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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



*Mickey Edwards  
Superintendent  
of Schools*

Dear Byron-Bergen Community,

As we head into the spring season, I'd like to thank our parents and community for their support of our many programs that take place throughout the year. Also, a reminder: concerts, musicals, athletic events, and more will be occurring between now and the end of the school year. Please consider attending these events as a way to support our students and our schools. These dates can be found on

the district's calendar posted on our website.

As superintendent, I have the opportunity to visit and spend time in each of our schools, witnessing the powerful instruction and learning occurring in our classrooms on a daily basis. Our schools have a warm, caring, child-centered atmosphere that fosters deep thinking, stretching our students to acquire new information in an engaging way. There are amazing things happening right now, in our schools and our classrooms.

We have emphasized the importance and improvement of technology in both of our schools, placing new equipment in the hands of our staff and students so that they have the tools needed for a relevant 21st-century education. One of the ways we are doing this is through our use of Video Instructional Coaching (VIC). VIC gives the teachers and their coach a perspective on the classroom that cuts through perceptual errors and allows teachers the opportunity to continually improve on their delivery of instruction. Currently, approximately 80 percent of our teachers are using Video Instructional Coaching. It's easy and powerful, and once a teacher starts to use it they may wonder how they ever made progress without it.

Our schools are a primary resource for our children, offering continuity, safety, information, and support for their growth and success. Many students at Byron-Bergen turn to trusted teachers or other school professionals for support and help in understanding challenging events in their lives. School personnel are often a front-line resource for children experiencing, trauma, illness, death and loss—both at the time of immediate crisis and in subsequent years.

For this reason, we have recently had several staff members trained in TIG—The Consortium on Trauma, Illness, and Grief in Schools, managed and supported through the Monroe County Office of Mental Health. Our staff were given training, support, and resources to better handle the challenging life circumstances that can impact our students, families, colleagues, and school community. By being knowledgeable and informed, we are better prepared to respond and intervene effectively during these times of crisis and to support resiliency.

Our classrooms are a kaleidoscope of students, all with ongoing needs for recognition, self-worth, empathy, and belonging. Because of this, the District makes every effort to continually review and support a strong character education program built on its core values: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Accountable, and Be Your Best Self. Too often, schools can get caught up in the constant pressure to raise test scores and not have an inherent character development component in their curriculum. Not so at Byron-Bergen: we strive to ensure that our youngsters become the kind of quality, trustworthy human beings we all want them to be.

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## ATTENTION!

**The Jr./Sr. High School Bus Loop is a fire lane.  
There is NO PARKING at any time in the Loop.**



### News from the Board

WOW, how quickly a year passes! I hope everyone in our community had a nice holiday season, and I'm pretty sure that most are looking forward to spring coming.

It seems like just yesterday that I was writing last year's budget article, and here we are again. As the Board of Education, we are continually looking at the budget and getting performance updates as to where we are with spending at any particular time. We are again looking at the projected numbers and information from the state so we can begin to construct a fiscally sound budget for the 2018-19 school year. As we initiate this planning process, the Board is open to any suggestions our community might have. If you have ideas, please contact us at the District Office at (585) 494-1220.

As many of you already know, Amanda Cook, our assistant principal at the Elementary School, was the successful candidate for the elementary principal position in Batavia. We wish her good luck in this new position and thank her for her tireless work in our schools, doing what is best for kids.

It is always wonderful to see so many of our students participating in our clubs, sports, art, and music programs. They continue to represent Byron-Bergen with their pride, expertise, talent, and class. Although our kids are often simply enjoying these activities, there is an important side benefit they may not be considering. Involvement in extracurricular programs is a big piece of what colleges, and even employers, look for in applications and resumes after high school. Thank you to all of our coaches, advisors, and parent volunteers who give back to our students through these programs.

And finally, I'd like to thank the wonderful group of Byron-Bergen graduates who took time to return and meet with our student body recently. These generous alumni discussed college life and answered questions about what students should expect after graduation. They make us very proud.

*Debra List*

Debra List, President  
Byron-Bergen Board of Education

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At a district level, we are keeping a careful eye on the finances of the State of New York. The economic condition of the state will have an impact on all school districts if revenues are reduced and/or eliminated. This makes our work extraordinarily challenging as we rely on state revenues for approximately \$13.5 million dollars in our annual school budget. The Byron-Bergen Central Schools Administrative Team and Board of Education are taking proactive steps in order to plan ahead for any shortfalls.

We also look toward the future with anticipation as we prepare for a new strategic planning process. The current strategic plan was authored in 2015 and was designed to come to a close at the end of the 2019-20 school year. We achieved its goals earlier than expected, and are beginning the planning stages of a new Strategic Plan. We want to include students, parents, community members, Board of Education members, and administrators in the conversation as to the goals our district should and could be setting to ensure that the education afforded our students is world-class. We take the responsibility of educating our children seriously, so as we plan for the future, we should be planning only the best for them. **Please see details on page 18 of how you can be part of determining the new Strategic Plan.**

As our Vision Statement declares, this is a school district that "Prepares Students for Excellence."

Sincerely,

*Mickey Edwards*



## SRO's Corner

By Deputy Matt Butler, School Resource Officer

Good News! The Teen Sheriff's Academy (TSA) has been fully approved and will be held this summer, the week of July 23, 2018 at the Byron-Bergen Central School District. In case anyone missed the previous *Focal Point* where I discussed the TSA at length, this will be another brief intro with more details about the selection process.



The Teen Sheriff's Academy is a free, week-long course where selected students get a hands-on education in what it is like to become a police officer in an academy environment, and what it is like to be an actual police officer. For example, students participate in class lectures in penal law, vehicle and traffic law, and criminal procedure law; view demonstrations from the Emergency Response, SCUBA, K-9, and Hostage Negotiator teams; and perform daily physical fitness and team building exercises. There will also be tours of the Sheriff's Office, 911 Center, and the jail. Upon successful completion of the TSA, students have a graduation ceremony, receive certificates, and enjoy a barbecue-style lunch on the final day. Students are required to provide their own transportation to and from the academy and to bring their own lunch during the week.

The first step in the TSA selection process is for the applicant's school to determine who is eligible to apply based upon established criteria. Applications can be picked up in the Byron-Bergen counseling office or in my office. The deadline for submitting the application is March 31, 2018.

If the individual's application is accepted and meets the criteria for an interview, the next step is an oral interview. Students will be notified by their school and an interview will be set up with deputies from the Genesee County Sheriff's Office. An interview with the Sheriff's Office is not a guarantee that you will be selected for one of the Teen Sheriff's Academy weeks.

Based upon the individual's application, essay, and interview, the Sheriff and other deputies determine who is selected to the academy. It is important to keep in mind that this is a competitive process for students throughout Genesee County. There will only be a limited number of students accepted into the academy, so please do not get discouraged if your application is not accepted. The Sheriff's Office highly encourages applicants to keep applying to the program.

