



Baldwin Beat

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Summer 2016

The Baldwin School District Annual Report 2015-16



*...Inspiring Excellence
in Teaching and Learning*

Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

91% are attending two- and four-year colleges and universities and vocational schools

9% are entering the armed forces or the world of work

94% earned Regents Diplomas, Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation, or Regents Diplomas with Honor

1 National Merit Finalist

22 AP Scholars

10 AP Scholars with Honor

7 AP Scholars with Distinction

44 President's Education Award Winners

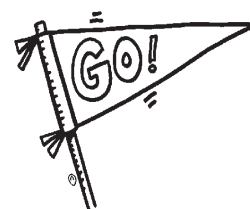


Where They're Accepted: Colleges and Universities

Adelphi University
Alabama A&M University
Albany College of Pharmacy
American University
Amherst College
Bard College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Clark Atlanta
Clarkson University
Concordia College
Cornell University
CUNY Brooklyn College
CUNY City College
CUNY Macaulay Honors
CUNY Hunter College
CUNY John Jay College
CUNY Queens College
Culinary Institute of America
Dartmouth College
Delaware State University
Dowling College
Drexel University
Emerson College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Five Towns College
Florida Atlantic University
Fordham University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Hampton University
Hartwick College
Harvard College
Hofstra University
Howard University
Iona College
Ithaca College

Johns Hopkins University
Lehigh University
Lincoln University
Long Island University
Livingstone College
Manhattan College
Marymount Manhattan College
Mass. College of Pharmacy
Miami Dade College
Michigan State University
Molloy College
Monroe College
Morehouse College
Mount Saint Mary College
Nassau Community College
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Ohio State University
Pace University
Penn State University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Savannah Art & Design
St. Francis College
St. John's University
St. Thomas Aquinas
Seton Hall University
Spelman College
SUNY Albany
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY Cortland

SUNY Farmingdale
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Stony Brook
SUNY Old Westbury
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Plattsburgh
SUNY Purchase
SUNY Stony Brook
Syracuse University
Temple University
Towson University
Tufts University
University of California, Berkeley
University of Cincinnati
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Hartford
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of New Haven
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rhode Island
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
Villanova University
Virginia State University
Yale University
York College



Student Honors

The Top Ten Students – Class of 2016



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shari L. Camhi, Principal Susan Knors, and Board President Karyn Reid with the "Top Ten"

The top ten students of the Class of 2016 with the highest grade point averages and their college choices:

1. Keyhan Vakil (Valedictorian) - University of California, Berkeley
2. David Zuckerman (Salutatorian) - Yale University
3. Catherine Sweeney - Princeton University
4. Jackson Rudolph - Temple University
5. Bridget Jules - SUNY Binghamton
6. Safir Thajudheen - New York University
7. Amelia Smyth - CUNY Honors Colin Powell School of Global Leadership
8. Lauren Johnson - CUNY Honors Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Engineering
9. Peter Orselli - SUNY Binghamton
10. Monique Joseph - St. John's University

Baldwin Senior is a National Merit Finalist



Keyhan Vakil with Principal Susan Knors

In the fall, Baldwin High School senior Keyhan Vakil was named a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist as one of the top 16,000 students nationwide recognized for their exceptional performance on the PSAT in 2014 and, later in the year, was selected a National Merit Finalist as one of 15,000 students nationwide based on GPA and SAT scores.

Baldwin Senior Among Long Island Scholar-Artists



Principal Susan Knors and Director of Fine and Performing Arts Andre Poprilo with Catherine Sweeney

Baldwin High School senior Catherine Sweeney was selected as one of 20 Scholar-Artists for the 2015-16 school year by the Long Island Arts Alliance. The students were recognized for their excellence in both academics and the arts and had detailed bios profiled in *Newsday*. Catherine was featured for her active participation in choral studies, school musicals, youth orchestras, and singing competitions.

