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**YEAR IN
REVIEW**

INTRODUCTION

A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The 2024-2025 School Year at BBCHS: A Year of Growth and Recognition



The 2024-2025 school year was marked by major accomplishments at Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. In November, our community overwhelmingly supported a \$70 million referendum to upgrade our facility. This transformational project will bring all students under one roof and allow for a comprehensive redesign of the building to enhance learning environments. Currently, the academic, fine arts, and physical education areas are spread throughout the campus in a way that is noisy, inconvenient, and inadequate for a school serving nearly 2,000 students.

What continues to make BBCHS special is our strong sense of community. Many of our staff members are deeply connected to the school, as alumni, current or future parents, or long-time residents. This familiarity fosters a close-knit, supportive atmosphere, giving our large school the heart of a small one while still offering the broad opportunities and programs of a much larger institution. This unique setting has yielded numerous significant achievements over the past year.

Among the many highlights this year was our recognition on the College Board's AP School Honor Roll. This distinction is based on the percentage of students earning college credit through Advanced Placement exams. Fewer than 20% of schools statewide earned this honor, most of which are private or selective enrollment institutions. BBCHS was the only school in Kankakee County to receive this recognition.

We were also proud to be named a National Banner Unified Champion School by Special Olympics. Fewer than 10 schools in Illinois received this award, which honors schools that foster an inclusive climate rooted in collaboration, engagement, and respect. To earn this distinction, schools must meet 10 national standards of excellence that demonstrate a deep commitment to inclusion.

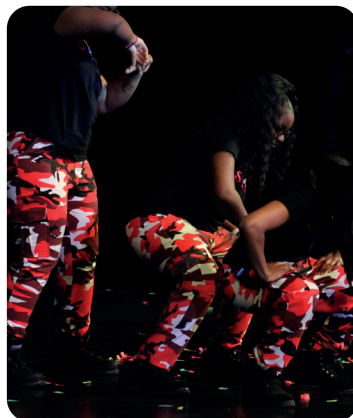
Finally, we were also named Best Buddies Illinois Chapter of the Year and the International Charter of the Year. Best Buddies is the largest club or activity we have, with nearly 300 students participating. This program builds one-to-one friendships between students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), offering social interactions while improving the quality of life and level of inclusion for a population that is often isolated and excluded.

It's my honor and privilege to serve this community, and I'm looking forward to the 2025-2026 school year.

Dr. Matt Vosberg

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

The District 307 Board of Education is composed of seven residents who serve four-year terms. Within the Board of Education, there are three elected positions: President, Vice President, and Secretary. Board members also serve on various committees. These committee meetings are held on various dates prior to the monthly board meeting.

The seven members of the District 307 Board of Education are elected at large in public elections for four-year terms. This year, 2025, was an election year for three board seats. Board members serve on a volunteer basis, without pay, and do not maintain offices in District buildings.

The Board of Education is responsible for hiring the Superintendent, authorizing the appointment of all other staff members, authorizing curriculum development, levying tax monies, and budgeting for both educational programs and operating expenses, and setting District policy. The Board delegates the execution of District policies to the District's administration.

Board elections were held this April. On the ballot were returning members, Ann Brezinski, Sally Martell, and Jim Patterson who were all re-elected. There was a reseating on Monday, May 12th to appoint the new President, Vice President, and Secretary for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year and the following year. The reseating is publicly voted on by current School Board members. Justin Caldwell was re-elected as the School Board President, Jim Patterson was re-elected as the School Board Vice President, and Ann Brezinski was re-elected as the School Board Secretary.

Thank you to the Board of Education for the time and commitment you give to BBCHS and our community!

Board meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month at 6:00pm in the BBCHS Board Room. For additional information, please visit our website and select "District" followed by "School Board".



Ann Brezinski

Board of Education Secretary



Jim Patterson

Board of Education Vice President



Sally Martell

Board of Education



Justin Caldwell
Board of Education President



Jennifer Edmonds
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Board of Education

WELCOME

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As we close out the 2024–2025 academic year, I'm honored to reflect on another extraordinary chapter in the story of Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. This year, our students, staff, and community once again exemplified excellence, passion, and the Boilermaker spirit across academics, athletics, arts, and service.