This program will be a great opportunity for our area students to gain knowledge and experience in the world of law enforcement. If there are any questions you can contact me at (585) 494-1220, ext. 2304.

## Fall 2017 Scholar-Athletes

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) honors those teams that excel in the classroom at the end of each sport season. To receive this honor, a minimum number of team members must achieve a scholastic average of 90 or above during their sport season. Congratulations to the following Byron-Bergen athletes:

### Volleyball Team

*Average of 92.40*

Catherine Brumsted  
Lauren Burke  
Hannah Catalino  
Quinn Chapell  
Madison Farnsworth  
Amaya Gunther  
Janae Meister  
Annabella Vurraro

### Boys Soccer Team

*Average of 91.57*

Kylar Chambry  
Adam Drake  
Kyle Foeller  
Rick Hubbard  
William Johnson  
Brendon Kendall  
Brandon Kropf  
Hunter Leach  
Sabastian Pawlukewicz  
Joshua Phelps  
Samuel Pringle  
Wade Thompson

### Cross Country Boys

*Average of 92.96*

Joshua Fleming  
Justin Hannan  
Zachary Hannan  
John Mercovich  
Jaden Pocock

### Girls Soccer Team

*Average of 92.04*

Jerra Amesbury  
Lydia Campbell  
Zoey Chambry  
Jean Denson  
Kelsey Fuller  
Morgan Fuller  
Leah Gale  
Eden Goff  
Hayley Hoehn  
Julia Menzie  
Makenzie Muoio  
MacKenzie Rosse  
Miriam Tardy  
Dana Van Valkenburg

### Cross Country Girls

*Team Average of 95.29*

Siomara Caballero  
Jessica Fleming  
Sara Goodman  
Margaret Graney  
Annaliese Hersom  
Cambria Kinkelaar  
Alaura Rehwaldt

### Football Team

*Average of 90.16*

Cameron Brumsted  
Jacob Burlingame  
Anthony DiQuattro  
Paul McDermott  
Bryce Yockel



# Carnival! Onstage

*We are proud to present the classic musical, "Carnival!" on March 1- 3, 2018 in the Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School auditorium. All shows start at 7 p.m.*



This delightful spectacular is the story of a young orphan named Lili who joins a carnival and learns many life lessons as she navigates the colorful (and sometimes corrupt) world of carnival performers. A pair of puppeteers befriend her, one of whom falls in love with her, despite his best efforts not to. Add a jealous couple into the mix, lots of wonderful circus-style performers, a rowdy team of roustabouts, and a little bit of magic, and you have a story that is timeless.

The lead actors include puppeteers Paul (Mason Fuller) and Jacquot (Jonah Bower); Lili the orphan (Esther Wilkins); ringmaster and carnival owner B. F. Schlegel (Janae Meister); with Brian Ireland as Marco the Magnificent and Stephanie Buell as his incomparable assistant Rosalie, as well as a chorus of 40 of Byron-Bergen's finest singers, dancers, and actors. Laurence Tallman is the director; with costuming and assistance by Faline Tyler.

"Carnival!" is presented with permission from Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc., 560 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY, 10022, (212) 688-2525. The music and lyrics are by Bob Merrill and the book is by Michael Stewart, based on material by Helen Deutsch. The original show was directed and choreographed by Gower Champion.



*Tickets are available in the Jr./Sr. High School Main Office. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$8 for senior citizens and students.*





## Jr./Sr. High School Happenings

By Patrick McGee, Jr. /Sr. High School Principal



It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the year. I am so proud of the hard work of our students and staff. The positivity that runs through our building day in and day out

is so refreshing. We have truly become an awesome team. That is due to all of our stakeholders who believe in working together for what's best for kids.

You may notice a familiar face when you enter our building. I am so pleased to tell you that Christine Stevens (2015 graduate of B-B) will serve as our new Jr./Sr. High School secretary. Christine has already done an amazing job acclimating herself into her role in our building and I know all of you will be happy with her positive demeanor and great attitude. Hiring is one of the most important parts of my job. Hiring former graduates who fit into our culture is important to the positive culture we continue to cultivate.

Over the last six years, our district has prided itself on the great work we have done with character education. Specifically we have seen our Violent and Disruptive Incidents (offenses resulting in suspension) decrease from over 180 suspensions in 2011 to just around 40 last school year. We have also seen a sharp decline in the number of bullying incidents and repeat offenders during this time frame. This is due to a team effort and a formal process for investigating any incidents that are reported to us. While we are in a very good place, I recognize that we need to keep the foot on the gas pedal.

Over the last year, our character education team has worked diligently to identify core values that we want our learning community to live by. These core values consist of being respectful, responsible, accountable, and being our very best self. Over the remainder of the year, we will be rolling these core values out to students,

staff, and our learning community. Our goal is to live and breathe each of these core values each and every day in all facets of our school. These core values will be integrated into everything we do from the classroom to the hallways to athletics to extra-curricular activities. We will also continue to focus on important skills such as digital citizenship, resilience, and other coping skills that we feel are necessary to helping kids be successful. Please check out our building website page over the next few months for updates to our character education program.

One thing we strive to do for our students is to offer as many instructional opportunities as we can. I am pleased with the progress we have made over the last few years in adding over 15 programs and electives to our course catalog. Next school year we will be adding an AP World History to our Advanced Placement program. We will also be adding a Painting and Drawing course for GCC credit. Over the next few months, our counselors will be doing scheduling with our students. Please feel free to set up an appointment or call us with any questions or feedback with this process. Also any parents of high school students: I encourage you to check out our recent presentation for college and career planning located on the Jr./Sr. High School webpage. This is another useful tool to help you be proactive in the planning of your son's or daughter's future.

One program we started this school year was an Agriculture Program. We began with an elective, Agricultural Explorations, and hope to add other electives in the coming years. This past December, we were officially approved as an FFA chapter. A big thank you to our Agriculture teacher Jeff Parnapy, who has been a big advocate for agricultural education in our school. We are also excited to announce that recently we received a \$5,000 grant from Cornell University to help support and grow our agriculture program.

Some of the other opportunities our students will have include participating in the Environmental Leadership and Developmental program at Camp Oswegatchie, and other New York State FFA activities in the spring.

Our students in the musical, "Carnival!" have been working extremely hard over the last few months. There is so much to be said for the talent we have in our school. I am so proud to work in a district where these programs are recognized and highlighted. I encourage everyone to come out and see our show in March. It is going to be a special one! Speaking of the arts, I would like to give a big shout out to seventh-grader Zoey Shepard. Zoey's anti-DWI poster was selected as a Genesee County first prize winner and featured on a billboard in Batavia.