Baldwin Students Selected for NYSSMA All-State Winter Festival



Principal Susan Knors and Director of Fine and Performing Arts Andre Poprilo with NYSSMA All-State Students

Six Baldwin High School students were selected to perform at the NYSSMA All-State Winter Conference in Rochester on December 3-6. They were: Barak Isaac (Alto Saxophone) for the Wind Ensemble, Shirajh Mullen (Trumpet) and Phillip Orselli (Trombone) for Symphonic Band, and Michaela Barnett (Alto II), Daelynn Jorif (Alto I) and Catherine Sweeney (Soprano II) for Mixed Chorus. Two alternate positions were Daelynn Jorif (Jazz Soprano) and Danielle Davis (Cello). The Baldwin students were among approximately 900 students statewide selected to perform in the NYSSMA All-State Winter Conference.

Baldwin High School Graduation, June 24, 2016

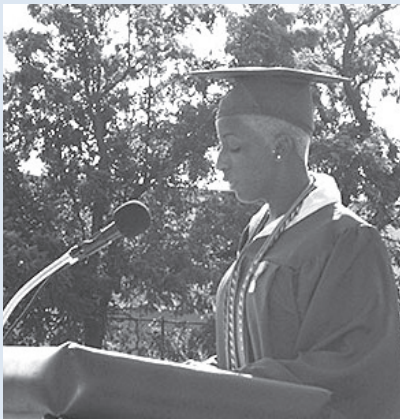
There is something about the school flags waving in the gentle breeze on the high school field and the start of "Pomp and Circumstance" that elicits Baldwin pride at graduation every year. In timeless tradition, the 108th Baldwin High School Commencement took place on Friday, June 24, 2016. The Color Guard raised the flags while the Concert Choir sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and later "America the Beautiful." Addressing the audience were Salutatorian David Zuckerman, Valedictorian Keyhan Vakil, Class President Symone Riggins, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shari L. Camhi, Board of Education President Karyn Reid, and Principal Susan Knors, with the board trustees presenting the class with their diplomas. Congratulations to the Class of 2016!



The first Baldwin graduates - all smiles - walk out onto the field at the start of the processional



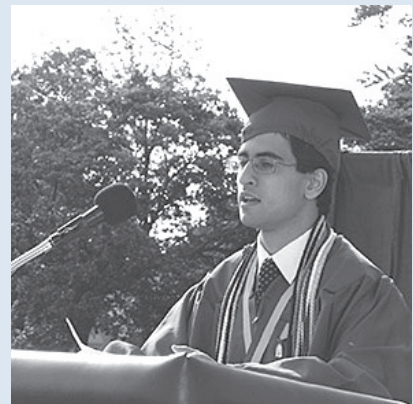
Members of Concert Choir sing in perfect pitch and harmony



Class President Symone Riggins



Salutatorian David Zuckerman



Valedictorian Keyhan Vakil

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shari L. Camhi asked the graduates to reflect on what their legacy will be, adding "Consider the impact on the world if there were more love and less hate; more kindness and compassion; less meaningless talk and more action."



Board President Karyn Reid bestowed the small gifts to the salutatorian and valedictorian after speaking to the graduates about striving for greatness and citing Kent M. Keith that no matter what obstacles come your way, do good work "anyway!"

Principal Susan Knors told her graduating students that she was sharing a lot of their sentiments of reflecting and reminiscing and quoted lovable and wise Winnie the Pooh in saying "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."



Baldwin seniors take Principal Knors' advice to give hugs and extend good wishes to their fellow students before throwing their caps into the air after they received their diplomas!



Lowering of the Colors by Color Guard Juliacie Dieuvel, Brittany Monroy, Asia Velasquez, Jade Young, and Bugler Jordan Spencer

First Baldwin High School Wind Symphony Solo Concert of Commissioned Works



Band teacher Kim Roof rehearses with the Wind Symphony at Adelphi's beautiful concert hall before the show

The Baldwin High School Wind Symphony, conducted by Scott Dunn and Kim Roof, performed in their own "Commissions Concert" on June 13 at the Adelphi University Performing Arts Center. The two-hour concert featured ten years of commissioned works created for this ensemble by six award-winning renowned composers on the university level. Three of the composers, William C. White, David Heckendorn, and Dr. Paul Moravec, were in attendance at the concert. Also featured were Trombonist Stephen Dunn, who performed the solo in "Elements of Earth," and Baldwin alumnus Gregory Sisco, who reprised his solo in "Winds of Time." Says Band Director Scott Dunn, "Part of this project is to make recordings and get our wonderful music outside of Baldwin and into the hands of collegiate and other high school conductors."

