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Points of Pride 2019

Class of 2019 at a Glance

111th Commencement

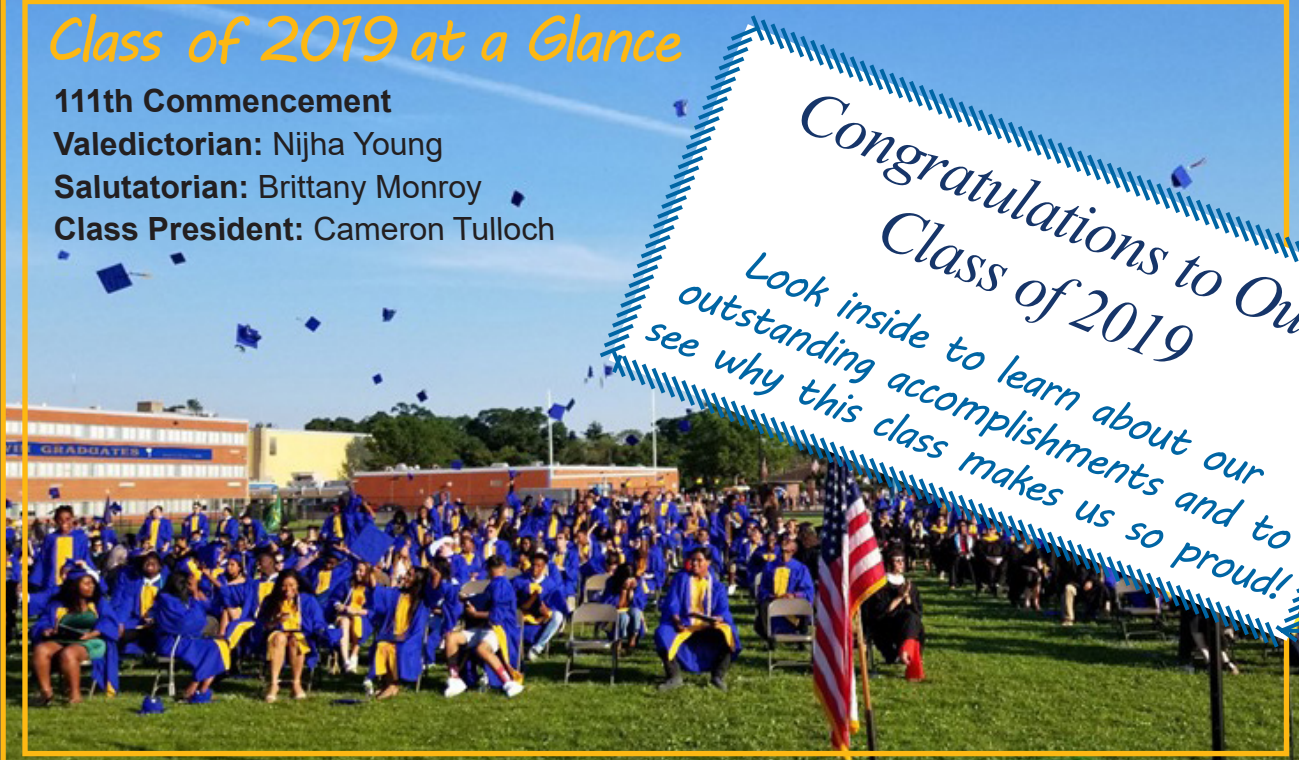
Valedictorian: Nijha Young

Salutarian: Brittany Monroy

Class President: Cameron Tulloch

*Congratulations to Our
Class of 2019*

*Look inside to learn about our
outstanding accomplishments and to
see why this class makes us so proud!*



Points of ★PRIDE

Our *Points of Pride* highlights just *some* of the incredible achievements during the 2018-2019 school year, further demonstrating that we are *innovative*, *inclusive*, and *involved*!