Please visit SchoolTool to check in on your son's or daughter's progress throughout the year. The parent portal is a great way to stay connected to the work your kids are doing in the classroom. Feel free to contact a teacher if you have any questions. Also, if you cannot log in or would like further guidance on our parent portal, please call our Counseling Office for assistance.

It is such a pleasure to work in such a supportive environment. I thank everyone for your help in making our school the best it can be. If anyone would like to contact me to discuss concerns, feedback, or ideas, please call me at (585) 494-1220 ext. 2401, email at [pmcgee@bbschools.org](mailto:pmcgee@bbschools.org), or schedule an appointment. Thanks again.

I am a firm believer in sharing our story recognizing and highlighting all of the wonderful things our students have to offer. Please follow our Jr./Sr. High School story on Twitter [@BBCSDBuzz](https://twitter.com/BBCSDBuzz) and [@MrPatrickMcGee](https://twitter.com/MrPatrickMcGee)

#WeAreByronBergen #BBPride



# Get involved in our Liberty Scholars Program

The Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP) is a New York State Department of Education grant-funded program administered through Genesee Community College that has been in existence since 1989. It is a 12-month academic retention, career/college development, and cultural enrichment program provided at no cost to select identified students in grades 5-12 in the Byron-Bergen Central School District.

Liberty Scholars get help with homework, daily lunch opportunities, and after-school mentoring. They complete leadership and community service projects, with the assistance of Program Counselor, Samantha Golden. She supplements and assists our teachers, staff, and counselors with helping students reach their full potential, academically, socially, and emotionally.

This year, Liberty Scholars had the opportunity to participate in many exciting trips and activities, including an overnight tour to Gettysburg, PA.

College and career awareness is also an important aspect of the program. The Career Summer Institute at Genesee Valley BOCES allows students to gain first-hand knowledge in the fields of Culinary Arts and Animal Science. A one-week theatre arts camp at the Harvester Theatre in Batavia gives students a chance to learn about the many careers in the performing arts. They even participate in a Careers-in-Healthcare camp (PULSE Academy), facilitated through the WNY Rural Area Health Education Center - all services and enrichment opportunities are provided for free to the district as well as to selected program participants.

Parents who are interested in more information on the Liberty Scholars program can email the program counselor at [sgolden@bbschools.org](mailto:sgolden@bbschools.org) or contact her at (585) 494-1220, ext. 3096 at the Jr./Sr. High School.





## Scholar Program

The Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School's academic incentive program recognizes students for their good effort, attendance, and academics. This reward program is named the "Scholar Program" and the cards achieved are Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Special Recognition. At the end of the year, monetary awards are presented at Academic and Athletic Recognition Night to seniors who have maintained a solid record of attaining cards throughout their high school career.

*The Scholar Program Committee is pleased to announce scholars for the first marking period:*

### **GOLD SCHOLAR**

Julianna Amesbury  
Caitlin Ashton  
Larissa Ashton  
Cassidy Ball  
Nicholas Baubie  
Molly Belknap  
Rachel Best  
Justine Bloom  
Fiona Burke  
Dayanara Caballero  
Siomara Caballero  
Caleb Calhoun  
Caleb Carlson  
Cameron Carlson  
Caris Carlson  
Benjamin Chaback  
Emily Chaback  
Sadie Cook  
Evan Cuba  
Leanna Curts  
Alexander Dean  
Jean Denson  
Richard Denson  
Adam Drake  
Madison Farnsworth  
Sara Fraser  
Emma Goodman  
Sara Goodman  
Margaret Graney  
Chad Green  
Angelique Heick  
Tyler Henry  
Annaliese Hersom  
Frank Hersom

Hope Hersom  
Rick Hubbard  
Grace Huhn  
Brian Ireland  
Brooke Jarkiewicz  
Daniel Jensen  
William Johnson  
Meghan Kendall  
Cambria Kinkelaar  
Aiden Kulikowski  
Alec Kulikowski  
Melanie Kulikowski  
Colby Leggo  
Shaun LoVerdi  
Jillian Menzie  
John Mercovich  
Matthew Olander  
Valerie Pastore  
Sabastian Pawlukewicz  
Kendall Phillips  
Madelynn Pimm  
Elizabeth Piper  
Alaura Rehwaldt  
Austin Salmonds  
Brianna Salmonds  
Emily Salmonds  
Elli Schelemanow  
Alexandria Schuck  
Auburn Schwartzmeyer  
MacKenzie Senf  
Caleb Sharpe  
Skylar Sharpe  
Grace Shepard  
Zoey Shepard  
Chloe Shuskey

Deacon Smith  
Alayna Streeter  
Sarah Sue Streeter  
Garrett Swinter  
Matthew Tanner  
Dana VanValkenburg  
Ella VanValkenburg  
Ava Wagoner  
Lillian Walker  
Nicole Welka  
Leyna Wheeler  
Hannah Wies  
Corden Zimmerman  
Devon Zinter  
Nathan Zwerka  
Nicholas Zwerka

### **SILVER SCHOLAR**

Jack Benstead  
Benjamin Bowman  
Aidan Clark  
Veronica Duell  
Makenzie Eccleston  
Connor Gale  
Eden Goff  
Ethan Green  
Kelly Ireland  
Logan Lewis  
Janae Meister  
Julia Menzie  
Ryan Muscarella  
Andrew Parnapy  
Erin Parnapy  
Pearl Parnell  
Andrew Rimmerman

Garrett Sando  
Isabelle Stevens  
Joshua Tardy  
Miriam Tardy  
Xavier Thomas  
Lexi Vurraro  
Emma Will  
Kaitlyn Windhauser

### **BRONZE SCHOLAR**

Cole Carlson  
Kelsey Fuller  
Chad Green  
Ethan Green  
Melissa MacCowan  
Erin Parnapy  
Aleigha Shallenberger  
Miriam Tardy

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Joshua Fleming  
Krystal Hagen  
Tanner Savage





## Byron-Bergen 2017-18 first quarter Honor Roll

The following Byron-Bergen Central School students have been named to the Honor Roll for the first 10-week marking period of the 2017-18 school year:

### GRADE 7:

**High Honor Roll** - Alyssa Ball, Cassidy Ball, Molly Belknap, Jason Bleiler, David Brumsted, Fiona Burke, Dayanara Caballero, Cameron Carlson, Caris Carlson, Evan Cuba, Emma Dormann, Kendan Dressler, Frank Hersom, Sage Johnson, Alec Kulikowski, Autumn Mathisen, Ryan Muscarella, Matthew Olander, Victoria-Pearl Parnell, Valerie Pastore, Kendall Phillips, Elizabeth Piper, Andrew Rimmerman, Austin Salmonds, Brianna Salmonds, Emily Salmonds, Alexandria Schuck, MacKenzie Senf, Zoey Shepard, McKenna Shuskey, Matthew Tanner, Joshua Tardy, Aidan Townsend, Ava Wagoner, Lillian Walker, Leyna Wheeler, Hannah Wies, Kaya Wildschutz, Emily Yun, Nicholas Zwerka.