Art Honor Society Students Create Calming Murals for Northwell Hospice Unit

Expanding on the robust school-to-career program at Baldwin High School, nine art honor students, advised by teacher Michelle Liemer-Kelly, gave of their hearts and talents by creating calming murals for the Northwell Hospital hospice in Valley Stream. Their framed works will adorn the entryway to the unit and provide respite for patients and their families. The administrators at Northwell were delighted with the beautiful artwork with names such as "Peaceful Path," "Indigo Sky," and "Serenity." In addition to the annual shadow day for students at Northwell, this is the start of an ongoing art installation program at the hospital solely with Baldwin High School art students. *Newsday* livestreamed the special ceremony to unveil the artwork in June at www.newsday.com/videos. View the Northwell article at <https://www.northwell.edu/about/news/students-share-art-compassion-hospice>.



Baldwin High School students proudly display the artwork they donated to Northwell Hospital



Hastings Academy Restructured to Include Career Training

The structure of the Hastings Academy alternative high school program will be reorganized to enrich and enhance the course offerings to include a Career and Technical (CTE) program beginning in fall 2016. The program will be on-site at the District Office and will include barbering, gaming, and police science. The CTE courses will be taught by certified CTE teachers and will replicate those classes at BOCES Barry Tech. Upon completion, students will receive certification in their field of study. In addition, the Hastings Academy will continue to provide a full academic program with individualized instructional plans that include Regents courses and credit recovery. The Hastings' physical space is also being redesigned to optimize the curriculum changes in order to create an innovative model for teaching and learning.



Baldwin High School Students Help Conduct Community Survey

During a visit by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shari L. Camhi with her Student Advisory Council at Baldwin High School this year, the students noted that they had many questions regarding the Nassau County traffic and economic development study. Dr. Camhi took the opportunity to invite Nassau County Legislator Laura Curran, Baldwin Civic Association President Karen Montalbano, and Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Co-President Erik Mahler to attend the next advisory council meeting to speak with the students. From that constructive dialogue, a survey was created to receive input from Baldwin High School students about the types of businesses they would like to see in Baldwin. AP Statistics students then collated and presented the survey results to community groups and legislators.

In Recognition of Excellence



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shari L. Camhi and Board President Karyn Reid with the IROE staff honorees for 2016

The annual In Recognition of Excellence Dinner was held on May 25 at Baldwin High School, sponsored in part by a grant from the Baldwin Foundation for Education (BFE). This program is unique to Baldwin and honors ten seniors who made distinct contributions to their class as well as their elementary, middle and high school teachers who made a difference in their education and their lives. This year, the student and faculty honorees were:

Felicia Bigg	Colleen Fitzpatrick, Christopher Fahey, Vincent Leis
Priyanka Bisht.....	Timothy Ryley, Christopher Russo, Maurice Hayon
Christina Davis	Christina Connell, Kelly Beck, Ron Ventura
Sage Fortune.....	Echele May, Darlene Holmes
Kira Genovese.....	Meredith Healy-Kurz
Olusade Green	Gregory Gordon, Jennie Randazzo, John Buglione
Deidre McIntyre	Jennifer Sullivan, Cheryl Mazzarella, Deidre McManus
Jacob Peretson.....	Lynn Glianna, Kelly Beck, Michael Palumbo
Dan Scheinman.....	Kim Masie, Fran Manas, Jennifer Raleigh
David Zuckerman	Denise Heuer, Don Keppler, Gregg Kelley
	Debra Dalder, Ingrid Bacca, Scott Dunn

*** See the individual videos and photo gallery on the district website.**

Baldwin School District Honors Retiring Staff

Whereas a school district is only as good as its staff, the Board of Education and district administration thank and commend its retirees for their dedicated service and wish them a fulfilling and happy retirement:

