



**Brecksville-
Broadview Heights
City School District**

Class of 2026 Highlights

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

AP SCHOLARS

AP Scholar is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on three or more of these exams.

Alana Y. Abdur-Rahim	Elizabeth M. Fitzsimmons	Enaya N. Khawaja	Baraah Mohamed
Allison G. Biglow	Chloe A. Garten	Preston Kieschnik	Carly B. Mroczka
Renee Cai	Khoren M. Gevorgyan	Rachel M. Kirin	Emily J. Peterson
Lillian C. Cain	Owen A. Grieser	Emily N. Kuscevic	Nathan R. Seuffert
Aubrie L. Casias	Henry X. Jackson	Sara L. Kwiatkowski	Faith M. Soukup
Charles J. Chatal	Ryan Jeon	Benjamin A. Lane	Cameron I. Stephan
Jonathan R. Dean	Sawyer E. Jones	Arul A. Manuel	John D. Uhler
Elise M. DiFranco	Aya A. Katergi	Ava M. Minor	Lena F. Yaussey
Maci M. Esber	Noah C. Kemer	Timothy R. Mitchell	Chase M. Yung

AP Scholar with Honors is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Amelia D. Budinsky	Cassandra R. Costin	Benjamin Mehendale	Anjali K. Rai
Sabrina Cheung	Kya Emrich	Jackson T. Nicholas	Reese A. Schoenknecht
Alice Cho	Emily J. Gromek	David C. Palmer	Ryan M. Sobecks
Jack M. Colligan			

AP Scholar with Distinction is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Zane S. Altaqi	Colby Hatcher	Atidya Mohan	Sydney D. Speeth
Madilyn R. Bican	Brayden V. Horne	Nakshatra Mohan	Benjamin C. Stone
Alexander S. Boose	Sean E. Jenkins	Shashini Mohan	Koen Sustersic
Audrey B. Cain	Chris J. Jung	Patrick G. Murphy	James M. Torres
Abigail Choi	Donald A. Karpowicz	Hannah E. Oswick	Elenore L. Toth
Areeb I. Chowdhury	Aidan A. Kraynak	Mithily N. Patel	Amelia L. Vollstadt
Sydney Daum	Brody J. Larkins	Derek J. Patton	Eleri N. Watkins
Jack M. DeMario	Hailey N. Mack	Callan E. Pausche	Simon Youssef
Max R. DeMario	Madelyn G. Manley	Luke W. Riddles	Luka Zivkovic
Jacob G. Eterovich	Haylie V. Martin	Ella J. Rundo	Anna Zumwalt
Donovan E. Gabriel	Heidi D. Martin	Thomas A. Russell	
Gabriella L. Gawlik	Ann M. Mauser	Alexis K. Soeder	



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AP Capstone Diploma™ is granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing.

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CAREER TECH STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Jadyn Brooks - Fire and EMS
Melinda Geringer - Health Careers
Caleb Styskal - Machine Technology
Daniel Vleck - Power Equipment Technology
Eleri Watkins - Sports Medicine and Exercise Science

NATIONAL MERIT

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS COMMENDED SCHOLARS – Top 3% of Test Takers

Adilyn Bican, Audrey Cain, Jack DeMario, Gabriella Gawlik, Chris Jung, Donald Karpowicz, Atidya Mohan, Patrick Murphy, Hannah Oswick, Luke Riddles, Amelia Vollstadt, Simon Youssef

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

Madelyn Manley, Hailey Martin, Koen Sustersic, Nakshatra Mohan

OUTSTANDING SENIORS

Each year, members of the senior class are nominated by faculty and selected by the scholarship/awards committee for exhibiting the following positive qualities: scholarship, leadership, service, attitude, personality, wholesomeness, and helpfulness. These students are viewed as all-around outstanding individuals. For the class of 2026 the Outstanding Senior Boy is **Ben Mehendale**, and the Outstanding Senior Girl is **Ellie Toth**.

