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Baldwin School District Hosts First-Ever "FUTURE OF LEARNING" NATIONAL SUMMIT

Baldwin UFSD joined forces with AASA, the national School Superintendents Association, to assemble more than 70 thought leaders from across the country. Influential leaders representing K-12, higher education, philanthropy, industry and policy—including Dr. James Lane from the U.S. Department of Education—convened for the first time together to discuss the future of public education and begin mapping out the strategies that will ensure youth are prepared for life beyond high school.

Over the course of three days, the majority of the summit took place in Baldwin High School's new Learning Collaboratory, in addition to visits to elementary, middle and high school classrooms. In between guest speakers, school visits, and shadowing students, attendees participated in group discussions centered on three essential questions: *What does the future of learning look like? How can industry, K-12, higher education, and policy leaders work together to guide the next generation of learning? What are the structures, experiences, skills, and dispositions necessary at all levels to accommodate the future of learning?*

Thoughts and ideas were recorded in a Padlet set up by the district's technology department to help formulate an action plan.

"This is the first convening that I know of to get all of us in a room together for this very important conversation to have the opportunity to move the needle forward," said Dr. Shari

L. Camhi, superintendent of schools for Baldwin UFSD and president of AASA.

"It is vital to hear the voices from all fields to be part of a collaborative effort when we talk about learning five, ten and fifteen years from now. We need to modernize. Future-readiness is completely dependent on the future of work and the needs of industry."

Representing public policy, Dr. James Lane, senior advisor for the U.S. Department of Education, served as a keynote speaker.

"This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for us to transform learning," said Dr. Lane. He also referenced the district's award-winning Academic Academies as a model for how the country needs to rethink school and how the district's innovative program aligns with the "Career Pathways" initiative proposed by U.S. Secretary of Education, Dr. Miguel Cardona.

In addition to representation from the White House, other speakers included Abran Maldonado, co-founder of Create Labs, who designed the first AI (artificial intelligence) woman of color, C.L.Ai.R.A. He spoke about the importance of

adapting school to the world of work and future job markets, among other topics, while C.L.Ai.R.A gave her own input on the three essential questions.

On day 2, a panel consisting of Baldwin High School students captivated the room filled with powerhouse thinkers and doers, sharing their thoughts on what school should look like and how their experience in the Academic Academies has helped them thrive. Additionally, attendees shadowed the Youth Change Leadership Collaborative (YCLC), an after-school advisory

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- DR. KEN WALLACE

*Superintendent of Maine Township
High School Park Ridge, IL*

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network that focuses on making a difference in the world, from tackling climate change to gun violence prevention. The YCLC meets every Tuesday in the Learning Collaboratory with their mentors over Zoom, who range from local politicians to corporate executives.

Everyone at the summit left Baldwin thoroughly impressed by the students as well as the teaching and learning taking place within the classrooms. Dr. Ken Wallace, superintendent of Maine Township High School District 207 in Park Ridge, IL and a lead superintendent of AASA's IDEAL Cohort, admired the district's curriculum construction, calling it a "blueprint of lifelong learning."

"There is a really cool ethos in the school district that explores the wonder and mystery of learning that taps into human curiosity," said Dr. Wallace. "Students are allowed to gain a deeper understanding of a complex subject... In science, for example, students are actively engaged and involved in experiencing the world around them, which helps them retain more knowledge. The Baldwin model is very much like a framework for mastering learning."

Dr. Andi Furlis, superintendent of Mesa Public Schools in Mesa, AZ, exclaimed, "This proved that superintendents, policymakers, and industry and higher education leaders have a common goal to redesign the future of learning. We must work together and cannot wait."

Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, spoke highly of the Baldwin students and staff and also acknowledged the need to change the education system. Industry executives praised Baldwin schools, as well. Todd Hellman, vice president and CFO, Battelle for Kids, said, "If you ever want to see a demonstration of the six Cs (creativity, collaboration, communication, critical thinking, character and citizenship), go to the middle school. It didn't matter what subject we were seeing, whether it was a pre-academic academy or a regular class. There was purposeful and intentional integration of the six Cs. It wasn't just 'we were teaching critical thinking on the third Thursday of the month,' but rather 'we were doing it every single day with full intentionality.'"

"This summit was a win-win because we got to see, at a system's level, a great school district with great leadership, great board involvement and a great example of a model of what great public education looks like," added Dr. Wallace.

Attendees were urged to not let this summit become an endpoint, but rather a platform to keep the movement going.

"We need to bring the conversation to the next level so change really does happen," Dr. Camhi reemphasized.

For more information on the summit, including reactions and feedback, visit www.aasa.org.