I'm thrilled to announce that 49 senior students were recognized as the 2024–2025 Illinois State Scholars, placing them in the top 10% of seniors statewide. In addition, BBCHS earned recognition on the College Board's AP Honor Roll, distinguishing us as the only school in Kankakee County on the list and among the top 20% in Illinois for expanding access and improving performance across AP coursework. We take pride in the achievements of the many students who earned AP Scholar designations, embodying our pursuit of academic challenge and postsecondary readiness.

The spirit of inclusion remained a hallmark of our school, as our Best Buddies chapter—one of the largest in Illinois—continued transformative work through monthly events, friendship-building activities, and leadership in service.

In athletics, BBCHS made history: our first-ever girls flag football team not only debuted as an IHSA-sanctioned program but also finished a strong 4th place in the State Final Four, capturing a sectional title in a spectacular inaugural season. Across 27 athletic teams, many of our student-athletes advanced deep into the Southwest Suburban Conference and IHSA playoffs showing grit, teamwork, and pride.

The Fine Arts Department also had a banner year, showcasing the immense talent and creativity of our students. From our award-winning music ensembles and theatrical productions to stunning visual arts exhibitions, our arts programs continue to enrich the culture of BBCHS.

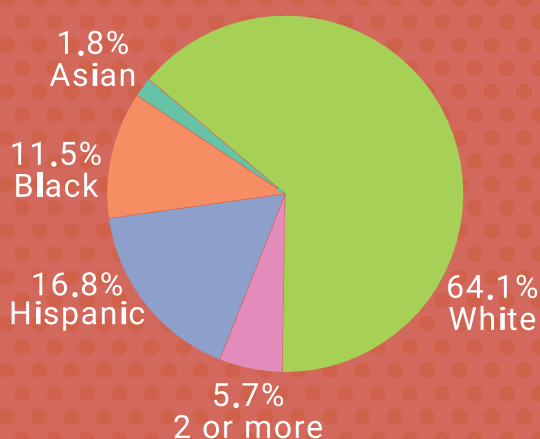
Finally, the successful passage of our bond referendum sets the stage for major enhancements to our facilities, technology, and learning environments—investments that will benefit current and future generations of Boilermakers. In summary, the class of 2025 has left a lasting legacy: 49 State Scholars, schoolwide AP excellence, historic athletic milestones, creative arts triumphs, and unshakeable community spirit. I am profoundly proud of every student, staff member, and family whose dedication made this year unforgettable. Thank you for building our shared tradition—and preparing us for a bright future.


Dr. Evan Tingley

DISTRICT SNAPSHOT


93%
GRADUATION
RATE

 **1,840**
students



 **547**
Students in
AP Classes

194
students
taking
dual-
enrollment



Summative Designation:
**COMMENDABLE
SCHOOL**

A school that has no underperforming student groups and a graduation rate greater than 67%.

51% of our teachers
hold masters
degrees or higher



STUDENT TO
TEACHER RATIO
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828 Students taking enriched
or honors classes



