University of Central Florida</i>
<b>Logan Anthony</b> <i>Samford University</i> <i>Toccoa Falls College</i>	<b>Calvin Bolkema</b> <i>Dordt University</i> <i>Florida Gulf Coast University</i> <i>University of South Florida</i>	<b>Grayson Chatt</b> <i>Appalachian State University</i> <i>Bowling Green State University</i> <i>Indiana Univ.-Purdue University-IN</i>
<b>Nolan Averso</b> <i>Ave Maria University</i> <i>State College of Florida</i> <i>St. Thomas University</i> <i>Warner University</i> <i>Webber International University</i>	<b>Grace Boyd</b> <i>Southeastern University</i>	<b>John Dykstra</b> <i>Calvin University</i> <i>New College of Florida</i> <i>University of South Florida</i> <i>Wheaton College</i>
<b>Ryan Bassett</b> <i>Florida Atlantic University</i>	<b>Kali Brown</b> <i>Southeastern University</i>	<b>Liam Emmons</b> <i>Southeastern University</i>
<b>Chloe Baxter</b> <i>Florida Gulf Coast University</i>	<b>Josh Calhoun</b> <i>Florida Atlantic University (Honors)</i> <i>Florida Gulf Coast University</i> <i>Florida Institute of Technology</i> <i>Florida International University</i> <i>Florida Polytechnic University</i> <i>Florida Southern College</i> <i>New College of Florida</i> <i>Southeastern University</i> <i>University of Central Florida</i> <i>University of North Florida</i> <i>University of South Florida</i>	<b>Nico Giraldo</b> <i>Boston College</i> <i>Florida State University</i> <i>University of Florida</i> <i>University of Miami</i> <i>Univ. of North Carolina - Chapel Hill</i>
<b>Dallas Bethune</b> <i>Rutgers University</i> <i>Savannah College of Art &amp; Design</i> <i>University of South Florida</i>	<b>Carleigh Campbell</b> <i>Florida Gulf Coast University</i> <i>Florida Southern College</i> <i>University of South Florida</i>	<b>Jessica Harold</b> <i>Florida Atlantic University</i>



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Congratulations to these seniors!

<b>Colin Heintz</b> <i>Florida Atlantic University  Florida Gulf Coast University</i>	<b>Sky Kirkwood</b> <i>Flagler College  Florida Southwestern State College  Hawaii Pacific University  Lynn University  Sante Fe College  University of Tampa  Webber International University</i>	<b>Ethan Marshall</b> <i>Florida Gulf Coast University  New College of Florida  University of South Florida</i>
<b>Brooklyn Hollett</b> <i>Southeastern University</i>	<b>Tien Le</b> <i>Saint Petersburg College  State College of Florida</i>	<b>Kaleb Orduno</b> <i>Flagler College</i>
<b>Gabe Holton</b> <i>Covenant College  Palm Beach Atlantic University  Samford University  Southeastern University  Wheaton College</i>	<b>Annaleise Linkenhoker</b> <i>Duke University</i>	<b>Jadelynn Pasco</b> <i>Savannah College of Art &amp; Design  Southeastern University</i>
<b>Gideon Jankovich</b> <i>Florida State University  University of Central Florida</i>	<b>Maxence Lippens</b> <i>Averett University  Calvin University  Lynn University  Palm Beach Atlantic University  Rollins College  Saint Leo University  Stetson University</i>	<b>Hadley Rhine</b> <i>University of Mississippi</i>
<b>Zackary Johnson</b> <i>U.S. Marine Corps</i>	<b>Alec Lucas</b> <i>Webber International University</i>	<b>Joy Rinsema</b> <i>Palm Beach Atlantic Univ. (Honors)  Southeastern University</i>
<b>Kelli Kern</b> <i>Florida Gulf Coast University (Honors)  Florida State University  University of Central Florida</i>	<b>Jamie Maldonado</b> <i>Southeastern University</i>	<b>Kayla Rothery</b> <i>Florida Gulf Coast University</i>

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<b>Sheldon Spencer</b> <i>Auburn University            Clemson University            Louisiana State University            University of Central Florida            University of Florida            University of Georgia</i>	<b>Victoria Thompson</b> <i>Drexel University            Florida Institute of Technology            Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute            Tulane University            University of Florida            University of Miami            University of South Florida</i>	<b>Julionn Volcy</b> <i>Calvin University            Hanover College            Illinois College            Juniata College            Liberty University            Warner University            Webber International University            Wells College</i>
<b>Emma Swaagman</b> <i>Calvin University</i>	<b>Emma Vande Pol</b> <i>Belmont University            Florida Gulf Coast University            Florida State University            Palm Beach Atlantic University            University of Florida</i>	<b>Tristan Watson</b> <i>U.S. Army</i>
<b>Mary Emma Thomas</b> <i>American University of Paris            Belmont University            Furman University            Samford University</i>	<b>Zack Vanzant</b> <i>University of Florida            University of Miami</i>	<b>Jake Windham</b> <i>Florida Gulf Coast University            Johnson &amp; Wales University            University of North Florida            University of South Florida</i>



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July 5-9

This awesome day camp is for kids who have completed Kindergarten - 8th grade and is hosted right here at BCS July 5-9. WinShape is a fun week of worship, Bible study, recreation, learning new skills, and making new friends. Check out more information at [camps.winshape.org](http://camps.winshape.org).