SUMMIT SHOWCASES BALDWIN UFSD'S *Innovative Programs & Curriculum*

EDUCATOR RESIDENCY PROGRAM (ERP)

ERP allowed Baldwin teachers to leave the classroom for one year to gain real-world experiences in industry. These resident teachers participated in a panel and discussed how they now collaborate with colleagues to continue this work. Conversations with outside organizations to help fund future ERP participants have already begun as a result of the summit.

STUDENTS IN ACADEMIC ACADEMIES

Students representing the seven academies shared the tremendous impact the academies is having on them and how it's preparing them for their future career. Deans from colleges and universities and industry leaders who were there are ready to accept and hire these students based on what they heard and saw that day.

SCHOOL VISITS, K-12 LEARNING SPACES

Attendees saw firsthand the high level of engagement students had with each other and their instructors, and, most importantly, how students were *committed* to their learning.



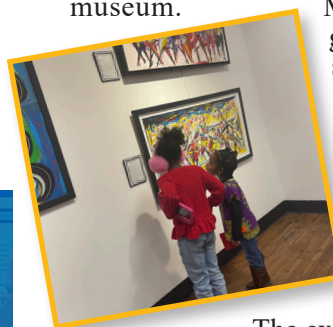
CELEBRATING STUDENTS,



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Nassau County*

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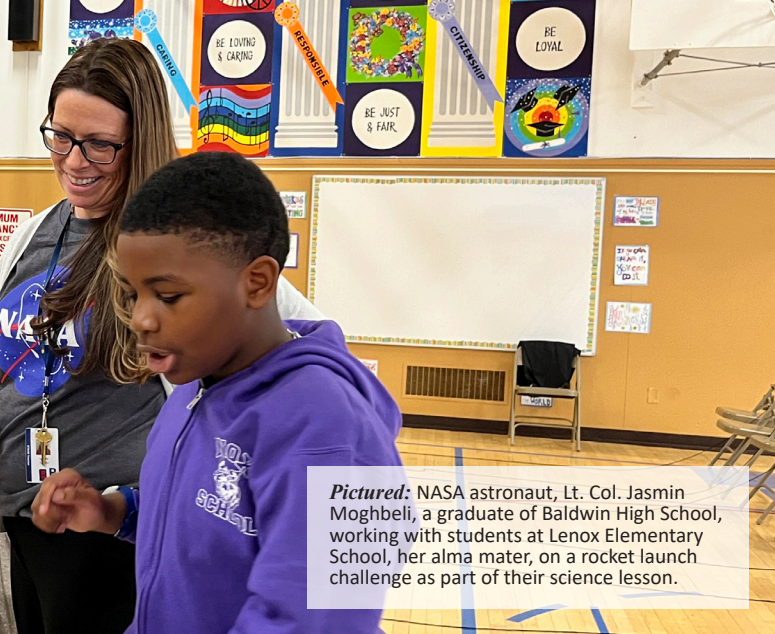
partnership with the Joysetta & Julius Pearse African American History Museum of Nassau County, where secondary students submitted artwork for an exhibit dedicated to Black History Month. Baldwin UFSD was the first district to set up such a collaboration with the museum.



More than fifty students from grades 6-12 participated in the special exhibit, either as a solo artist or in group work. Artwork ranged from graphic design pieces to paintings to sculptures. The high school and middle school students were free to create a piece that expressed the meaning of Black History Month to them.

The exhibit was on display for the entire month of February, with an opening night ceremony kicking off the gala to commemorate the students and their work. Over 100 Baldwin community members were in attendance to see the unveiling. In March, the exhibit was moved to Baldwin High School so visitors can continue to view the beautiful pieces.





Pictured: NASA astronaut, Lt. Col. Jasmin Moghbeli, a graduate of Baldwin High School, working with students at Lenox Elementary School, her alma mater, on a rocket launch challenge as part of their science lesson.

ALUMNI AND TRADITION!

Baldwin Welcomes Alumna-Turned-Astronaut

Baldwin UFSD recently welcomed alumna / "Baldwinaut," Lt. Col. Jasmin Moghbeli, to Lenox Elementary School and Baldwin High School. She worked directly with students on hands-on scientific experiments focused on rocket launches and aerospace design. Students also had an opportunity to participate in a Q&A with Jasmin. She is scheduled for her first space mission this summer, where she will spend six months in the International Space Station as commander of the SpaceX Crew-7.



SCAN HERE TO VIEW COVERAGE OF JASMIN'S VISIT

Scan the QR code with your cell phone camera or go to: www.baldwinschools.org/news

Baldwin High School Celebrates 90th Sportsnite

Baldwin High School recently celebrated 90 Years of Sportsnite. The week-long competition/friendly rivalry is one of the district's biggest events, celebrating girl power at the most appropriate time: Women's History Month. About 100

enthusiastic female adolescents participated. In 1933, long-time physical education supervisor, Ethel T. Kloborg, founded Sportsnite to help instill female empowerment during a time when women were forbidden to play sports. Today, the girls hold leadership roles in the event to pay tribute to those who at one point could not play, honoring the tradition of celebrating women during the month of March. While the competition was close, congratulations to the **Blue Team** on winning the 2023 Sportsnite!