Victoria Azzarello	Food Service
George Brown	Cleaner
Gina Marie Brown	Speech & Hearing Teacher
Richard Doino	Physics Teacher
Joseph Gallo	Maintainer
Sara Gonzalez	Special Education Teacher
Susan Knors	Principal
Ann Kroell	Science Teacher
Sally Lemmon	English Teacher
Cavaille Osson-Fox	Nurse
Patricia Pepe	School Monitor
Daysi Salazar	Food Service
Charlene Scannell	Teacher
Raul Suarez	Cleaner



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shari L. Camhi and Board President Karyn Reid congratulate high school Principal Susan Knors on her retirement

High School	12 years
High School	18 years
Middle School	34 years
High School	19 years
Districtwide	13 years
Middle/High School	20 years
High School	20 years
Middle School	23 years
High School	22 years
High School	9 years
High School	24 years
High School	8 years
Brookside School	18 years
Lenox School	29 years



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Important Dates

August

- 10 Board of Education Meeting, DO, 8 PM
- 15 HS Football and Cheerleading Tryouts
- 22 HS Fall Sports Tryouts
- 30 Teen-to-Teen, HS, 8:30am
9th Grade Orientation, HS, 9:30am
Parent Orientation, HS, 7pm

September

- 1-2 Superintendent's Conference Days - **Staff Only**
- 6 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
MS Fall Sports Tryouts
New Parent Tea, Brookside, 8:45am
New Parent Tea, Steele, 9am
- 8 MS Fall Sports Tryouts
New Parent Reception, Meadow, 6pm
New Parent Tea, Plaza, 6pm
PTA Meetings: Meadow, 7pm; Plaza, 7pm
- 10 Principal's Coffee Talk, HS, 11am
Saturday Night Alive, HS, 7pm
- 12 PTSA Meeting, HS, 7:30 PM

- 13 Senior College Night/Financial Aid Night, HS, 7pm
- 14 Board of Education Meeting, DO, 8pm
- 15 KYSN, MS, 7pm
- 17 Saturday Night Alive, HS, 7pm
- 19 New Parent Orientation, Lenox, 6:30pm
PTA Meetings: Brookside, 7pm; Lenox, 7pm
- 20 Open House, HS, 9 AM, *RSVP
Title I Meeting, Meadow, 9am & 6:30pm
PTA Meeting, Steele, 7pm
KYSNs: Meadow, 7pm; Plaza, 7pm
- 21 Picture Day, Lenox
New ENL Family Orientation, Baldwin Public Library, 7pm
PTA Council, DO, 7:30pm
- 22 KYSNs: Brookside, 7pm; Lenox, 7pm; Steele, 7pm
- 24 Saturday Night Alive, HS, 7pm
- 26 New Parent Orientation, MS, 6:30pm
PTA Meeting, MS, 7:30pm
- 27 KYSN, HS, 7pm
- 29 Picture Day, Plaza
TriMHonor Society Induction, HS, 7pm
- 29-30 Picture Days, MS

Volunteer for the Baldwin Educational Assembly

The Baldwin Educational Assembly (BEA) will be holding its General Meeting on Tuesday, September 20, at 8 p.m. at Baldwin High School.

The BEA advises the Board of Education on a variety of timely topics, and the board will decide on the charges for BEA committees for the 2016-17 school year at the August meeting. Please look for the committee charges on the district website at the end of August.

For more information, call the BEA secretary Mary Hobbs at 434 6011.

Have You Signed Up Yet for the District Website and Mobile App?

Before the new school year begins, please take a moment to **SIGN UP** for the district website and download the mobile app to receive district alerts and news.

Go to www.baldwinschools.org and click "**SIGN UP**" in the upper right corner and be sure to subscribe to the areas of the website of interest to you.

Go to the Apple Store or Google Play to download the mobile app for free ("Baldwin School District") to access website info on the go.

All residents can sign up - you do not need to have children enrolled in the district schools. **BE AMONG THE FIRST TO KNOW!**