**Honor Roll** - Jack Benstead, Olivia Best, Hailey Canfield, Grace Capostagno, Gianni Ferrara, Robert Gaylord, Kailee Gurtler, Emily Henry, Sege Kalmbacher, Ethan Lewis, Jaelynn Rivera, Cheyanne Thomas, Julia Will.

**Effort Roll** - Cassidy Ball, Molly Belknap, Fiona Burke, Dayanara Caballero, Grace Capostagno, Cameron Carlson, Caris Carlson, Evan Cuba, Emma Dormann, Kendan Dressler, Jonny Fooks, Kailee Gurtler, Frank Hersom, Ethan Lewis, Autumn Mathisen, Ryan Muscarella, Matthew Olander, Victoria-Pearl Parnell, Valerie Pastore, Kendall Phillips, Elizabeth Piper, Andrew Rimmerman, Austin Salmonds, Brianna Salmonds, Emily Salmonds, Alexandria Schuck, MacKenzie Senf, Zoey Shepard, Matthew Tanner, Joshua Tardy, Ava Wagoner, Lillian Walker, Leyna Wheeler, Hannah Wies, Kaya Wildschutz, Nicholas Zwerka.

### GRADE 8:

**High Honor Roll** - Corin Abdella, Jared Barnum, Rachel Best, Madison Burke, Caleb Calhoun, Caleb Carlson, Aidan Clark, Sadie Cook, Leanna Curts, Sarah Hanel, Angelique Heick, Grace Huhn, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Meghan Kendall, Johnathon Klafehn, Dawn Nowatchik, Madelynn Pimm, Elli Schelemanow, Grace Shepard, Alayna Streeter, Jorie Strzelecki, Ella VanValkenburg, Alexandra Vurraro, Nevaeh Welch, Claire Williams, Kaitlyn Windhauser, Emily Zastrow, Corden Zimmerman, Joshua Zittel.

**Honor Roll** - Isaiah Baity, Camryn Brookhart, Destiny Colon, Alexander Donnelly, Makenzie Eccleston, Connor Gale, Christian Haller, Mikaylah Pocock, Brenda Ramos Francisco, Aleigha Shallenberger, Kaden Sheard, Allie Wilcox, Emma Will, Madison Zastrocky.

**Effort Roll** - Corin Abdella, Jared Barnum, Rachel Best, Camryn Brookhart, Madison Burke, Payton Buzzell, Caleb Calhoun, Caleb Carlson, Aidan Clark, Sadie Cook, Leanna Curts, Makenzie Eccleston, Angelique Heick, Grace Huhn, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Meghan Kendall, Johnathon Klafehn, Madelynn Pimm, Melvin Rivera, Elli Schelemanow, Aleigha Shallenberger, Kaden Sheard, Grace Shepard, Alayna Streeter, Jorie Strzelecki, Ella VanValkenburg, Alexandra Vurraro, Claire Williams, Kaitlyn Windhauser, Emily Zastrow, Corden Zimmerman, Joshua Zittel.

### GRADE 9:

**High Honor Roll** - Nicholas Baubie, Bianca Brumsted, Emily Chaback, Zoey Chambry, Richard Denson, Julietta Doyle, Veronica Duell, Joshua Fleming, Eden Goff, Sara Goodman, Hope Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Aiden Kulikowski, Colby Leggo, Gavin Lewis, John Mercovich, Julia Pangrazio, Andrew Parnapy, Jaden Pocock, Bryanne Puma, Alaura Rehwaldt, Skylar Sharpe, Deacon Smith, Sarah Sue Streeter, Xavier Thomas, Morgan Vincent, Devon Zinter.

**Honor Roll** - Mya-Lyn Albanese, Carleigh Buell, Hallie Calhoun, Jonah Clare, Tylor Coats, Matthew Gonyea, Alaina House, Logan Lewis, Matthew Rada, Julia Schlenker-Stephens, Seth Sharp, Joshua Swapceinski, Jessica Wolfe.

**Effort Roll** - Mya-Lyn Albanese, Nicholas Baubie, Bianca Brumsted, Carleigh Buell, Emily Chaback, Richard Denson, Julietta Doyle, Veronica Duell, Joshua Fleming, Matthew Gonyea, Sara Goodman, Krystal Hagen, Hope Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Aiden Kulikowski, Colby Leggo, Gavin Lewis, Logan Lewis, John Mercovich, Julia Pangrazio, Hunter Parnell, Bryanne Puma, Matthew Rada, Skylar Sharpe, Deacon Smith, Sarah Sue Streeter, Joshua Swapceinski, Xavier Thomas, Devon Zinter.

### GRADE 10:

**High Honor Roll** - Julianna Amesbury, Caitlin Ashton, Justine Bloom, Alexander Brumsted, Siomara Caballero, Alexander Dean, Jacey Donahue, Madison Farnsworth, Sara Fraser, Emily Gonyea, Chad Green, Amaya Gunther, Zachary Hannan, Rick Hubbard, Mikaela Hubler, Cambria Kinkelaar, Chad Kupfer, Jillian Menzie, Auburn Schwartzmeyer, Caleb Sharpe, Chloe Shuskey, Kevin Smith, Isabelle Stevens, Garrett Swinter, Miriam Tardy, Annabella Vurraro, Grant Williams, Nathan Zwerka.



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## 2017-18 first quarter Honor Roll

**Honor Roll** - Megan Bogue, Alexis Calarco, Hannah Catalino, Shaina DeJesus, Elizabeth Donnelly, Kyle Foeller, Kelsey Fuller, Evan Harter, Coltin Henry, Rose Hubbard, Emily Kaczmarek, Travis Lambert, Melissa MacCowan, Samuel Pringle, Anastasija Rebisz, Brandon Stefanski, Cameron Sweet, Justice Towne, Hannah VanSkiver, Bryce Yockel.

**Effort Roll** - Julianna Amesbury, Caitlin Ashton, Justine Bloom, Alexander Brumsted, Siomara Caballero, Hannah Catalino, Alexander Dean, Shaina DeJesus, Jacey Donahue, Elizabeth Donnelly, Sara Fraser, Kelsey Fuller, Chad Green, Amaya Gunther, Zachary Hannan, Rick Hubbard, Rose Hubbard, Mikaela Hubler, Cambria Kinkelaar, Chad Kupfer, Melissa MacCowan, Jillian Menzie, Anastasija Rebisz, Auburn Schwartzmeyer, Caleb Sharpe, Chloe Shuskey, Kevin Smith, Isabelle Stevens, Garrett Swinter, Miriam Tardy, Justice Towne, Annabella Vurraro, Grant Williams, Nathan Zwerka.

