

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2026 118th Commencement

Valedictorian: Luna Questelles

Salutatorian: Rose Altschuler

Class President: Evan Chan

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99%
Graduation Rate

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We Are Innovative!

We Are Inclusive!

We Are Involved!

We Are Baldwin!

POINTS OF PRIDE ★

Another Year of **Excellence** and **Innovation**

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

99% *Graduation Rate*
as of June 2026

District accepted into **League of Innovative Schools**

Baldwin High School among **NAMM Foundation's "Best Communities for Music"**

Baldwin High School among **U.S. News & World Report's "Best High Schools"**

The **New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA)** recognized district with *another two* **"Champion of Change" Awards**, bringing total to **SEVEN**

FUTURE READY HIGHLIGHTS

Baldwin High School designated **AP School Honor Roll** recipient—"Silver with Access"

298 AP Scholars, with **33** students eligible to receive **AP Capstone Diploma**

1290 AP Exams taken in 2026

Over 40% of Baldwin High School students take **dual enrollment (college-credit) courses**

Nearly **50%** of Baldwin High School students enrolled in **Academic Academies**

33 Baldwin High School **seniors** graduated with **transferrable credits** from **Nassau Community College** and will begin their first year of college as **sophomores**

Following **On-Site Admission Day**, **93** seniors received immediate acceptance and offers of **academic scholarships** totaling nearly **\$2 million**



ARTS

- Five Baldwin High School students named NYSSMA All-State Musicians
- More than 50 Baldwin students named All-County Musicians
- Four Baldwin orchestra students selected for the highly competitive Long Island String Festival Association's annual festival
- Baldwin High School student accepted into the Heckscher Museum's juried Long Island's Best Young Artists exhibition
- Thirty-nine Baldwin students selected for the Art Supervisors Association's All-County Art Exhibition
- Baldwin High School senior awarded a \$250 scholarship at the Art Supervisors Association's All-County Art Exhibition
- Two Baldwin High School students named Roger Rees School adjudication finalists
- Baldwin High School Concert Choir and Pep Band invited to perform at Hofstra University basketball game
- Artwork created by secondary and elementary students featured at African American Museum of Nassau County's Black History Month exhibit through exclusive partnership between Baldwin UFSD and the museum
- Baldwin Middle School Dance Expressions Pre-Academy placed 1st Overall for Primary Duet/Trio at the KAR Dance Competition
- Baldwin students, K-12, donated their artwork to the Nassau County and Suffolk County Family Courts through exclusive partnership



BALDWIN FAMILY

- **Meadow** and **Plaza Elementary Schools** named National PTA Schools of Excellence
- **Meadow Elementary School PTA** one of three schools nationwide to receive the National PTA's Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award
- **Meadow Elementary School** recognized as 2025 state winner of the New York State PTA Pick a Reading Partner (PARP) Award
- **Baldwin High School** counselor **Meghan Kargman** named "Best School Psychologist" in Best of L.I. competition for 4th consecutive year
- **Baldwin Middle School** teacher **Ms. Delaney Shank** received the Molloy Alumni Association's "Recent Alumni Award"
- **Baldwin Middle School** teacher **Ms. Courtney Nelson** teacher invited to participate in SUNY Old Westbury's Teacher Panel
- **Baldwin Middle School** teacher **Ms. Adeline Scibelli**'s original classroom materials published in *9 Dimensions of Scaffolding for Multilingual Learners*
- **Ms. Michele Kourie**, **Ms. Mia Phillips** and **Mr. Russ Randazzo**, recognized with SCOPE Education Services "Shining Stars" Award
- Baldwin UFSD administrator **Dr. Gabriella Franza** received the prestigious Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award
- Board of Education president **Pamela Green** selected for the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association's "Outstanding School Board Service" Award
- **Karen Peart** and **Tara Rossi** of **Brookside** were selected as recipients of the New York State PTA Innovative Teacher Grant



ATHLETICS

- Baldwin High School named "School of Distinction" by New York State Public High School Athletic Association
- Boys Varsity Basketball team named Nassau County Champions
- Girls Varsity Basketball team won Long Island Championship
- Girls Varsity Volleyball team named Conference Champions following an undefeated season
- Girls Bowling team named Conference Champions
- Baldwin High School senior won the 55-meter hurdles New York State Championship
- Baldwin High School senior won the 300-meter sprint at the New York State and Federation Championships
- Boys Indoor Track & Field Shuttle Hurdle Relay earned High School All-American honors at the Nike Indoor Track & Field Championships
- Boys Outdoor Track & Field team won the 4x100 relay at the Nassau Class AAA Track & Field Championships
- Boys Indoor Track & Field team finished as County A Championship Runner-Up
- Thirteen Baldwin High School wrestlers reached All-County status
- Baldwin High School student-athletes earned All-State, All-County and All-Conference honors in basketball, volleyball, bowling, track and field, and marksmanship
- Baldwin High School track and field athletes received multiple county, state and federation honors, including Most Outstanding Sprinter awards, Nassau County Officials Award recognition, school records and meet records
- Baldwin High School Marksmanship team received the Nassau County Team Sportsmanship Award, while Coach Mike Palumbo was named Coach of the Year
- Baldwin High School Boys Varsity Basketball player named All-County Conference Player of the Year and Large School Nassau County Player of the Year
- Baldwin High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Darius Burton named *Newsday's* Nassau Coach of the Year and earned his 450th career victory
- Baldwin High School athletes recognized among *Newsday's* Top Players in basketball, cheerleading, soccer, and track
- Four Varsity Cheerleaders recognized with Scholar Athlete, Coaches Award, All-Class and All-County honors
- Nassau Zone of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance recognized two Baldwin High School seniors and elementary students from each school as "Outstanding Physical Education Students of the Year"

Did You Know?

