



Baldwin Beat

The Official Newsletter for the Baldwin Union Free School District

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Points of Pride 2023



Congratulations Baldwin High School CLASS OF 2023!

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Another Banner Year!

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POINTS OF PRIDE

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WATCH VIDEO: 2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Scan QR code with your cell phone
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year it has been!



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99% Graduation Rate



Class of 2023 at a Glance

115th Commencement
Valedictorian: Rachel Lyons
Salutatorian: Andrew Jean-Charles
Class President: Kwasi Bonsu

We Are Innovative!

We Are Inclusive!

We Are Involved!

We Are Baldwin!

Points of PRIDE

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

99% Graduation Rate

WOW!

- ★ **78%** Advanced Regents Diploma Recipients
- ★ **164** AP Scholars
- ★ **31** AP Capstone Diploma Recipients
- ★ **0% achievement gap** – Equity across the entire student body
- ★ **987** AP exams taken in 2023
- ★ **42%** of Baldwin High School students are enrolled in award-winning Academic Academies Program
- ★ Nearly **50%** of Baldwin High School students take dual enrollment (college-level) courses
- ★ Baldwin UFSD won the **National School Board Association (NSBA)'s Silver Magna Award**
- ★ The **New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA)** recognized Baldwin UFSD with *another* “**Champion of Change**” Award

The **2022-2023 Points of Pride** speak for themselves, with a **99% graduation rate**—a first for Baldwin Union Free School District! We continue to be successful with preparing students for the demands of work through the district's mission, “**Baldwin 2035**,” standing out as one of the most **innovative**, **inclusive**, and **involved** K-12 school systems in the nation and a model for public education.



ARTS

- New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) recognized three Baldwin High School students as “All-State” performers
- Baldwin High School senior recognized as a 2022-2023 Long Island High School Scholar Artist and featured in *Newsday*
- Two Baldwin High School seniors’ artwork selected for the Art Guild’s Nassau County High School Student Juried Exhibit & Competition
- The Baldwin High School Wind Symphony was the only Long Island school to be a featured ensemble at NYSSMA’s 86th Annual Winter Conference
- Baldwin High School Concert Choir selected to perform at the New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA)’s Annual Convention and Expo
- The artwork of 36 students from across the district featured in the 19th annual Nassau Art Supervisors Association All-County Art Exhibit
- Nassau Music Educators Association (NMEA) recognized 37 students district-wide as “All-County” musicians
- Artwork created by Baldwin Middle School featured in New York State’s 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Fine Arts and Essay Exhibition
- Meadow’s Special Chorus acknowledged by celebrity Whoopi Goldberg after seeing their performance of “Joyful, Joyful”

2022-23 Innovative Highlights

- Baldwin UFSD hosted the first-ever “**Future of Learning**” **Summit** with more than 70 influential leaders from across the country in attendance, including Dr. James Lane from the **U.S. Department of Education**, Washington D.C.
- Baldwin UFSD became the **first K-12 school district** in the nation to install “**Smart Lockers**” at the high school.
- Baldwin High School unveiled **The Learning Collaboratory**—a contemporary library featuring state-of-the-art technology and collaborative workspaces in an aesthetically pleasing environment.
- The **Nassau County Community College Partnership** now allows students to earn up to **36 credits before graduating high school**.
- The **Mindfulness Initiative** officially launched across all five elementary schools for grades K-5.
- District organized **two S.T.E.A.M. Nights**, featuring Mad Science of LI, for grades K-5.
- Teachers in the **Educator Residency Program** partook in the next phase of their professional learning by working with colleagues to demonstrate the effective teaching practices through purposeful co-teaching, peer coaching and collaborative engagement based on what they learned from their hands-on experiences in the world-of-work.
- Baldwin **community members** were invited to participate in three workshops to provide **input** about the work being done to reimagine learning within all Baldwin schools as part of the journey of **Baldwin 2035**.





ATHLETICS

- Girls Varsity Basketball team named Long Island Champions
- Boys Varsity Basketball team named Nassau County Champions
- Baldwin High School sophomore was the New York Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) State Champion in the 55-meter race at the 2023 New York State Indoor Track and Field Championships
- Baldwin Bruins 4x200 Track Team won the NYSPHSAA State Championships
- The Boys Varsity Bowling team clinched their 3rd Conference Championship
- The Girls Varsity Lacrosse team named Conference Champions for the first time in Baldwin history
- The Girls Soccer team named Conference Champions
- Baldwin High School senior won the National Football Foundation "Jay Fiedler" Top Student-Athlete Award
- Baldwin High School senior named winner of the 10th annual Marcus A. Henry Award
- Two Baldwin High School seniors recognized as "All-State Student Athlete"
- Girls Basketball player named "All American Scholar Athlete Player of the Year"
- Nassau Zone of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance recognized two Baldwin High School seniors with "Outstanding Physical Education Students of the Year" award

BALDWIN FAMILY

- Meadow Elementary School recognized as National PTA School of Excellence
- Baldwin High School won Best of Long Island 2023 for "High School Spirit," "Podcast," "School Counselor," "School Psychologist," "Sports Coach"
- Plaza Elementary School named winner of the 2023 Nassau Region PTA P.A.R.P. Award
- Meadow 2nd grader and Baldwin High School 9th grader received "Award of Merit" in New York State PTA Reflections contest
- Ten students from Meadow and Baldwin High School recognized as Nassau Region PTA Finalist in New York State PTA Reflections
- Applebee's named Lenox Elementary School 4th grade teacher, Katie Schieck, "Nassau County's Teacher of the Year"
- Baldwin High School science teacher, Ms. Rebecca Seepersad, 1 of 13 to receive the LI Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Educational Leadership Association STEM Star Award
- Superintendent Dr. Shari Camhi sworn in as the 2022-2023 President of AASA, the national School Superintendents Association
- Board president, Ms. Mary Jo O'Hagan, received the National Education Council's Cooperative Leadership Award
- Superintendent Dr. Camhi among 2022 Power Players in Education
- Baldwin UFSD celebrated 90 years of "Sportsnite"
- Baldwin UFSD alumna/NASA Astronaut, Lt. Col. Jasmin Moghbeli, visited her alma maters, Lenox Elementary School and Baldwin High School, to conduct scientific experiments with students
- PBS' MetroFocus episode featuring Baldwin UFSD won a 2022 Folio Award
- Office Depot featured the high school's "Learning Collaboratory" in a case study