### GRADE 11:

**High Honor Roll** - Sarah Bleiler, Benjamin Bowman, Lydia Campbell, Anthony DiQuattro, Adam Drake, Jared Fregoe, Tabitha Fuller, Leah Gale, Emma Goodman, Annaliese Hersom, William Johnson, Hunter Leach, Janae Meister, Kevin Paasch, Erin Parnapy, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, MacKenzie Rosse, Wade Thompson, Kyong-ae Yun.

**Honor Roll** - Aaron Barnum, Nicholas Brown, Cole Carlson, Jason Hoehn, Isaac Ladley, James Roggow, Brianna Shade, Emma Smith, Colby Taylor.

**Effort Roll** - Aaron Barnum, Sarah Bleiler, Benjamin Bowman, Adam Drake, Emma Goodman, Annaliese Hersom, William Johnson, Hunter Leach, Janae Meister, Kevin Paasch, Erin Parnapy, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, MacKenzie Rosse, Wade Thompson.

### GRADE 12:

**High Honor Roll** - Larissa Ashton, Lauren Burke, Jacob Burlingame, Benjamin Chaback, Quinn Chapell, Brionna DeMichel, Jean Denson, Jessica Fleming, Morgan Fuller, Margaret Graney, Ethan Green, Justin Hannan, Tyler Henry, Alyssa Hing, Brian Ireland, Daniel Jensen, Nathan Knickerbocker, Brandon Kropf, Melanie Kulikowski, Shaun LoVerdi, Peyton Mackey, Paul McDermott, Julia Menzie, Lily Mercovich, Dillon Montgomery, Makenzie Muoio, Cameron Shenk, Dana VanValkenburg, Catherine Weaver, Riley White, Esther Wilkins.

**Honor Roll** - Jerra Amesbury, Chandler Bow, Cameron Brumsted, Catherine Brumsted, Chandler Carney, Kylar Chambry, Shayla Dearing, Edgardo Guzman, Riley Hammon, Hayley Hoehn, Brendon Kendall, Ryan Niemi, Joshua Phelps, Garrett Sando, Austin Sharpe, Robert Stevens, Jonathan Stumpf, Leah Thompson, Chaderic Toal, Nicole Welka, Emma Wride.

**Effort Roll** - Jerra Amesbury, Larissa Ashton, Chandler Bow, Cameron Brumsted, Catherine Brumsted, Lauren Burke, Jacob Burlingame, Benjamin Chaback, Kylar Chambry, Quinn Chapell, Cynthia Clay, Brionna DeMichel, Jean Denson, Jessica Fleming, Morgan Fuller, Margaret Graney, Ethan Green, Justin Hannan, Tyler Henry, Alyssa Hing, Hayley Hoehn, Brian Ireland, Daniel Jensen, Brendon Kendall, Michael Khomitch, Nathan Knickerbocker, Brandon Kropf, Melanie Kulikowski, Shaun LoVerdi, Peyton Mackey, Paul McDermott, Julia Menzie, Lily Mercovich, Dillon Montgomery, Makenzie Muoio, Garrett Sando, Austin Sharpe, Cameron Shenk, Jerome Spinks, Jonathan Stumpf, Dana VanValkenburg, Nicole Welka, Riley White, Esther Wilkins, Emma Wride.

## Running for the school board

The Byron-Bergen Board of Education's seven members are elected by district residents and serve unpaid, three-year terms. The board is responsible for setting policy within state and federal laws and serves as the community's communication link with the educational staff. If you are committed to education and want to make an impact on our district, consider running for school board. We are looking for folks who will always be focused on the good of schoolchildren, who are:

- Effective communicators
- Consensus builders
- Community participants
- Leaders and decision-makers
- Information processors
- Team players

Board candidate petitions can be obtained from the District Clerk Rachel Stevens in the District Office. They must be returned by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2018.





# Byron-Bergen students compete in district's annual National Geographic Bee

Students from both Byron-Bergen schools proved their mastery of geography on Jan. 4, 2018 as the school hosted its annual National Geographic Bee competitions, sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

At the Jr./Sr. High School, after an exciting battle of wits and global knowledge, Matthew Tanner was declared the Byron-Bergen Geographic Bee champion. He was given a medal and awarded a \$30 Amazon gift card. Runner-up Nicholas Zwerka received a \$20 Amazon gift card.

At the Elementary School, the title of Geographic Bee champion was awarded to fifth-grader Jack Farner who edged out fellow fifth-grader Jackson Lundfelt for the honor.

The National Geographic Bees are coordinated by the schools' social studies teachers Aaron Clark, Ken Gropp, and Nick Muhlenkamp.

**The school is very proud of all the contestants. Jr./Sr. High School participants included —**

**Seventh-grade:**

- Molly Belknap
- Jack Benstead
- Cameron Carlson
- Caris Carlson
- Evan Cuba
- Kendan Dressler
- Gianni Ferrara
- Alec Kulikowski
- Kendall Phillips
- Elizabeth Piper
- Andrew Rimmerman
- Alexandria Schuck
- Matthew Tanner
- Lillian Walker
- Nicholas Zwerka

**Eighth-grade:**

- Ashton Gavenda
- Grace Huhn
- Madelyn Pimm
- Elli Schelemanow
- Ella VanValkenburg
- Claire Williams
- Corden Zimmerman
- Josh Zittel

**Elementary School Geo Bees were —**

**Fourth-grade:**

- Liam Boyle
- Colin Rea
- Simone Scharvogel

**Fifth-grade:**

- Ryan Benstead
- Jake Carlson
- Deborah Catalino
- Noah Clare
- Ada Clookey
- Owen Cuba
- Craig Diquattro
- Lea Donofrio
- Jack Farner
- Rachel Hanel
- Landon Kent
- Eli Kupfer
- Jackson Lundfelt
- Martin Mac Connell
- Anna McLaughlin

**Sixth-grade:**

- Brody Baubie
- Braedyn Chambry
- Grayson Erion
- Aurora Hiscutt
- Stephanie Onderdonk
- Brendan Pimm
- Carter Prinzi
- Quintin Rich



*Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School National Geographic Bee champion Matthew Tanner (l) and runner-up Nicholas Zwerka celebrate their achievements.*



*Student Jack Farner is the top winner of the Byron-Bergen Elementary School's National Geographic Bee.*



## College and Career Center Update

By Rob Kaercher, Counselor

As we look forward to the end of winter, each student in the Jr./Sr. High School is at a different point in planning for their future. Many seniors have submitted their college applications and are beginning to hear decisions from their chosen colleges and universities. Our Financial Aid Night at Byron-Bergen and new FAFSA Night at the Gillam Grant Center were valuable in promoting the importance of financial aid literacy and FAFSA completion. All seniors planning to attend college should complete their FAFSA to ensure they receive a financial aid package.