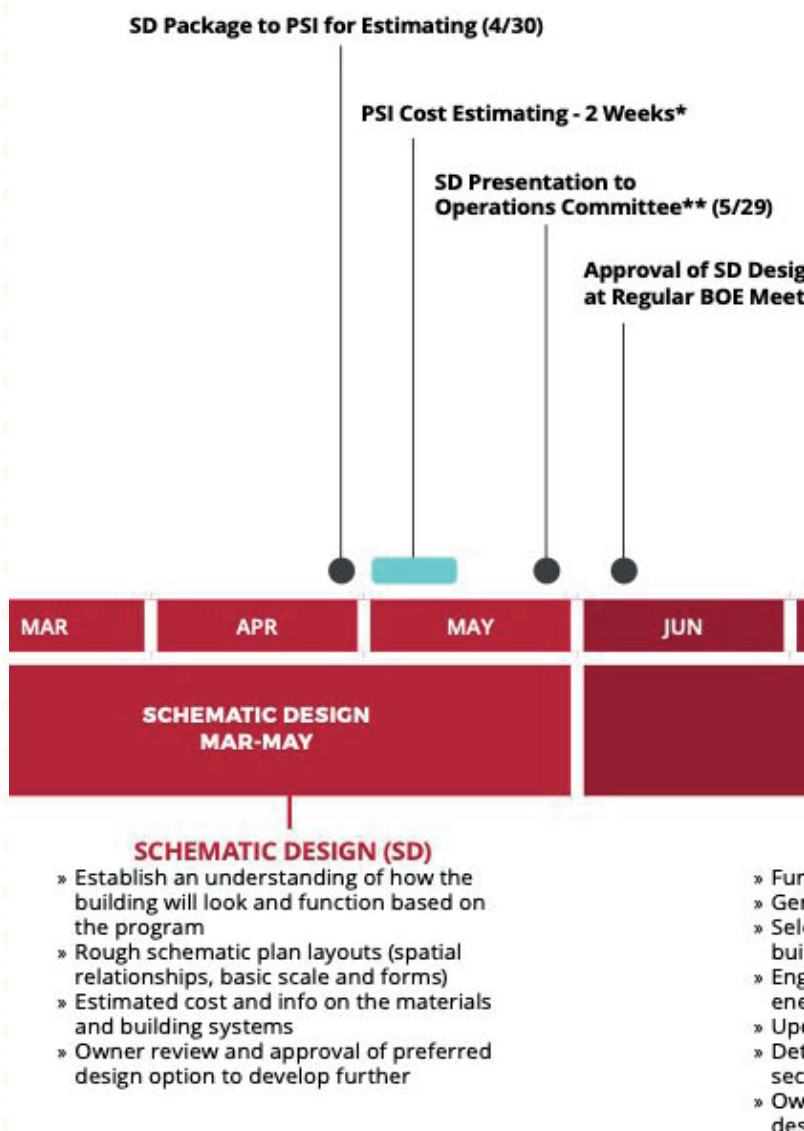
FACILITIES

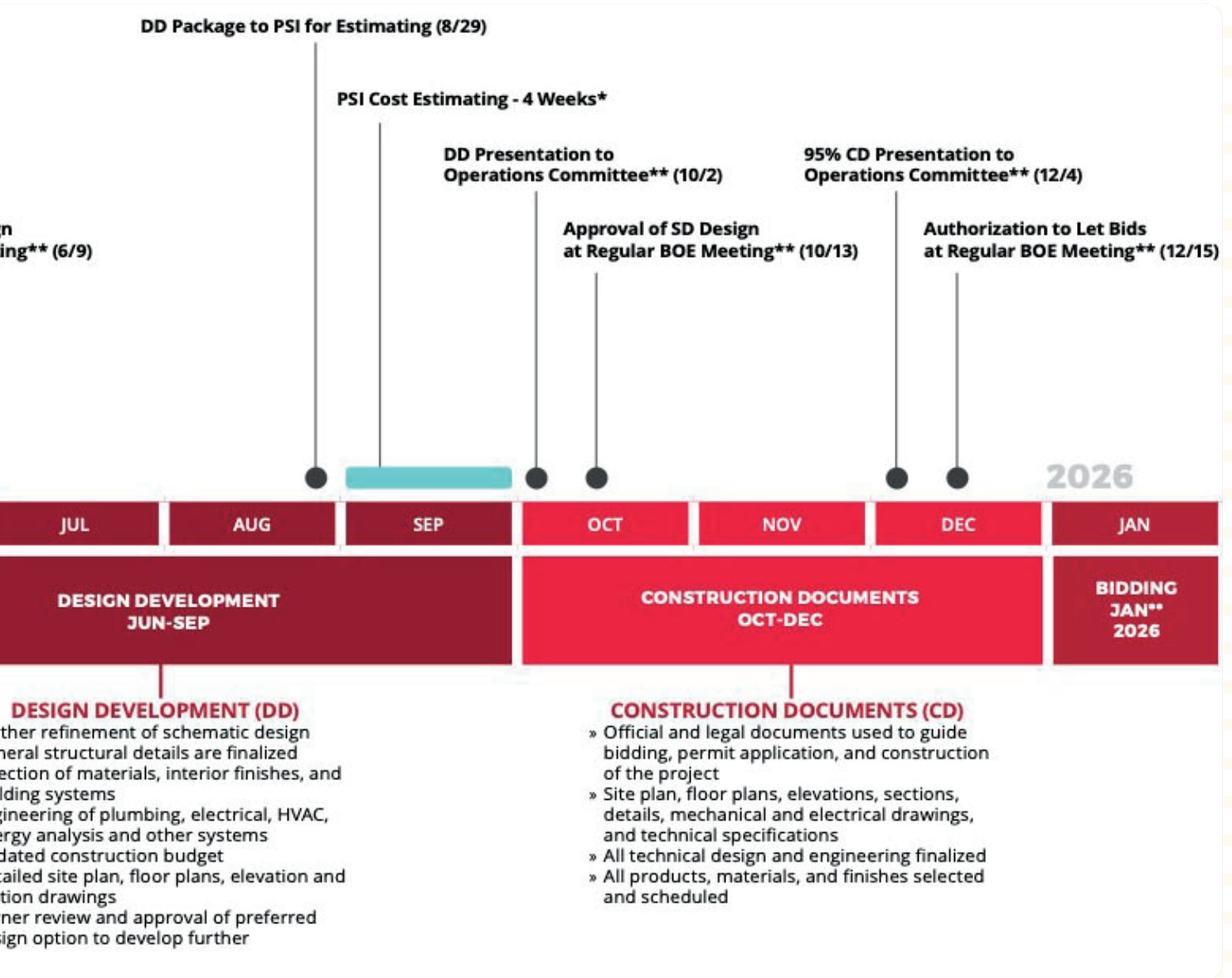
Our project to improve the facilities at BBCHS is underway. BLDD Architects and our contracting company, PSI, conducted programming meetings by holding in-person interviews with various user groups to better understand activities and functional needs. The goal is to ultimately provide a better working and learning environment for everyone.

