

Congratulations to Our Class of 2021!

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You don't want to miss
this issue!
Look inside to learn more about
our incredible accomplishments from
the 2020-2021 school year!

Class of 2021 at a Glance

113th Commencement

Valedictorian: Dylan Piggot

Salutatorian: Ashley Ganesh

Class President: Sophia Smyth

This Issue

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We Are Innovative!

We Are Inclusive!

We Are Involved!

We Are Baldwin!

Points of PRIDE

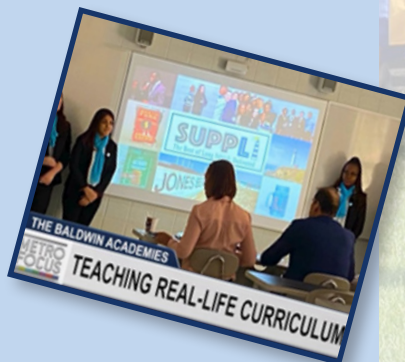
Our *Points of Pride* for 2020-2021 highlights some of the past year's most amazing accomplishments. In spite of the challenges, not only did the learning never stop, but we continued to excel as a district, further demonstrating that we are *innovative*, *inclusive*, and *involved*!

Notable Achievements

- ★ 98% graduation rate
- ★ 0% achievement gap – Equity across the entire student body
- ★ Advanced Regents Diploma recipients increased by 10%, from 60% to 70%
- ★ Baldwin High School among *U.S. News & World Report's* “Best High Schools for 2021” – 2nd year in a row, moving up 60 places in the state ranking!
- ★ Schools remained open across the district for the entire 2020-2021 school year – *learning never stopped and kept advancing!*

PBS' MetroFocus Features Baldwin UFSD

WNET/PBS MetroFocus featured the district's Academic Academies program. The 30-minute episode told the success story behind the academies and how Baldwin students receive hands-on and real-world experience in everything from business to healthcare and government, spotlighting the district's “unique approach to learning.” The segment included interviews with Baldwin High School students, teachers and the superintendent.



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Music & Fine Arts

- Fine & Performing Arts Academy launched
- Two musicians chosen for NYSSMA All-State Festival
- One musician selected for All-Eastern Honor Ensemble Mixed Choir
- 35 Art Supervisor Association All-County Art Exhibition artists
- Baldwin High School student won “Award of Excellence” in annual GO APE Exhibit
- Baldwin High School senior named NYSSMA All-State Performer two years in a row
- Performance by Baldwin High School Orchestra Students Featured on NBC New York and News 12 Long Island
- The NAMM Foundation recognized Baldwin as “Best Community for Music Education” for 5th Consecutive Year
- Meadow Elementary School 4th graders named winners in the National Audubon Society's “Be a Good Egg Poster Contest”
- Virtual visits from esteemed professors and composers throughout the year at the secondary level



Athletics

- Two “Students of the Year” designated by the Association for Health, Physical Education Recreation and Dance Nassau Zone Outstanding Physical Education
- Baldwin High School athletes among *Newsday's* 100 Top Basketball Players on Long Island
- Three Nassau County Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees: Anna Paluszek, Edward Reinisch, and Marion (Miki) Waldman DeBaise



Academics

- Additional courses added to high school curriculum, e.g., *Introduction to Drones* (allows students to become FAA certified in drone flying), *College Coding*, *College Criminalistics*, *Introduction to Teaching*, and *Sports Officiating* (allows students to become certified to officiate)
- Baldwin High School National Academy of Finance Certificate Program fully implemented
- 80 AP Scholars
- 41 President Award winners
- One “Commended Student” in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program
- Baldwin High School academy students placed 1st in two categories in Northwell Health’s Annual SPARK! Challenge, winning a total prize of \$4000
- Baldwin High School student won 1st prize in Stock Market Game Challenge
- Press Club of Long Island awarded 1st place to Baldwin High School’s Baldwin Bruins Sports Podcast for the 2nd year in a row
- Baldwin High School designated 2020-2021 “No Place for Hate” School – Gold Status for 1st time
- Two students received Honorable Mention in in Walt Whitman Birthplace Association Poetry Contest
- Three Baldwin UFSD students named winners in the PTA Reflections Competition – State-Level
- Baldwin High School students selected to participate in the PBS/WNET Group’s Youth Collective Summit 2021
- Two students in Baldwin High School@Shubert awarded academic scholarships from Simon Youth Foundation
- Baldwin High School senior among *Newsday*’s “13 Extraordinary Seniors”
- Valedictorian and Salutatorian both accepted into Ivy League schools