Notable Achievements

- ★ 97% Graduation Rate
- ★ 0% Achievement Gap – Equity Across the Student Body
- ★ Baldwin High School Named New York State Recognition School

ACADEMICS

Regents Results

- Algebra for All (Grade 8) – 95% passing
- Algebra II (High School) – 97% passing
- English – 94% passing
- Living Environment – 95% passing
- U.S. History – 95% passing
- The new Global History – 96% passing
- Lenox received the New York State PTA Pick-A-Reading-Partner (PARP) Program Award
- Lenox and Plaza each named a National PTA School of Excellence
- Character.org. designated Meadow a “National School of Character” and also recognized the Character C.O.U.N.T.S. club as a “Promising Practice”

Virtual Enterprise Competitions

Baldwin High School’s Virtual Enterprise, SuppLI, replicates the entrepreneurial spirit of a real business.

Regional Competition: Gold for Booth Design, ImpactMarketing Billboard, Company Newsletter, Employee Handbook, and Company Branding, and Silver for Sales Materials

Youth Business Summit: Gold for Best Booth and Silver for Sales Materials and Salesmanship

National Competition:

- Company Branding – Top 25%
- Elevator Pitch – Top 25%
- Newsletter – Top 10%
- Commercial – Honorable Mention

Northwell Health Spark! Challenge

- 1st for Presentation (\$2000)
- Honorable Mention for Presentation (\$1000)
- Honorable Mention for Poster (\$1000)
- Facebook Choice Best Poster (\$1000)

Other Academic Achievements

- Five students graduated with 29-31 college credits from Suffolk County Community College
- Meadow placed 2nd in the **world** for the Community Problem Solving category of the Future Problem Solver International competition
- Baldwin Middle School’s robotics team defeated more than 30 schools in the 2019 Adelphi Robotics Tournament Championship
- Baldwin High School student received the Angelo Del Toro Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute Scholarship award
- A student represented Baldwin High School and New York State at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders
- Baldwin High School students placed 1st in New York, 2nd in the Tri-State, and 9th in the nation in the Continental Mathematics League
- NYS Association of Foreign Language Teachers named a student region winner of the Philip A. Fulvi Student Scholarship Award for Excellence in Foreign Language Study
- Baldwin High School student named Junior Achievement Ambassador for 2019-2020
- Baldwin High School student received “Honorable Mention” in the Next Generation Personal Finance Payback Challenge
- Baldwin High School’s Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club awarded “Honorable Mention” in the Nassau County Comptroller’s Entrepreneurial Challenge

ADDITIONAL STUDENT ACCOLADES

- Several students received a PTA Reflections Award, including a fifth grader winning at the national level
- The “President’s Volunteer Service Award” was bestowed upon a Baldwin High School student

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

The following programs and partnerships successfully launched this year:

- Suffolk County Community College (SCCC)
- Simon Youth Foundation
- Molloy College/Education Academy
- Baldwin Jumpstart K Program
- Baldwin Middle School Better World Day
- Baldwin Middle School Summer Program at the Cradle of Aviation
- Baldwin UFSD celebrated community partnership milestones: 25th annual Shadow Day at Mercy Medical Center and the 5th annual Nassau County Police Department “Police Youth Academy”
- 18 newly redesigned learning spaces unveiled
- Plaza’s Team O.R.C.H.I.D. digital journalism club published their 250th story
- Baldwin UFSD administrators participated in the Harvard Strategic Data Project
- Baldwin UFSD students published *Baldwin Then and Now*
- District-wide celebration of kindness and implementation of mindfulness programs

STAFF AND DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS

- One of just 20 school districts nationwide to be selected for the “Innovation and Transformational/Leadership Network”
- Launched the “Redefining Ready for New York State” forum
- Featured in a case study for Skykit for our use of technology as well as for Office Depot due to the district’s innovative learning spaces
- Dr. Shari L. Camhi, superintendent of schools, honored with the Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award, Nassau County 21st Annual Women’s History Trailblazer Award, and co-chair of Superintendents/College Presidents Partnership (SCPP) and appointed member of the New York State Educational Technology Advisory Committee