Many seniors will continue to fill out applications for outside scholarships in the coming months. Each year, Byron-Bergen seniors have the opportunity to be considered for over 50 scholarships funded with generous contributions received from our community. This exciting application process begins in March and is available to all seniors.

Exposure to colleges and careers has always been a top priority in the College and Career Center. Many high school students recently attended the first annual Health Career Day at Genesee Community College. Over 20 guest speakers from a variety of health professions met with students in small groups to discuss their professions and career pathways. In a similar format, the sophomore class will be attending the Sophomore Career Day at SUNY Geneseo to gain exposure to over 30 career fields.

Our junior high school students are also beginning to explore their personal and career interests in the College and Career Center. Our hope is to have students identify their interests at an earlier age to help make more informed decisions in the future. The future is exciting and full of opportunity. We hope that each student leaves Byron-Bergen feeling the same way!



*Pictures from our college field trip to Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY.*





## Byron-Bergen High School wins Cornell grant for new Agriculture Program

It has been over 40 years since Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School had an agriculture program, but that's changed. A new introduction to agriculture class was launched this fall, along with a new FFA chapter. The school has also been awarded an Agriculture Education Incentive Grant for New and Growing Programs from Cornell University.

"It was time to restart the Ag program here," said Superintendent Mickey Edwards. "We have a great Cornell Ag-certified teacher who is enthusiastic about building the program. We have experienced community members who were ready to step up and be part of our Advisory Committee. We have students who wanted the opportunity to learn and get involved. The question was only 'when can we start?'"

"Mr. Parnapy and our advisory team have done a great job getting this off the ground," said Jr./Sr. High School Principal Patrick McGee. "We believe we have the right pieces to have a top notch Ag education program."

Ag teacher Jeff Parnapy taught agriculture for eight years at Albion and New Berlin schools before coming to

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*- Jr./Sr. High School Principal Patrick McGee*

Byron-Bergen as a science teacher in 2000. He says that a good Ag program must include three components: classroom instruction, leadership development events through FFA, and supervised work experience.

"We're starting slowly, with an Agriculture Exploration class that is an elective for students in grades 9-12," he said. "It covers a variety of topics, including soils and water, plant science and growth, animal science, methods of production, mechanical, small engines and fuel systems, and construction.

We're planning several field trips, including one to the NYS FFA convention in Rochester this spring, and a chance to attend FFA Camp at Oswegatchie this summer."

Twenty students are in this first class. Many already have a strong interest in agriculture, participate in 4H, or come from families involved in the field. Some are interested in Genesee Valley BOCES programs in construction, conservation, animal science, or agribusiness and may use this as a stepping stone to further their career development.

"In two years, we hope to add another class in animal science or agricultural mechanics," said Parnapy, "depending on student interest and input from our Advisory Committee."

The school's Advisory Committee includes expert volunteers from the community: several grain and vegetable crop farmers, a veterinarian, an agronomist, and a hobby farmer. They provide planning guidance now, and hope to increase their involvement as speakers, mentors, and resources as the program grows.



*Byron-Bergen FFA members at Camp Oswegatchie for the Environmental Science and leadership training program in November 2017.*



## Elementary School News

By Brian Meister, Principal

The start of a new year is often filled with promise and excitement. It offers us a chance to perhaps hit the reset button, set new goals, and be energized. Here at the Elementary School, we celebrate the new year with our students by renewing our commitment to “be our best self” each and every day. We have been setting academic and social goals that will help us be successful both in and out of the classroom. Equipped with renewed focus, we have much to look forward to in 2018.

The new year also allows us to reflect. We are able to look back on the year that passed and take pride in the many opportunities, experiences, and achievements we have enjoyed.



Students in grades 4–6 have the opportunity to participate on one of our PageTurners teams. PageTurners is a competitive reading club where participants from schools throughout the region read a common set of books and answer comprehension questions that relate to each book. The selected titles range in genre and complexity, creating a rigorous and challenging experience for the students. In addition to the competitions, the club meets throughout the year during lunch to discuss the books and prepare. If you are thinking this club is designed for great readers with excellent comprehension skills, you are correct. However, I could not be prouder to share that this year’s teams involve more than 30 active members who are students of all abilities. I would like to commend our amazing club advisors and classroom teachers who make reading the thing to do at the Elementary School.

Educating the whole child is not just a catch phrase here at the ES. Our Health and Wellness Committee has been busy planning activities to encourage a healthy lifestyle. For the third straight year, we have hosted a fall run—our Turkey Trot—to encourage students to exercise and stay fit. This year’s run boasted our largest participation ever with more than 125 student runners completing a one-mile course on our cross country trail. Our Character Education Team has been planning for and providing fun and exciting assembly programs that emphasize good character. This fall, we focused on having great effort and positive attitude.

Earlier this school year, I shared our rollout of 1:1 Chromebooks in grades 3–6. As promised, these have been a smash hit for teachers and students. Throughout the day, I visit classrooms and see firsthand the impact technology can have on learning and engagement.

As always, I would like to thank our community, parents, and friends for their continued support of our school. If you have any questions, please contact me at (585) 494-1220, ext. 1005 or by email at [bmeister@bbschools.org](mailto:bmeister@bbschools.org).



## Universal Prekindergarten

The Byron-Bergen School District hopes to once again offer a half-day Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) program for the 2018-19 school year. The class will be held at the Byron-Bergen Elementary School which is located at 6971 West Bergen Road, Bergen, NY 14416.

Students eligible for the program must turn four years of age by Dec. 1, 2018. If you have a child eligible and are interested in having him/her attend our UPK program, please send a letter of interest with your child's name, parents' names, address, phone number, and date of birth to: Brian Meister, Elementary School Principal, 6971 West Bergen Rd., Bergen, NY 14416, **by Friday, April 6, 2018**. Parents who have already contacted the Elementary School by phone will still need to send in a letter to be eligible for UPK. Please note that if we receive more than our allowed capacity, we will select students using a lottery system.

### What are the Program Goals of the UPK at Byron-Bergen?

- To meet the NYS learning standards by using a curriculum that is thematically based and supported using literature, songs, and exploration.
- To foster an environment that promotes happy, confident children who are willing to take risks, make independent choices, and ask questions.
- To create an inclusive community that builds upon the student's strengths and accommodates their needs.

### Philosophy of UPK

The UPK program at Byron-Bergen is focused on socialization, learning through play, and self-exploration. Children learn through a hands-on learning environment that includes activities, learning centers, concrete materials, and manipulatives. Students learn through a nurturing environment that is enriching, challenging, and developmentally appropriate.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION REMINDER

Children who will be five years of age, on or before Dec. 1, 2018, are eligible for entrance to Kindergarten in September of 2018. New families in the school district should notify the school if they have a child who will enter Kindergarten in September of 2018. Parents may contact the Byron-Bergen Elementary School Office by calling (585) 494-1220, ext. 1301. Information may also be sent to the Byron-Bergen Elementary School, 6971 West Bergen Road, Bergen, New York 14416.

