



**BALDWIN
SCHOOLS**

Baldwin Beat

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Summer 2018

*Congratulations to Our
Class of 2018
We are so proud!*



Class of 2018 at a Glance

110th Commencement

Total Amount in Scholarships: more than \$2 million

Valedictorian: Delaine Mack

Salutatorian: Kamran Vakil

Class President: Kendra Gourgue

Baldwin Middle School Takes on Kindness Challenge



This year, Baldwin Middle School successfully participated in the Kindness Challenge led by the American Association of School Administrators

(AASA) and spearheaded by Stand for Children. Teachers taught lessons throughout the year that emphasized kindness and building peer relationships. Students and teachers also signed a kindness pledge during “Kindness Week.” For the “Heroes in Our Community” program, students nominated individuals from Baldwin who regularly perform acts of kindness and set good examples.

Steele Elementary School Spreads Kindness



Steele Elementary School organized the Kindness Rocks Project, where students wrote kind words, phrases, pictures or quotes on painted rocks. The rocks were

then placed in front of the Steele School Sign to form the “Kindness Rocks” Garden. To spread kindness, the Baldwin community is encouraged to “Take one for inspiration. Share one for motivation. Leave one as a donation.”

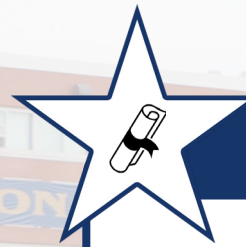
Coming Up: 2018-2019

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

- Advanced Placement (A.P.) Seminar/Capstone
- 9th Grade AVID Course
- Continuation of inquiry-based science
- Education Academy at the High School
- Integrated academic uses of technology
- Middle School Interdisciplinary Units of Study
- Middle School Virtual Enterprise Pre-Academy
- Simon Youth Foundation at Baldwin
- Suffolk County Community College Partnership
- 9th Grade Teaming

Points of **PRIDE**

At Baldwin Union Free School District, we are proud of our people and all of the unique and invaluable initiatives taking place. Our *Points of Pride* for 2017-2018 highlights some of this year’s incredible accomplishments, clearly demonstrating how we are **innovative**, **inclusive**, and **involved**!



Academics

Baldwin UFSD continues to achieve excellence.

By the Numbers:

- More than \$2 million in scholarships awarded
- 2 students accepted into the NYU Aspire Program
- 2 students attended the 2018 Angelo Del Toro Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute

Achievements:

- Plaza Elementary School named “National School of Character” and Meadow Elementary School received State Honorable Mention
- Team ORCHID named NYS English Council Program of Excellence and participated in Digital Education Summit
- 10th grade student accepted into Harvard Summer Program
- Medical Academy Spark Challenge Competition: Clinical Labs, Honorable Mention for Presentation; Culinary, Honorable Mention for Poster Advertisement

Virtual Enterprise

- National Competitions:
 - Newsletter – Top 10%
 - Branding – Top 25%
 - Website – Top 25%
 - Elevator Pitch – Honorable Mention
- Regional Competitions: Silver for e-commerce website, booth design, and employee handbook
- International Trade Show New York: Gold for sales material and Silver for sales pitch



Music & Fine Arts

The Department of Fine and Performing Arts continually raises the bar. The achievements include:

By the Numbers:

- 3 All-State Ensemble Musicians
- 53 All-County Musicians
- 5 Long Island String Festival Musicians
- 33 Art Supervisor Association All-County Art Exhibition Artists
- 6 "Best In Show" from the Long Island Media and Art Show
- 1 Long Island's Best: Young Artists from the Heckscher Museum Exhibition

Achievements:

- Baldwin Voted One of the Best Communities for Music Education
- At the NYSSMA Major Organization Festival, Wind Symphony rated Gold with Distinction; Symphony Band and Chamber Orchestra rated Gold; Concert Choir and Symphony Orchestra rated Silver
- Baldwin High School's Wind Symphony featured at the NYS Band Directors Association Symposium
- Baldwin High School's A Major Singing Group performed the national anthem at the NYS Democratic Convention
- Baldwin High School's Pep Band and Chorus featured at Hofstra University



Baldwin Family

Our teachers and administration continue to garner awards and national recognition.

Toni-Ann Barone, Ph.D. – 2018 Educator of Excellence by the New York State English Council

Lauren Maywald – Empire State Excellence in Teaching

Mary Jo O'Hagan, Board Member – Nassau County Women of Distinction Award *and* the Scope Award for Community Service

Karyn Reid, Board Member – Nassau County Legislature's 20th Annual Women's History Trailblazer Award

Dr. Shari L. Camhi's representation on: American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Governing Board; Center for Digital Education; American Association of Community Colleges (AACC): Commission on College Readiness; and the NYS Education Technology Advisory Committee



Pupil Services

Pupil Services has had another year of significant strides.

- Increased work-based learning sites for Life Skills students (Applebee's, Baldwin Bowling Alley, Dollar Tree, Home Depot, Mercy Medical Center, New York Equestrian Center, Petco, Thrifty Pawz, Walgreens)
- 3rd Annual Work-Based Learning Expo highly successful
- High School Challenger Basketball Team: 4-1 record two consecutive years
- Residency Investigations – 52 non-residents excluded



Athletics

Our sports teams and athletes have broken records and received countless accolades.

By the Numbers:

- \$2,200,000 in athletic scholarships for this year's graduating class

Achievements:

- 2018 Girls' Basketball Team named New York State Federation Champions and ranked #5 nationally
- 2018 Boys' Basketball Team – Nassau County Finalist Sportsmanship Award
- 2018 Boys' Basketball Team – Nassau County Finalist
- 2017 Softball – Conference Champions
- 2017 Field Hockey – Nassau County Finalist
- George Craig and Steve Shippas inducted into Nassau County Athletic Hall of Fame

We Are Innovative...We Are Inclusive...We Are Involved...We Are Baldwin!

Plaza Elementary Named National School of Character



Plaza Elementary School has been named a “National School of Character”—the only school on Long Island and one of just

63 schools across the nation to receive the highly prestigious honor for 2018. Each year, the Character Education Partnership selects schools based on a rigorous evaluation process that validates that character development has had a positive impact on academics, student behavior, and the school’s environment.



Congratulations to Plaza Elementary School and the entire Baldwin community!

Baldwin Schools Host Digital News Journalism Summit

Sixty-five third, fourth and fifth grade students from nine elementary schools in five school districts, who participated in a digital news journalism project, came together for a summit to discuss and share their written



digital news articles about diversity. Students met with Nassau County Executive, Laura Curran. Ken Norton, a Google Ventures Partner and Product Manager, gave the

keynote address via Google Hangout.



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