- Mr. Mark Coccarelli won second place in MAGIC (Multi-Affiliate Global Issues Competition) of Future Problem Solving Program International
- Harvard Club of Long Island named Ms. Megan Ferguson-Koci and Mr. Leonardo Rivera “Distinguished Teachers of 2019”
- Long Island Business Teachers’ Association named Ms. Michele Leonardo “Outstanding New Teacher of the Year”
- Molloy College named Dr. Jimmy Kalamaras “ENL Administrator of the Year”



ATHLETICS

- \$1.2 M in athletic scholarships for 2019 graduates
- Girls' Basketball Team won Nassau County Championship Title for 6th year in a row
- Boys Bowling, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and Badminton were conference champions
- Mr. Tom Catapano named New York State Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year for two consecutive years
- The Nassau Zone of the NYS Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (APHERD) named Ms. April Mosca 2019 High School Health Education Teacher of the Year and Mr. Tom Catapano recipient of the 2019 Coaching Recognition Award
- Alice Jean Arden-Hodge, Gerald McHugh, Breanne Nasti, Marion "Mickey" Waldman inducted into Nassau County Athletic Hall of Fame
- Girls basketball player received the 2019 Nassau County Basketball Player of the Year award and named one of six finalists for the 2019 *Newsday*'s Marcus A. Henry Award
- Two students received the Nassau Zone of NYS AHPERD Outstanding Physical Education Student
- Valley National Bank recognized three students with an award for sportsmanship and personal excellence

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Voted one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation for 3rd consecutive year
- One All-Eastern Honor Ensemble Musicians
- Six All-State Ensemble Musicians
- 58 All County Ensemble Musicians
- Six Long Island String Festival Musicians
- 30 Art Supervisor Association All County Art Exhibition Artists
- Four artists awarded "Best in Show-Long Island Media and Art Show"
- Baldwin High School Concert Choir performed at Carnegie Hall
- NYSSMA Major Organization Festival: Wind Symphony and Symphony Band rated Gold
- Concert Choir/Wind Symphony performed world premiere of *Honey and Salt Suite* for Winds and Choir with Mr. Matt Wilson and Mr. Jeff Lederer
- Baldwin High School and Middle School welcomed several revered guest conductors
- Student artwork donated to Northwell Health Center for Advanced Medicine during the annual Calming Murals Ceremony

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

Baldwin UFSD was featured on the following television networks:

- WCBS, WNBC, WABC7, WPIX 11, WLNY, Fox Salt Lake City, Seattle, Sacramento, and more!

Local Media

- Featured in *Newsday* and on FiOS1, and News 12 Long Island multiple times this year
- Won the News 12 Long Island "School Spirit Showdown" with more than 29,000 votes

Other local press included:

- *The Baldwin Herald*
- *Long Island Business News*
- *InnovateLI*
- Northwell Health's blog
- WBAB/WBLI "Plugged into Long Island"

Education Trade Publications

- *Scholastic Parents*
- New York State Boards Association's magazine, *OnBoard*
- Dr. Camhi's Op-Eds published in *Education Week* and *Education Dive*, and article featured in The Council of School Superintendent's *Councilgram*
- AASA's "2018-2019 Redefining Ready! Annual Report"
- Successful Practices Network's podcast



STUDENTS AS PRODUCERS: MIDDLE SCHOOLERS CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER WORLD THROUGH ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS



For the 2018-2019 year, students at Baldwin Middle School were tasked with making a difference in the world through a new collaborative interdisciplinary project that was aligned to the curriculum. Through the "Better World Day" project,

the entire 7th and 8th grade classes endeavored to answer thought-provoking questions developed by the district's department supervisors and faculty that covered themes across the four core subject areas of math, science, social studies and English language arts (ELA).