SEAL OF BILITERACY

The State of Ohio has initiated a way to recognize top world language students. These are students who show high proficiency in all language skills in English AND another world language. It is the world language version of the honors diploma, and requires passage of a rigorous exam. This year's deserving recipients are:

Eve Fenicottero (German)
Emily Kuscevic (German)
Sydney Speeth (German)
Sophie Hudak (Spanish)
Reese Schoenknecht (Spanish)
Luka Zivkovic (Spanish)
Renee Cai (Chinese)
Sabrina Cheung (Chinese)

Jinchang Lin (Chinese)
Sicheng Qian (Chinese)
Alice Cho (Korean)
Veniamyn Petrovanchuk (Polish)
Azamat Aripdjanov (Russian)
Veronica Yakushchenko (Russian)
Janko Dordevic (Serbian)

Anastasiia Bazhan (Ukrainian)
Sofia Kalytovska (Ukrainian)
Maryna Mysiuk (Ukrainian)
Maksym Tkachuk (Ukrainian)
Marta Babaeva (Ukrainian)
Martha Lavrishin (Ukrainian)
Nadiia Ivantsiuk (Ukrainian)



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BY THE NUMBERS

Graduating with honors diploma: **119**
3.5 GPA or higher: **180**
4.0 GPA or higher: **105**

Seniors in NHS: **113**
CVCC students: **61**
Colleges and Universities attending: **45**

Different states: **14**
Local Scholarships Awarded:
Record-Breaking **\$141, 000.00**

2026 FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE WORK 2D AND 3D ART

Elise DiFranco completed two AP Art portfolios –2D her Junior year, and 3D her Senior year. Also completing this rare feat was Johnny Crocker, who submitted a 2D Art & Design his Junior year, and a Drawing portfolio his senior year. Johnny will be studying Sequential Art at Savannah College of Art and Design. Elise will be studying Graphic Design and Fashion Design at Kent State.

WINNERS OF SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS

Elise DiFranco

Hailey Mack, who was recognized by two judged awards

This year, the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition accepted nearly 6,000 submissions from all over Ohio. The Northeast region submitted 1,037 artworks, making us the largest region in the state. Of the 1,037 submissions, seven BBHHS pieces were selected to move on to state judging.

Winning regional awards were **Elise DiFranco, Hailey Mack, and Ben Mehendale**, who each had two pieces that were selected for the state competition.

For the final judging at the state level, the judges selected two BBHHS seniors as STATE WINNERS! Hailey Mack and Ben Mehendale each had their works selected to be among the 275 pieces that have been on display at the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower!

Furthermore, Ben Mehendale's piece Made of the Mind was selected as one of the TOP 25 PIECES IN THE STATE!! This is an absolutely enormous achievement that hasn't been awarded to a BBH student since 2011.

Ben's piece was also awarded 3rd place at the Ileen Kelner Juried Art Show in Beachwood.

Music Performance

The Orchestra program collaborated with the middle school orchestra in March to help celebrate the career of Jennifer O'Neal, who will be retiring after teaching orchestra for over 30 years, and created a brand new Candlelight Concert series in February.

The BBHHS Band Program performed several college level pieces over the course of their four years. This year, the Marching Bees performed at a Youngstown State University halftime show, performed at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, and returned to the Happiest Place on Earth; Walt Disney World to march down Mainstreet, USA.

The BBHHS Choir experienced an extraordinary milestone in their musical journey as they took the stage at Severance Music Center—home of the world-renowned Cleveland Orchestra—for a truly unforgettable performance.

For our senior class in particular, this experience represented far more than a concert. Performing on one of the nation's most celebrated stages is an opportunity few young musicians ever receive, and it served as a fitting culmination of years of commitment, growth, and excellence within the BBHHS Choir program. This remarkable achievement will stand as a defining memory of their high school experience and a testament to the talent, passion, and hard work of these student musicians.