We then entered into the schematic design phase from March until May. BLDD was able to establish an understanding of how the building will look and function based on the programming meetings. They provided rough schematic plan layouts with spatial relationships, basic scale and forms. The estimated cost and information on the materials and building systems were also discussed. We then had a review and approval process of the preferred design option to develop further.

We are currently in the design development phase until September. The schematic design is getting refined further. General structural details will be finalized. We will have a selection of materials, interior finishes, and building systems. Engineering of plumbing, electrical, HVAC, energy analysis and other systems will be in discussion. There will be an updated construction budget, as well as a detailed site plan, floor plans, elevation and section drawings. Then, there will be another review and approval process of the preferred design option to develop further.

Once October hits, we will be in the construction documents phase, and bidding will begin in January of 2026.





BBCHS is set to undergo several exciting improvements, thanks to the funds provided by the bond referendum voted on and passed by the Bradley and Bourbonnais community in November 2024. This image represents a potential view of our new and improved school once the updates are complete. The renovations and additions will create more dynamic learning environments for students and expand opportunities to engage in extracurricular activities such as robotics, fine arts, athletics, and more.

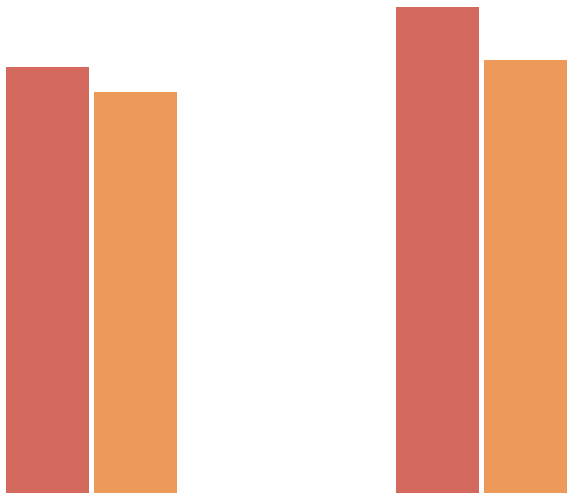
FINANCES

Our district is proud of its strong record of long-term financial stability. BBCHS makes all required financial documents publicly available, including the Annual Budget, Annual Financial Report (AFR), and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which provides a thorough overview of the District's financial health along with an independent auditor's opinion. We continue to operate below the state average in both instructional and operational spending per student. For 13 consecutive years, BBCHS has earned recognition status, reflecting our commitment to fiscal responsibility and effective stewardship of resources.