All children registering for Kindergarten will be scheduled for a screening appointment this summer. The results of this screening will be used to plan for the 2018-19 Kindergarten Program.

### The following items are necessary to complete the registration process:

1. **Your child's Birth Certificate.**
2. **Certificate of Immunization**— New York State law requires that every child entering school must have received a minimum of 5 doses of diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus vaccine (DPT) and 4 doses of polio (IPV) vaccine, 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), 3 doses of Hepatitis B, and 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox). Those children born on or after 1/1/2008 must have 4 doses of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV). Their immunizations must be completed prior to entering school.
3. **Proof of Residency**— If this is the first time you have a child entering Byron-Bergen Central School District, please bring proof of residency to your screening appointment. This can be a copy of your mortgage statement, rental/lease agreement or a copy of your tax bill.

### For more information or to register your child, please contact:

Elementary School Office  
(585) 494-1220 ext. 1301

### Information may also be sent to:

Byron-Bergen Elementary School  
6971 West Bergen Road  
Bergen, New York 14416



## Busy times for building awareness and making a difference

By Gina Henry, Prevention Educator (GCASA)

The first half of the school year was very busy for Prevention. Since September, I have implemented the Too Good for Drugs and Too Good for Violence programs in the eighth-grade FACS classes with the fifth- and sixth-grade elementary students. Both of these are evidence-based programs that promote positive, pro-social attitudes and behavior while fostering healthy relationships, resistance to substance abuse and conflict, and resistance to negative peer pressure and influence. It was a pleasure to implement these programs with such a great group of students.

Byron-Bergen students celebrated Red Ribbon Week from October 23-31, 2017. Red Ribbon Week is a national drug prevention campaign that focuses on educating communities about the dangers of alcohol and other drugs. This year, I was able to work with staff members Maureen Calmes and Samantha Golden to create a fun and educational awareness campaign. This campaign educated students on the dangers of drug use, misuse and abuse. The students volunteered to write down their "key to success" on a paper key and enjoyed posing for their "drug-free"

selfies. Both the keys to success and selfies were displayed in the Elementary School and Jr./Sr. High School.

I have also had the opportunity to work with the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) group. These students are enthusiastic and very motivated to help make a positive difference in their school.

### Upcoming activities and events include:

- I'll be presenting the Red Watch Band Training to all seniors. Red Watch Band is a national grassroots program designed to teach students how to recognize the signs of alcohol poisoning as well as toxic drinking and provide them with the tools to take action.
- Prom is right around the corner, and it's important for our Prevention Team to inform and educate students on the dangers associated with substance use. We strive to explain that prom is a fun time, but we want to provide information in hopes of preventing dangerous situations.
- GCASA is now offering a program called Hidden Mischief...In Plain

Sight. This program is designed to create awareness about ways teens conceal drugs or use everyday items for drug use. The interactive teen bedroom will give each participant an opportunity to search and find drug paraphernalia, drugs, and drug references. There will be everyday items displayed that have been converted to hide or use drugs. In addition, it will create an awareness of the possibilities of how easy these items can be purchased over the internet or at local venues.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with the Byron-Bergen students and staff, and I look forward to the upcoming months. Being able to spread awareness and educate the school community about the dangers of alcohol and other drugs and to reduce the risk factors associated with substance use and abuse is important to our Prevention team at GCASA.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, my contact information is: Gina Henry (585) 815-1871, or via email at [ghenry@gcasa.org](mailto:ghenry@gcasa.org) or [ghenry@bbschools.org](mailto:ghenry@bbschools.org)



## SUBSTITUTES WANTED

Do you have an interest in helping Byron-Bergen CSD in the capacity of substitute teacher, substitute teacher aide, substitute office aide, or food service worker?

If so, please visit the employment section of our website at [www.bbschools.org](http://www.bbschools.org) and complete the non-instructional application and a Genesee County Civil Service application (teacher aide, office aide, food service worker), or instructional application (substitute teacher) Please submit the application (via mail or in person) to: P. Gunio—District Office, Byron-Bergen CSD, 6917 West Bergen Road, Bergen, NY 14416.



## Western NY Tech Academy

By Tom Schulte, Principal

As we wrap up the first half of the year, it's hard to believe all of the exciting opportunities that WNY Tech Academy students have been able to experience. Our 10th-grade students have been hard at work preparing to compete in Tech Wars at Genesee Community College (GCC). Teams have been focused on designing and building boats out of corrugated plastic, designing and building bridges, and a host of other projects. Our 11th-grade team has participated in a video design challenge hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and welcomed a number of guest speakers focusing on food processing, accounting, and supply chain. Lastly, seniors have been actively participating in job shadows. To date, our 13 seniors have completed 16 job shadows, with many more to come in the second semester.



*WNYTA senior Nick Swain qualifies for the New York State DECA competition.*

Coming in March, our senior class will be competing in GCC's Trade Fair, as part of their Principles of Business course. This competition pits our students against 10 other student-led businesses, competing in multiple events including salesmanship, booth design, marketing strategies, and sales. Students have to work collaboratively to develop a business plan, implement the business plan, and operate this enterprise in a virtual setting. Our team has created a custom product company called AmeriWare that focuses on creating a wide variety of Americana-themed products. The Trade Fair will be held on March 22, from 10-11:30 a.m. at GCC. All community members are invited to attend this event and visit our team's booth. Please come out and support AmeriWare!

Also in March, two of our seniors—Nick Swain (Dansville) and Blake Nelson (Cal-Mum) will be participating in the New York State DECA competition. DECA is an internationally recognized business and marketing club focused on building emerging leaders and entrepreneurs. This is our first year participating in this event, and we're excited to have two of our team members qualify for the state competition. This event is a three-day competition that also engages students in a variety of workshops focused on leadership and entrepreneurship.

Lastly, it is important to note that our application deadline for eighth-grade students interested in attending our program to start ninth grade is rapidly approaching. Applications are due no later than Feb. 28, 2018. We're excited to welcome our next cohort of students! If interested, please be sure to see your counselor for more information or contact us directly at (585) 494-1220, ext. 1004.



*WNYTA senior Blake Nelson qualifies for New York State DECA competition.*

## Pesticide Application Notice

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation enacted a program that requires all schools to provide you with information about pesticide product applications made throughout the school year. Under State law, the school is required to maintain a list of parents, guardians, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour advance written notice prior to a pesticide application. At this time, we are informing you there have been no applications made since the last notice was published in the 2017 fall edition of *Focal Point*, the Byron-Bergen District Newsletter.