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2026 SENIOR ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CROSS COUNTRY:

Kyle Brown - State Qualifier (65th overall), Gilmour Invitational Champion

TRACK & FIELD

Records set at North Royalton Relays

Meet Record:

Mixed 4x400 - **Haeley Massello, Reese Glovna, Brody Larkins (3:50.19)**

School Records:

Girls 4x100 - **Emily Kuscevic, Bailey Miller, Gia Popadiuk, Carol Samuel (52.54)**

Boys 4 x 100 - **Carson Zabkar, Cody Stadler (43.97)**

Girls 800 Sprint Medley Relay - **Mia Popadiuk (1:57.01)**

Boys 4000m DMR - **Kyle Brown (11:15.42)**

BOYS GOLF

Suburban League Champs

Michael Sejba - St Vincent-St Mary Tournament Champion

BOYS SOCCER

League Champs, District Champs, Regional Champs, OHSAA State Semi-Finalists

Rocco Dean - GASSCA D2 Player of the Year, 2025 United Soccer Coaches All-American

Luka Zivkovic - Suburban League Athlete of the Month (Sept. 2025)

GIRLS SOCCER

Ana Sunjevaric - Suburban League First Team, First Team All-Ohio in Div. 2

FOOTBALL

Golden Shoe returned!

SWIMMING/DIVING

Diving - **Rachel Kirin** - District Champ, Finished 6th in State Tournament, set pool record with a score of 286.45 (1/30/26)

GYMNASTICS

All Seniors on team - 4x State Champions

Rachel Kirin - 4th on Floor, 6th on Beam, OHSAA All-State Team, 4x State Champion

Emily Gromek - 5th on Vault, OHSAA All-State Team, 4x State Champion

SOFTBALL

Rowan Weber - Suburban League leader in Home runs and RBIs, School Record Holder, Home Runs in a Season, 2nd Team All-Ohio 2025

BASEBALL

Enzo DiCocco 2nd Team All-Ohio 2025



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2026 SENIOR ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS *(continued)*

BOYS BASKETBALL

Steven Skaljic - 1,000 Career Points (3/3/26), Suburban League National Conference Player of the Year, GCBCA All-Star, First Team All-Ohio

Ben Mehendale - Suburban League First Team, District First Team, All-Ohio Special Mention

Rocco Dean - Suburban League 1st Team, Northeast Lakes All-District

Carson Zabkar - Suburban League 2nd Team

WRESTLING

Team Achievements:

2026 Suburban League Champions

OHSWCA Team Duals - Finished 5th in State

Individual Achievements:

Alex Pontikos - Suburban League Honorable Mention

Logan Kerber - Suburban League Honorable Mention

State Tournament - Placers

Anna Madi - Sectional Champ, 4x State Placer (4th in School History) - Finished 5th in State

E.J. German - Suburban League First Team, 2x State Placer - Finished 4th in State

Cole Ditzig - Suburban League Second Team - Placed 8th in State

Jace Jett - 2x State Placer 2024 and 2025

State Champions:

Rylan Seacrist - 113 lbs, 4x State Placer (Third time in School History), 2x State Champion, Ranked #1 in US, Suburban League Wrestler of the Year

SUBURBAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (ALSO DISTRICT/REGIONAL/STATE)

Boys Wrestling - League Champs, 5th in State Duals Tournament, 12 State Individual Qualifiers (5th in State as a team at Individual tournament)

Gymnastics - League Champs, District Champs, 23 State Titles in a Row (26th overall)

Girls Basketball - District Champs, Regional Semi-Finalists

Boys Basketball - Suburban League Champs (5x in last 6 years), District Champs, Regional Finalists

Boys Soccer - League champs, District Champs, Regional Finalists, OHSAA State Semi-Finalists

Boys Tennis - 2026 League champs

NCAA DIVISION I AND II SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES

Enzo DiCocco - Duke - Baseball

Jace Jett - Ohio University - Wrestling

Rachel Kirin - Air Force Academy - Diving

Rylan Seacrist - Arizona State - Wrestling

Ryan Sobecks - Ohio State University - Cheer

Anna Sunjevaric - Ohio University - Soccer

Rowan Weber - Walsh University - Softball