WinShape Volunteers Needed!

Students who have completed 9th grade and up are invited to volunteer for WinShape Camp for Communities. This day camp will be held on BCS campus the week of July 5-9. You can earn up to 40 service hours! Sign up online at <http://campregistration.winshape.org/wscvolunteer>.

Any questions, please email  
[jen.funderburke@gmail.com](mailto:jen.funderburke@gmail.com)



# Upcoming Events!

- May 27 Elementary Awards Ceremony
- May 27 Last Day of School - 11:30 dismissal
- May 28 Graduation
- Aug. 2 Fall Sports Begin
- Aug. 5 All 6th & New MS Student Welcome
- Aug. 9 Meet Your Teacher Day
- Aug. 11 First Day of School

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## BRADENTON'S DAN VANDE POL COMPLETING THE VAN LUNEN FELLOWS PROGRAM

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan—Dan Vande Pol, Superintendent at Bradenton Christian School, will complete the Van Lunen Fellows Program at Calvin University in November 2021.

Vande Pol was selected for the Van Lunen Center for Executive Management in Christian Schools 2019-2020 cohort of fellows, which includes 24 educators from schools across the United States and Canada, and one from Nigeria. For photos and school affiliations of fellows (including Vande Pol), visit <https://calvin.edu/centers-institutes/van-lunen-center/fellows/past/2019-2020/>

The Fellows program, now in its 14th year, is designed for school heads who seek professional development in their work as administrators of faith-based schools. The Van Lunen Center was established at Calvin University in January 2007 with a \$2.5 million endowment gift from the Richard D. Van Lunen Foundation and is supported by gifts from several foundations, individuals, and Christian school associations.

The 2019-2020 program began in July 2019 with five days of in-person instruction in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and was followed in January 2020 by another five days in Phoenix, Arizona. Between these sessions, faculty coaching and consultant support was available via phone and online tools to assist the fellows in designing their applied school project. Each of the fellows then virtually presented their project in July 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The project represents the culmination of the program and reflects how each fellow can use what they have learned to benefit their individual school in a specific plan of action of their own design.

"Sessions were focused on content with experts in their field and included collaborative, active-learning workshops and presentations," said Yvonne Ferwerda, director of the Van Lunen Center.

Topics included are in areas essential to today's heads of school, such as mission and vision; strategic thinking, leading, and planning, board governance and decision making, advancement and fund development, marketing and enrollment, financial management and sustainability, change management, and conflict resolution. Through these sessions, Ferwerda said, "participants deepened their own leadership, developed skills, and created deep relationships with peers and leaders. They became more prepared to craft and implement a sustainable Christian educational mission with parents, teachers, and other supporting communities."

The commencement ceremony for the 2019-2020 cohort will be held at the Van Lunen professional development conference at Calvin University from November 4-7, 2021. Each of the 24 fellows, including Vande Pol, will receive a certificate of completion.

For more information, contact [info@vanlunencenter.org](mailto:info@vanlunencenter.org) or visit [www.vanlunencenter.org](http://www.vanlunencenter.org).



We want to thank all the parents and students for a school year like no-other. We also want to thank all of our BCS teachers and staff that have spent many extra hours navigating through this school year. We have overcome through His power and strength! Thank you Lord! Have a wonderful summer and congratulations Class of 2021!











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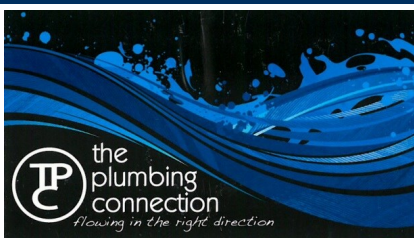
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# Alumni News



Congratulations to BCS alums, Landry Miller (Class of 2016) and Madison Allen (Class of 2018) who were married on May 22, 2021. Both are graduates of Southeastern University - Landry graduated in 2020 with a degree in Business Management and Madison graduated in April with a degree in Sports Management with a concentration in Physical Education and Coaching. Landry is employed at Suncoast Metals and Madison will be interning at BCS this summer. The happy couple live in Parrish.



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