SCHOOL2CAREER *Recent Highlights*

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOC. AWARDS BALDWIN UFSD PRESTIGIOUS SILVER MAGNA AWARD

The National School Boards Association (NSBA) recognized Baldwin High School's Education Academy as a 2023 Magna Award winner for its commitment to innovation and equity in education. Baldwin Union Free School District is one of just 18 winners nationwide — three grand prize winners, nine silver award winners, and six honorable mentions. The Magna Awards have a long history of recognizing exemplary school district programs. After an extensive application process, Baldwin High School's Education Academy was selected as a winner by an independent panel of judges and is one of three school districts from across the country to receive a silver award in the category of "less than 5000 students."



"We are extremely proud that our district's Education Academy has been recognized for its innovative mission and dedication towards ensuring a talented and prepared future workforce in education," said Dr. Shari L. Camhi, superintendent of schools. "Congratulations to our students, teachers, administrators and our board of education who have made this program possible, and I look forward to seeing its continued growth and positive impact on our school community, the future of public education and the teaching profession."

Baldwin UFSD was featured in the April issue of NSBA's publication and recognized at the awards ceremony.

Other Exciting News!

- **Baldwin High School** students, Matthew James Caraan, Samaya Lindo-Smellie and Solhaine Thera, placed 3rd in the 11th annual Medical Marvels research competition, hosted by Northwell Health.
- **Baldwin High School** juniors participated in Hofstra University's 25th annual Shadow Day, a hands-on educational experience that allows students to spend time in areas that are of academic and professional interest to them. Baldwin UFSD is the only school district to partner with Hofstra for this event.
- **Baldwin High School** Government & Law Academy participated in Nassau County's **first** Legal Shadow Day. Students visited the Nassau County Court House, where they met with the district attorney, judge and staff members, sat in on a murder trial, and then engaged in speed networking with nine legal representatives from the law firm, Sahn Ward.

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

May 16, 2023, 7 AM to 10 PM, Baldwin High School

For More Information

Read the *Budget Beat*, attend an upcoming presentation, come to the Annual Budget Hearing on May 3, 8 PM, District Office, and/or visit our website:

www.baldwinschools.org/budgetinfo

UNIVERSAL PRE-K

Register for Lottery

Deadline: April 24, 12 PM

Learn More: www.baldwinschools.org/prek

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For our latest job opportunities, alumni news, School2Career Program stories, and more, connect with us and Baldwin alumni at: www.linkedin.com/school/baldwinschools

Attention Community Members: Stay Informed

For Baldwin residents with no children in the district but would like to receive news about the schools, visit:

baldwinschools.org/notificationsignup

Update Contact Information

To receive important emails, phone calls, and text messages from the district, please 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. For emergency purposes, secondary students should also provide a cell phone number.

Calling All Community Members and Business Owners

BECOME A PARTNER IN OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION: WORK-BASED LEARNING

Baldwin UFSD's Work-Based Learning program gives Baldwin High School students access to internships, Shadow Days, and paid work, which help develop transferable skills for college and career. Businesses partner with the district to make these hands-on learning, outside-the-classroom experiences possible. If interested in joining this effort and to learn more, please email Dr. Gabriella Franza at: franzag@baldwinschools.org



What's Bruin in ARTS AND ATHLETICS

The **Girls' Varsity Basketball** team won the (AA Class) Long Island Championships and went on to the state championships. **Boys Varsity Basketball** won the Class (AA) Nassau County Championship. In Wrestling, at the NYSPHSAA State Championships, **Kwasi Bonsu** earned All-State Honors. At the 2023 New York State Indoor Track and Field Championships, **Tyler Means** earned All-State Honors as a member of the intersectional relay. **Sariah Doresca** became the NYSPHSAA State Champion in the 55-meter race. Baldwin Bruins 4x200 Track team—**Sariah Doresca, Breanne Barnett, Jahzara Emeli, and Jillian Rickford**—also won the NYSPHSAA State Championships. These female student-athletes were the **first** Lady Bruins ever to win state and federation titles in their running competitions.



Fine & Performing Arts recently announced that 36 students represented Baldwin UFSD in the 19th annual **Nassau Art Supervisors Association All-County Art Exhibit**. Also, 37 students from across the district were named **Nassau Music Educators Association All-County Musicians**. Baldwin Middle School students were among those selected for inclusion in **New York State's 2023 MLK, Jr. Fine Arts & Essay Exhibition**. Spring productions have so far included Baldwin Middle School's musical performance of *Mary Poppins*, and Baldwin High School's drama production, *Switching Principals*. Additionally, spring concerts are in full swing and will continue through May. **Visit the district website to learn more!**



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