ACADEMICS

- 54 President's Award Winners
- 27 Baldwin High School seniors graduated with transferrable credits from Nassau Community College and will begin as sophomores their first year of college
- Baldwin High School won 1st place in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s "Pollution Prevention Works" competition and a \$5000 prize
- Baldwin High School's Medical & Health Sciences Academy won 1st place in the Northwell Health Spark! Challenge for "Best Video"
- Baldwin High School students' music video was one of 13 films world-wide accepted into WNET's inaugural Youth Collective Film Festival in New York City
- Two Baldwin High School seniors designated "Commended Students" in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program
- Baldwin High School's Youth Change Leader Collaborative (YCLC) among top five winners in the national "Invent2Prevent" competition
- Baldwin High School's YCLC invited to present at New York State Education Department's inaugural School Safety Summit
- YCLC students developed and hosted the inaugural Long Island Climate Justice Summit at Baldwin High School, featuring guest speaker and renowned environmental activist, Jayne Chase
- Baldwin High School placed 3rd in Northwell Health's 11th annual Medical Marvels competition
- Press Club of Long Island awarded Baldwin High School's Baldwin Bruins Sports Podcast 3rd place in the "Best High School Broadcast" category
- Junior Achievement of New York named Baldwin High School senior "Student of the Year" with a \$10,000 college scholarship
- Baldwin High School junior won 2nd place in the Claire Friedlander Upstander Award Competition and a \$2500 scholarship
- Baldwin High School senior won 1st place in Molloy University's Summer Business Bootcamp
- Two Baldwin High School seniors were named winners in the Adelphi University Apprentice Challenge
- Three Baldwin High School students received the 2023 Building Bridges Award from the Jewish Community Relations Council
- Two Baldwin High School students were awarded "Certificate of Recognition in Math, Accounting, and Finance" by Nassau County Comptroller
- Baldwin High School students were invited to present at the "We Are the Future Summit" hosted at Hofstra University
- Baldwin High School woodworking students created storage boxes for Jones Beach life guards
- Baldwin Middle School Pre-Academy won 1st place in the Step Up 2 Dance competition
- Baldwin Middle School and Meadow placed 1st in New York State Future Problem Solvers bowl
- Meadow Elementary School placed 2nd in Future Problem Solvers International competition
- Baldwin High School students participated in a plethora of professional "Shadow Days" and "Leaving2Learn" excursions, including the Wind Power Industry Forum and the 1st Legal Shadow Day hosted by the Nassau County District Court



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REMINDER – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

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WHAT'S BRUIN IN BALDWIN?



Hello Neighbor

For the 3rd consecutive year, Baldwin High School photography students captured 2nd graders' hopes and dreams as part of the district's ongoing Hello Neighbor Project. This living "museum of art" is on display along Plaza Elementary School's fence to inspire others. The effort was featured on ABC 7.



Climate Justice Summit

Students in Baldwin High School's YCLC launched the 1st LI Climate Justice Youth Summit in June with over 75 attendees to better understand how youth voices can influence environmental change. Jayni Chase, chair of Friends of the Earth and spouse to actor Chevy Chase, was there to discuss the importance of the summit and the power of young activists.



Baldwin Illuminated

The projection-mapping event featured students' art work displayed outside on building exteriors. Baldwin UFSD was the first school district in the country to hold such an event. This year's "illumination" took place in conjunction with the annual K-12 Art Exhibition.



Summer Learning

From the unique and fun JumpStart K Program (K-2), to the robust ENL Summer Program featuring leaving to learn excursions, to the Extended School Year (ESY) program and the secondary summer program, Baldwin students thrive all summer long through innovative, enriching experiences created by the district.

Important Communication Reminders

Update Contact Information

Ensure your most up-to-date contact information is provided to the main office of your child's school, including a cell phone number and email address, to receive emails, phone calls, and text messages from the district. **Baldwin High School students should make sure their cell phone number is also on file in case of an emergency.**

Available Resources

For our latest communication channels and resources, visit the district website and click on the "Communication Channels" button located at the very top of the homepage, or go to: baldwinschools.org/communications

Attention Community Members: Stay Informed

For Baldwin residents with no children in the schools but would like to receive updates from the district about school news and building closures, visit: baldwinschools.org/notificationsignup

WHAT'S NEXT? 2023-2024 School Year

More than 30 dual enrollment (college-level) courses and **26 AP courses** are now available to Baldwin High School students.

In addition, Baldwin High School will launch the new course, **Senior Experience**, where students will be actively involved in internships and learning excursions to obtain hands-on experience in their field of interest during the school year in order to gain a unique and deeper understanding of prospective career paths.



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Throughout the 2022-23 school year, the district garnered continuous media attention and was featured on CBS Sports, CBS New York, NBC New York, ABC7 New York, FOX 5 New York, PIX11, News 12 Long Island, in *The Financial Times*, *Newsday* and more! Scan the QR code or go to: www.baldwinschools.org/news