FINANCIAL PROFILE: RECOGNITION

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) evaluates school districts each year using various financial indicators, such as fund balances and the expenditures-to-revenue ratio. Districts scoring between 3.54 and 4.00 on the Financial Profile are placed in the highest category of financial strength—Financial Recognition. These districts typically require minimal to no oversight from ISBE. BBCHS earned a score of 3.65, placing it firmly within this top tier of financial stability.



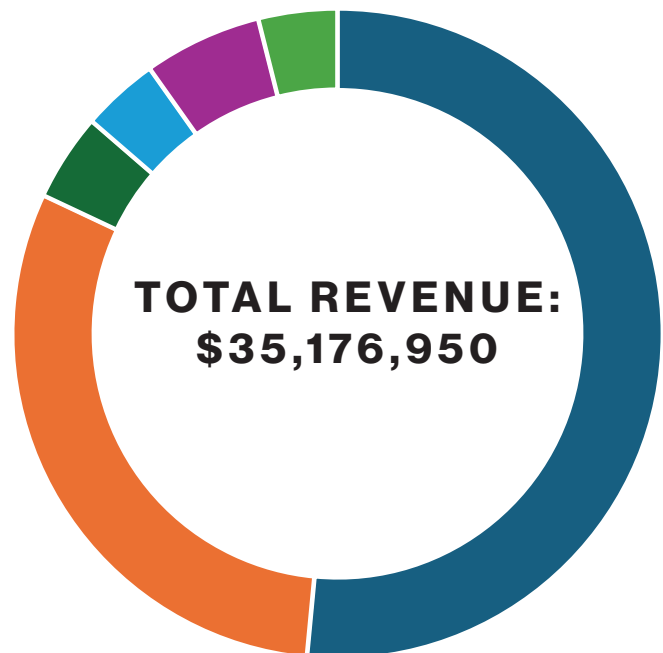
Instructional Spending	Operational Spending
State: \$11,078	State: \$18,905
District: \$10,149	District: \$16,000

PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES VS. STATE AVERAGE:

Instructional spending per student accounts only for expenses directly related to classroom teaching. Operational spending per student encompasses nearly all district-wide costs, including instructional expenses. BBCHS consistently remains well below the state average in both categories, demonstrating a strong commitment to responsible financial management.

OPERATING FUND REVENUE BY SOURCE

The school district receives the majority of its revenue from local sources, including property taxes, replacement taxes, and student fees. While local sources are the majority of the district's revenue, only 58% of revenue is generated locally, opposed to the state average of 64%. We are less reliant on local funding than the average school district in Illinois. Revenue from the state and federal government has remained relatively constant over recent years.



Property taxes:	\$18,119,606 (51.51%)
State sources:	\$10,726,402 (30.49%)
Investment income:	\$1,528,687 (4.35%)
Replacement taxes:	\$1,351,496 (3.84%)
Federal sources:	\$2,069,605 (5.88%)
Other local sources:	\$1,381,154 (3.93%)

BANNER YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

From academics, to athletics, to the arts, BBCHS flourished this year, and together, we celebrate what it means to be Boilermakers.

This school year was one full of accomplishments. Our school was named a Special Olympics Unified Champion School, which reflects our commitment to inclusion and fostering an accepting environment for all. We are one of only 21 schools in Illinois to receive this honor. BBCHS was also named Best Buddies Chapter of the Year. In addition, we had three students who earned state-wide awards with Best Buddies. Ireland Kaufman was named Chapter President of the Year, and Ben Worsham and Chloe Cooper were named Buddy Pair of the Year.

We launched a new fall sport, Flag Football, which created an avenue for our female students to be involved in an extracurricular activity. They earned fourth place at the State Finals in their inaugural season.

Our Robotics team qualified for a worldwide tournament in Houston, Texas, and our Scholastic Bowl team qualified for the National Championships in Atlanta, Georgia.

BBCHS was voted the #1 Public School in Kankakee County by the Reader's Choice Awards, which is an honor that reflects the strength of our entire school community.