- Elementary schools engaged in innovative learning experiences, including Plaza Elementary School's drone program, which introduced students to aviation, coding and emerging technology.
- Through a partnership with the Cradle of Aviation Museum and support from the JetBlue Foundation, select Baldwin Middle School students participated in a hands-on STEM program focused on careers in aviation and aerospace.
- Baldwin schools donated thousands of dollars to charitable causes, including Baldwin Middle School's Make-A-Wish initiative that raised more than \$15,000.
- Baldwin High School among first in nation to incorporate Misty II robots and MedVision patient simulators into curriculum.
- Baldwin High School students participated in a wide range of professional Shadow Days and Leaving2Learn experiences, including Stetson Cyber Security, Nassau County District Court, and the Go Live! communications industry event.
- For the first time in more than 20 years, Baldwin Middle School united the entire 8th grade for one combined Moving Up Ceremony.
- District launched series of major capital improvement projects. Visit www.baldwinschools.org/capitalimprovements to learn more!



ACADEMICS

- Seventy-three President's Award Winners
- Fifty-two Baldwin High School students recognized through the 2025 College Board National Recognition Program
- Baldwin High School senior named finalist in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program after earning a perfect PSAT score
- Baldwin High School valedictorian earned a perfect score on the ACT
- Three Baldwin High School students designated Commended Students in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program
- Baldwin High School STEAM Academy earned 2nd place in Northwell's Youth Climate Change Challenge
- Baldwin High School Youth Climate Leadership Council students named among eight finalists in the Grow-NY Youth Competition
- Baldwin High School earned 1st place for Best Sports Feature at the BASH Awards
- Baldwin High School senior selected as a finalist in BroadwayWorld's Student Reporter Program
- Baldwin High School students placed sixth overall at New York DECA's 67th Annual State Career Conference and advanced to the International Career Development Conference
- Global Business and Entrepreneurship Academy won 1st place in the Junior Achievement Regional Stock Market Challenge
- Global Business and Entrepreneurship Academy Virtual Enterprise placed among the Top 10 in the New York State/Northeast Human Resources Competition
- Two Baldwin High School students earned 2nd place at the New York State Regional SkillsUSA Conference
- Two Baldwin High School STEAM Academy students earned 1st place in "Write It Do It" at the Long Island Western Regional Science Olympiad Competition
- Baldwin High School News, Media and Film Academy placed 2nd for "Best Visual" at the Quill Awards
- Baldwin High School senior placed among the Top 20 Nassau County seniors in the Nassau Math Tournament
- Simon Youth Foundation awarded competitive scholarships to two graduating students from Baldwin High School@Shubert
- Eight Baldwin High School students invited to participate in the Youth Summit at the 55th Annual New York State Association of Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislators Conference
- Baldwin High School students published in peer-reviewed publication, *SCOPE's Journal for Leadership and Instruction (JLI)*
- Woodworking students at Baldwin High School constructed podiums for Jones Beach State Park
- Baldwin High School senior received Nassau County SHIELD Award for Academic Excellence and Community Leadership
- Baldwin High School student recognized with Nassau BOCES' George Farber Outstanding Student Award
- Five Baldwin High School students named Nassau BOCES Students of the Quarter
- Baldwin High School junior selected as a Junior Achievement A New York Ambassador for the 2026-2027 school year
- Baldwin Middle School Future Problem Solvers teams placed 1st and 2nd at the New York State Bowl
- Baldwin Middle School Speech and Debate Pre-Academy earned 3rd place in an American Debate League competition, while one team member also received 1st place as a debate speaker
- Meadow Elementary School Future Problem Solvers placed 1st in the Junior Division
- Meadow Elementary School student received "Award of Merit" in the National PTA Reflections program
- Four Baldwin elementary school students named New York State PTA Reflections finalists
- Baldwin elementary schools participated in the Nassau County Elementary School Mock Trial Program
- Twelve Steele Elementary School students named winners of Liberty Water's "Be Water Wise" competition

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**REMINDER – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026**

Visit www.baldwinschools.org for the latest updates and the 2026-2027 calendar.

WE ARE BALDWIN

District Launches Community-Wide *Baldwin Pride* Initiative

The Baldwin Union Free School District is proud to launch its new **#WeAreBaldwin** initiative, a community-wide campaign designed to celebrate the people, programs and accomplishments that make Baldwin exceptional. Throughout the school year, students, staff, families, alumni and community

members are encouraged to share photos, stories and moments that showcase Baldwin pride using the **#WeAreBaldwin** hashtag on social media. The initiative aims to strengthen connections across the district and community while celebrating what it truly means to be a Baldwinite. Together, let's showcase the pride, excellence and future-ready opportunities that define our schools because **WE ARE BALDWIN!**

Important Communication Reminders

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.

ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS: STAY INFORMED

For Baldwin residents who do not have children enrolled in the district but would like to receive updates about school news and building closures, visit: www.baldwinschools.org/notificationsignup

FREE TOOLS/APPS OFFERED BY BALDWIN UFSD

Two-Way Communication Tool for K-8: ClassDojo District

Baldwin UFSD uses **ClassDojo District** as the teacher-to-parent communication tool for families with students in grades K-8. The platform aims to streamline communication, making it easier for families and teachers to connect and share important updates, student progress, and classroom moments. Families with students in grades 9-12 should continue to use Canvas for communication with faculty. Learn more at: www.baldwinschools.org/classdojo

FREE App to Help Monitor Child's Online Activity

The Qustodio app allows parents and guardians to see their child's online activity and pause the Internet on their school Chromebook and up to one personal device. Learn more and sign up at: www.baldwinschools.org/qustodio

Access all of Baldwin UFSD's communication channels and resources at: baldwinschools.org/communications