To register your name with the school to be on a 48-hour notification list, send a request to Byron-Bergen Central School District Office, 6917 W. Bergen Rd., Bergen, NY 14416. A written request must be submitted annually.



STUDENT SHOWCASE



“Flowers”

*Tempera Paint on Paper*

By: Georgia O’ Keeffe, grade 2  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



“Realistic Half Face”

*Pencil Drawing*

By: Ally Ball, grade 7  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



“Owl”

*Oil Crayon on Paper*

By: Carlee Barons, grade 6  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



“Coil Bowl”

*Pottery*

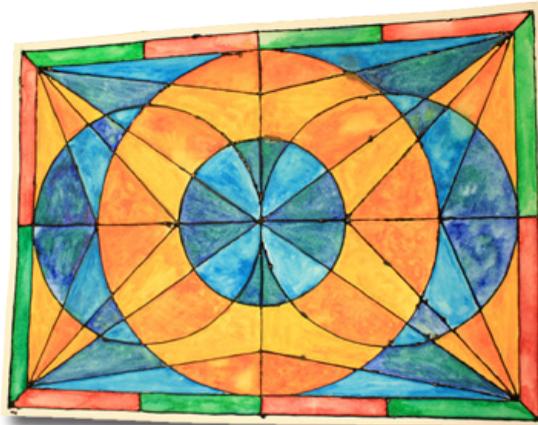
By: Alyssa Hing, grade 12  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



“Vintage Car”

*Graphite on Paper*

By: Brendon Kendall, grade 12  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



“Stained Glass Window”

*Water Color on Paper*

By: Tyler Henry, grade 12  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



# SAVE THE DATE!

## The 2018 Buzzin' Bistro Jazz Night & Art Show

**Friday, April 27**

**6:30 p.m.**

**in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria**

The event will feature our Byron-Bergen Art Show along with performances by music ensembles in grades 5 – 12, faculty members, and community musicians along with a SPECIAL GUEST music act!



**Food  
available  
for  
purchase**

### Dear BBCSD Stakeholder,

Our district is committed to providing a world-class education to our students, with the goal of preparing them for a successful life in the 21st century.

Strategic planning is a key leadership tool designed to identify district properties that support this mission and respond to the environment of the organization.

Your input is an important part of this planning process. We invite you to participate in a one-hour focus group facilitated by Dr. Marla Iverson, a professional facilitator from Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES. During this session, you will be asked to provide feedback on district strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Feedback is anonymous and will be summarized without identifiers. There are two focus group sessions on March 14, 2018 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the SHS Auditorium. Please RSVP to Patty Guino by phone (585) 494-1220 ext. 2329 or by email at [pguino@bbschools.org](mailto:pguino@bbschools.org). Thank you for your commitment to our district.

Sincerely,  
Mickey Edwards

## Byron-Bergen ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Byron-Bergen Central School District is once again sponsoring an Alumni Hall of Fame, an initiative that started 13 years ago to provide our students with positive role models and to challenge their imaginations. The Hall of Fame recognizes the accomplishments of graduates of the Byron-Bergen School District or its component schools before consolidation.

The Hall of Fame is housed in the Jr./Sr. High School adjacent to the auditorium and consists of plaques honoring the inductees and their accomplishments. An induction ceremony and reception for new inductees will be held in the 2018-19 school year.

*Note: The 2017-18 Alumni Hall of Fame recipients will be recognized at the Byron-Bergen National Senior Honor Society Induction on March 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Auditorium. This year's inductees are Jacqueline A. Mullen (Class of 1972), Michael List (Class of 1978), and Kimberly (Thompson) McLean (Class of 2000).*

The nomination form (on page 19) needs to be returned to Patty Gunio, Secretary to the Superintendent, by the first Monday in April. Nominations will remain active for three years after submittal and nominees must have graduated at least fifteen (15) years ago. Up to four Hall of Fame inductees will be selected this year.

Consider nominating a worthy graduate of our system. By doing so, you honor the accomplishments of Byron-Bergen Alumni and provide our students with positive role models through the personification of the outcomes provided by solid educational preparation.





# Byron-Bergen Central School District ALUMNI HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

**NOMINEE INFORMATION:** Please provide the below information about the person you wish to recommend for the Byron-Bergen Alumni Hall of Fame.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **YEAR OF GRADUATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

**HOME PHONE #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **WORK OR CELL PHONE #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Is NOMINEE:**  living  deceased

Briefly describe those achievements, accomplishments or contributions that cause you to nominate the individual named above for Alumni Hall of Fame recognition. You may add additional pages, newspaper clippings, or other supporting evidence if you so desire. Please include accomplishments in the following areas:

- School Contributions/Activities while at Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School
- Subsequent Contributions to Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School
- Educational Achievements
- Job Related Achievements
- Professional Honors and Awards
- Professional Affiliations
- Community/Civic Involvement
- Other

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If possible, please list other people to serve as resources for Byron-Bergen staff to research additional Nominee information:

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DAYTIME PHONE #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DAYTIME PHONE #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*Person Submitting Nomination:*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DAYTIME PHONE #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Please return this completed form by the annual nomination deadline (first Monday in April) to:

Byron-Bergen Central School District  
District Office - Attn.: P. Gunio  
6917 West Bergen Road  
Bergen, NY 14416



# FOCAL POINT

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Mickey Edwards

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## Byron-Bergen School Budget Voter Information

### Board of Education Petitions Available

Notice is hereby given to elect two members of the Board of Education to three-year terms to begin on July 1, 2018 and expire on June 30, 2021 to succeed William Forsyth and Debra List whose terms expire on June 30, 2018.

To run for the Board of Education, you must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the District for 30 days preceding the vote, and at least 18 years of age. In order to be placed on the ballot, potential candidates must return a petition with a minimum of 25 signatures of District voters and return the petition to Rachel Stevens, District Clerk, by 3 p.m. on **Monday, April 16, 2018**. Petitions are available in the District Office and questions on this process can be directed to Mrs. Stevens by calling (585) 494-1220, ext. 2529.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2018**

**6 P.M.—PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ROOM**

Draft Budget reviewed with public input opportunity.

**MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018**

Board Candidate Petitions due to the District Clerk by 3 p.m.

### Absentee Ballots

Applications for Absentee Ballots will be available from the District Clerk on **Monday, April 23, 2018**. If an application needs to be mailed to the voter, the Clerk must receive the completed request form no later than 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Questions? Call (585) 494-1220, ext. 2529.

**MARCH 2018**

**FINAL DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ADOPTION**

Date and location to be announced.

**MAY 8, 2018 (TUESDAY)**

**PUBLIC BUDGET PRESENTATION AND MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES**

7 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. HS Auditorium

**TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018**

**BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD CANDIDATE ELECTION**  
High School Wrestling/Fitness Room