We sent several teams and individual student-athletes to compete at the state level including flag football, dance, cheer, two AWD swimmers, Special Olympics swim, Unified track, two girls track athletes, a boys tennis individual, two boys track athletes, Special Olympics bocce ball, and our Unified Basketball team became State Champions!

Outside of athletics, our Speech Team qualified for State, and Ava Mossop was the first student since 1966 to be a finalist! In the arts, we had 11 students who were named Illinois Music Education Conference All-State musicians, and our music department placed 2nd in the state for the 2025 IHSA Music Sweepstakes in Class AA! Our orchestra is ranked in 1st place for the IHSA Class AA String Division.

Our theatre department was nominated by the Illinois High School Musical Theatre Awards for Best Production, Best Ensemble, and Myah Crawford was nominated for Best Performer in an Actress Role.



August 2024
Fall Preview Night



August 2024
AP Kick-Off



September 2024
Homecoming



September 2024
Fall Games



October 2024
Trunk-or-Treat



October 2024
Flag Football to State Finals



November 2024
Bond Referendum Passed!



November 2024
Once Upon a Mattress



December 2024
Holiday Art Show



January 2025
Dance Team to State



January 2025
Illinois State Scholars
Announced



February 2025
Speech Team to State
(Ava Mossop first time since 1966)



February 2025
SIX the Musical



March 2025
Unified Basketball State
Champions



March 2025
Scholastic Bowl Regional
Champions



April 2025
Robotics to Nationals in
Houston



April 2025
Top 10% Dinner



May 2025
Friendship Walk: Chapter of
the Year



May 2025
KACC Awards

CLASS OF 2025



The Class of 2025 commencement ceremony took place on Thursday, May 22nd in Barclay Stadium at Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. It was an opportunity to honor all of the hard work and dedication that our senior students have made to their education and extracurricular activities at BBCHS over the past four years as Boilermakers. After all of our School Board members, faculty and staff, and graduates proceeded into the ceremony, senior Myah Crawford beautifully sang the National Anthem as the first student to ever sing at a BBCHS commencement ceremony! There were also three senior students, Ava Mossop, Gavin Kohl, and Maddalena Righi, who spoke at commencement. The senior address was presented by our Principal, Dr. Evan Tingley, and our Superintendent, Dr. Matt Vosberg, certified the graduates. We are extremely proud of these students for all they have accomplished, and we look forward to seeing them achieve success in their future endeavors. Congratulations to BBCHS Class of 2025, and welcome to life as BBCHS alumni!



“The truth is, here we learned that we are more alike than we are different, and our job is to focus on unity.”

- Gavin Kohl, 2025 Graduate

- 61 SUMMA CUM LAUDE GRADUATES
- 75 MAGNA CUM LAUDE GRADUATES
- 57 CUM LAUDE GRADUATES

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOOLS

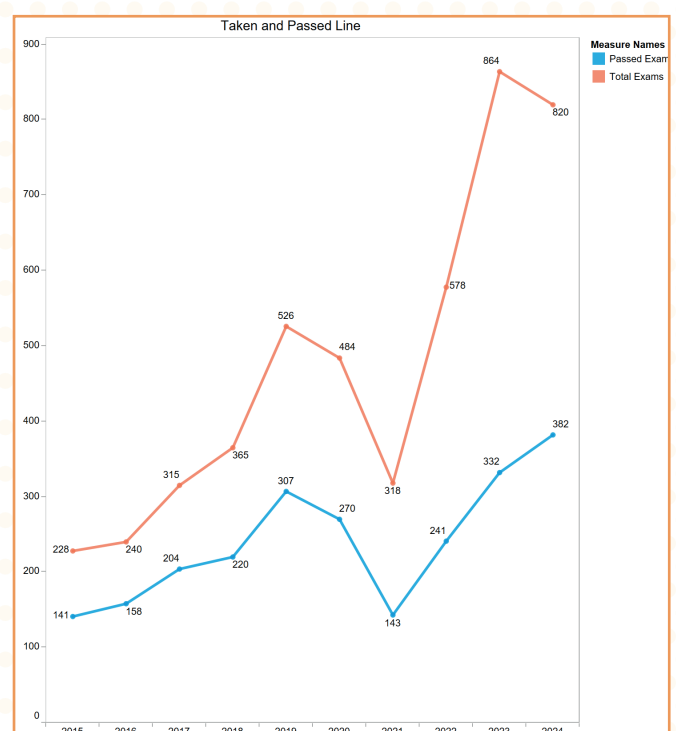
BBCHS is proud to announce our partnership with EOS in an initiative designed to foster a more inclusive and supportive learning environment for all students.