Northwell Heath’s Medical Marvels Competition

- Baldwin High School Government & Law Academy students placed 1st for gun violence prevention video
- So impressed, Northwell Health CEO Michael Dowling and Parkland shooting victim’s father, Fred Guttenberg, met with the winning team
- The winning team also participated in a special PSA created by Northwell’s Center for Gun Violence Prevention

Virtual Enterprise (VE) National Competitions “OneWorld” VE Team

- Ranked in the “Top 50 Firms” Nationally – first year competing
- Company Branding: Honorable Mention
- Newsletter: Honorable Mention
- Elevator Pitch: Top 25%
- Website: Top 25%

“SuppLI” VE Team

- Company Branding: Top 10%
- Newsletter: Top 10%



Baldwin Family

- Superintendent of Schools, **Dr. Shari L. Camhi**, elected to President-Elect of National Superintendent Association (AASA)
- Baldwin High School counselor, **Meghan Schlosser**, elected to President-Elect of Nassau Counselors’ Association
- MENTOR New York named **Pat Banhazl** of Baldwin High School “Mentor of the Year”
- Pupil Services director, **Sherisse Young**, among Long Islanders honored as a Nassau County COVID Hero
- *LI Herald* recognized **Russ Randazzo**, director of facilities, as a “Hometown Hero”
- Steele Elementary School teacher, **Nancy Aquino**, won *LI Herald*’s inaugural head of class award after being nominated by the community
- The Business Teachers Association of New York State (BTANYS) named **Michele Leonardo**, Baldwin High School teacher, 2020 Innovations Grant Award winner
- **Angela Lucas** named “Person of the Year” for 2020 by *Baldwin Herald*

COMING UP IN 2021-2022!

The Baldwin Union Free School District (UFSD) will launch several new courses and partnerships this fall, including one with **Nassau County Community College (NCCC)**, where Baldwin High School seniors will take community college courses directly on the NCCC campus – a first for any Long Island school district. Additionally, the unique dual enrollment course, **“College Civics and News Literacy,”** will make its debut for the Class of 2022. Working in partnership with Stony Brook University, the newly required course will allow seniors to earn college credits while becoming fluent in investigative and ethical reporting, as well as deciphering misinformation found in print, on television, and the Internet. In addition, the district has transformed the senior course, “Introduction to Math” into a dual enrollment course with Molloy College, now **“Introduction to College Math.”** A total of 30 dual enrollment courses are now available to high school students, helping Baldwin graduates save on college tuition costs.

The district will also launch the reimagined work-based learning course, **“Senior Internship.”** The revised curriculum will give the course more structure and relevance and improve the quality of the school-based learning that runs parallel to the hands-on experiences.

Baldwin UFSD is nearly finished building a **sound engineering studio** at Baldwin High School@Shubert, which will allow for work-based learning experiences in the field of music and sound engineering directly on site. The new studio will also be used for interdisciplinary projects, such as creating a podcast for history class or recording “poetry slams” for English Language Arts.

In addition, new units of study will be incorporated this year for the **elementary science curriculum, grades 4 and 5.**

Stay tuned for more information on all these initiatives taking place in Baldwin public schools!

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"Hello Neighbor" Project Unveiled

Baldwin High School Advanced Placement (AP) photography students captured Brookside Elementary School second graders' "Hopes and Dreams" as part of the district's "Hello Neighbor" project. Inspired by the work of Oregon-based photojournalist and artist, Julie Keefe, the district brought

the same concept to Long Island but using the work of the students. A total of three second-grade classes participated, with students from the high school's Photo 3 and 4 classes taking the photos on the elementary school's playground. After the aspiring photographers edited the images, the student portraits were blown up into 2-foot-by-3-foot posters, with each

Brookside student's hopes and dreams written across the top. The posters were then hung along the tennis courts fence behind the high school, with the goal of expanding the initiative to the district's other four elementary schools and wider community. The project aims to encourage the teaching philosophy of students as producers so that their work has an impact, as well as to spread kindness and inclusivity.



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Important Communication Reminders

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

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.

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

NEW POLICY PROMOTES EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN BALDWIN SCHOOLS

The Baldwin Union Free School District administration, along with the Board of Education, recently approved a new policy, with the goal of providing equitable, inclusive, and diverse opportunities for all students to reach their highest potential. While this has always been part of the district's mission, having an official policy solidifies the board's commitment.

As part of the policy, the district will aim to understand, identify, address, and eliminate the biases, barriers, and disparities that limit a student's chance to graduate high school, prepare for college, for a career, and life. All curriculum materials shall be designed to provide cross-cultural and cross-racial interactions that foster respect for diversity. The full policy can be found on the district website under "Board Policies" (Policy #0105) or at URL: <https://www.boardpolicyonline.com/?b=baldwin&s=1030487>



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