"Better World Day" Betters Student Learning

The "Better World Day" project requires students to think critically and contribute to solving local and global problems by conducting research and evaluating different perspectives to support their position. By allowing the students to be the producer of their own work instead of simply listening to a teacher lecture during class, they will have a deeper understanding of what they learned. In fact, research shows



that students who engage in challenging, exciting, and meaningful work learn much more effectively and have a greater chance to succeed in school as well as outside the classroom. The project aims to improve critical thinking skills, among other key

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COMING UP: 2019-2020

Starting in the fall, we will continue to implement new resources and programs, including an expanded curriculum and professional development.

- Instructional Technology in the Classrooms
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Research (part of the AP Capstone diploma)
- AP Art 2D
- 4th and 5th grade new science units of study
- Baldwin High School National Academy of Finance Certificate Program

Continuation and refinement of the following:

- Inquiry-based science
- Integrated academic uses of technology
- Middle School interdisciplinary units of study (#BetterWorldDay)
- Simon Youth Foundation and Baldwin UFSD Partnership

competencies needed for college and career readiness. "The 'Better World Day' projects allowed students to use their knowledge of curricula and skills learned to begin answering real world issues, such as climate change and social society," said Mr. Anthony Mignella, assistant superintendent for instruction.

Thriving as Producers

The "Better World Day" project was divided into two inquiries—one that focused on math and science, while the other concentrated on the area of the humanities for ELA and social studies. Harnessing essential skills, such as critical thinking, communication, and collaboration, each student completed an AP style thesis paper, along with a group presentation for both inquiries.

To thoroughly answer the questions, which encompassed "can humans stop or reverse climate change?" for math/science or STEM, and "what does it take to be a J.U.S.T.



person," for the humanities, the students divided into groups and conducted research through multiple venues of credible sources, including interviewing a Holocaust survivor.

The thesis project concluded with student-led #BetterWorldDay STEM and Humanity Evenings divided between the two grades to showcase their research findings through podcasts, "Ted Talks," websites, just to name a few. Attended by parents, faculty, and administrators, the response to these interactive evenings has been extremely positive.

After a select few students introduced the event in the auditorium, everyone proceeded to the "Exhibit Hall" with a list of suggested

questions to ask each group. In addition, a table



featuring various QR codes allowed attendees to participate in the student advocacy work by allowing them to read more about the issues.

"It was exciting to be able to see how topics across different subject areas connected to one another," said a student at Baldwin Middle School. Another middle schooler added, "The thinking challenged us, but in the end the work was well worth it."

Don't miss next year's "Better World Day" evenings, starting in the spring of 2020.

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The Baldwin UFSD Partnership with Simon Youth Foundation Leads to Scholarships for Students

Simon Youth Foundation (SYF) awarded seniors Miah Lissade and Sarah Reyes of Baldwin High School@ Shubert scholarships of \$32,000 each (or \$8,000 per year for four years) as a direct result of the partnership launched this past year between the Baldwin Union Free

School District (UFSD) and the foundation.

"Seeing these two students receive scholarships as a result of the Simon Youth Foundation partnership, which we just launched this year, is extraordinary,"

says Dr. Shari L. Camhi, superintendent of schools, Baldwin UFSD.

"Our district aims to provide an education for all learners and ensure that all of our students can graduate college-, career-, and life-ready—and this is a result of this effort.

Congratulations to Miah and Sarah, and thank you to all of the administration who helped make this collaboration a success."

Starting in September, Miah will attend St.

John's University in Queens, NY with a focus on special

education, while Sarah will enroll in the pre-nursing program at St. Petersburg College in Pinellas County, FL. Both students proudly graduated in June from Baldwin High School @Shubert, which offers students in grades 9–12 the opportunity to fulfill New York State graduation requirements by earning both academic and Career and Technical Education (CTE) credits. The program has been made possible through partnerships with Nassau BOCES, and just this year, with SYF.



Communication Reminders

Update Contact Information

Check that 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 in order to receive emails, phone calls, and text messages from the district. If you are a high school student, please make sure your cell phone number is also on file in case of an emergency.

Available Resources

For information about our latest communication channels and resources, please visit the district website and click on "Communication Channels" button, located on top of the site.

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