EOS is collaborating with leading educators from BBCHS to expand on their Belonging Workshops by developing teacher-facing online learning modules focused on the conditions of belonging. These modules aim to equip educators with the tools necessary to create learning environments where students of color and low-income students feel a strong sense of belonging and thrive academically. BBCHS was chosen to partner with EOS on this project because of our proven track record of increasing enrollment and support for underrepresented students in AP classes.

Through this partnership, BBCHS and EOS are taking meaningful steps to enhance a sense of belonging for all students in AP classrooms. By equipping teachers with the tools and knowledge to create a more inclusive learning environment, this initiative aims to break down barriers, encourage student participation, and ensure that all students have the opportunity to thrive and achieve their goals.



AP TESTING GROWTH



JOEL DAVID KUIKEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Joel David Kuiken was a 1995 graduate of BBCHS. Just four years later in 1999, his life took a difficult turn when he was diagnosed with leukemia.

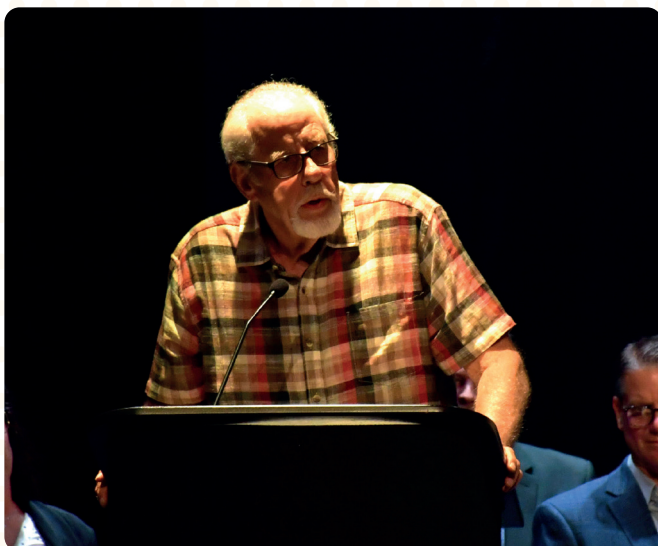
It was a hard-fought battle that was not easy on him or his family. Joel and his mother, Bonnie, started a relay for life to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Their mission was to support others facing similar challenges. In June of 2000, Joel proudly walked in the relay as a cancer survivor. Unfortunately, his cancer returned just two months later in August. Joel had to undergo lots of chemotherapy treatments that were hard on his body. These treatments led to a brain hemorrhage, and Joel passed away on August 23rd, 2000, at the age of 23.

Determined to honor their son's memory, Bonnie and Joel's father, Dave, established the Joel David Kuiken Memorial Scholarship at BBCHS in 2001. They began by awarding two \$1,000 scholarships annually. On Joel's birthday, their family members also sent donations to the school in his memory.

As fundraising became more difficult, they launched a golf outing in Joel's honor with sponsorship from Dave's trucking firm, Apolis. To participate, golfers had to make a donation check to the American Cancer Society. They also held raffles at dinner, which included Chicago Cubs tickets and other fun prizes! Each year, the outing raised around \$20,000 for the American Cancer Society, and over time, it totaled to about \$350,000!

After seeing the success of fundraising during the golf outing, Bonnie and Dave decided to direct some of the funds to support the scholarship. In the following years, proceeds from the raffles and silent auctions were designated for the scholarship fund, raising about \$18,000 per year. The golf outing was last held in the summer of 2020, bringing the total amount raised for the scholarship to about \$78,000!

Bonnie and Dave had a surprise this year for the scholarship recipients. Instead of awarding two \$1,000 scholarships, they gave four scholarships for \$2,500 each! These students receive this money after they complete their first semester of college. Joel's spirit of generosity and resilience continues to inspire through the lives changed by his memorial scholarship.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

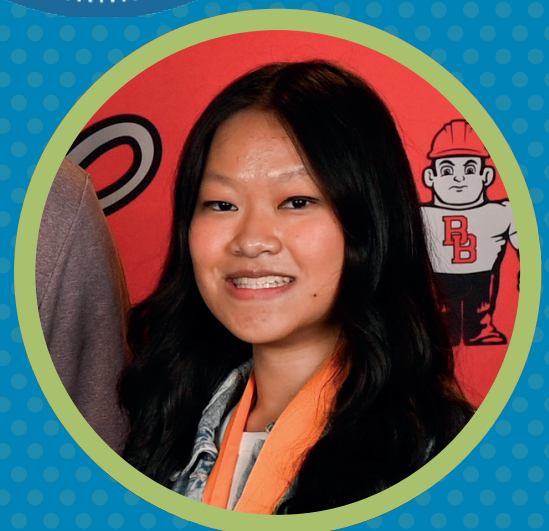
AP HONOR ROLL - BRONZE AND ACCESS AWARD

BBCHS received an AP Honor Roll designation from the College Board, making it the only school in Kankakee County to earn this prestigious designation. Additionally, BBCHS ranks in the top 20% of schools in Illinois. Based on performance in the spring of 2023, BBCHS earned the AP Honor Roll Bronze designation and the Access Award by meeting key performance thresholds in all three categories: College Culture, College Credit, and College Optimization.

To qualify for the AP School Honor Roll, schools must meet or exceed the criteria for a given recognition level for all three metrics. The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose Advanced Placement programs are delivering results for students while broadening access to advanced coursework.



**49 Illinois State
Scholars**

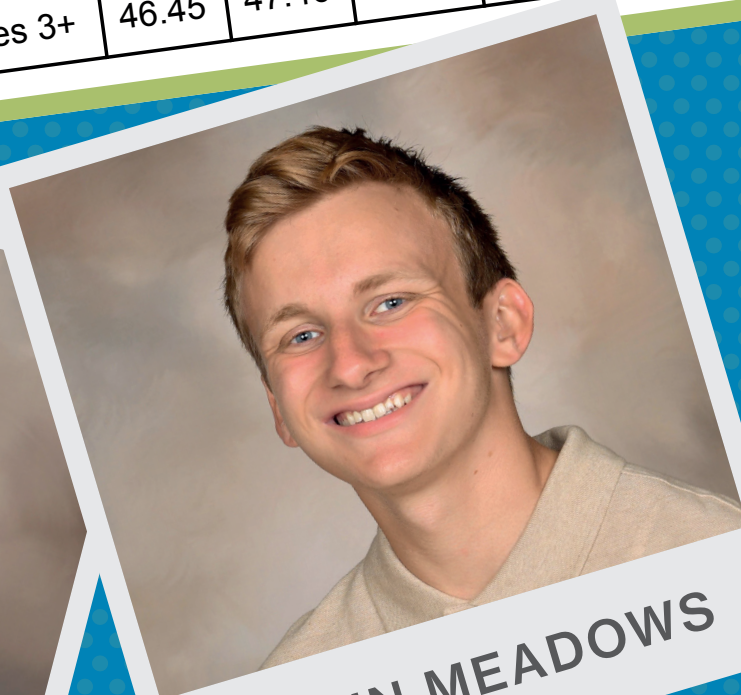


Hayden Berens
Perfect Scores on 8 AP Exams

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total AP Students	211	354	523	531	627
Number of Exams	318	573	865	821	1,015
AP Students with Scores 3+	98	168	217	240	358
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	46.45	47.46	41.49	45.20	57.10



HAYDEN BERENS



QUINN MEADOWS

COMMENDED STUDENTS

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation names selected seniors as Commended Students each year. Commended Students are recognized for the exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance on the qualifying test used for program entry.

Hayden and Quinn placed among the top 50,000 students in the nation who entered the competition for National Merit Scholarships.

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