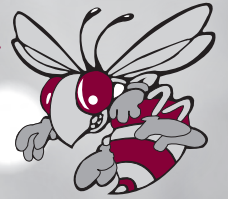


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Focal Point

BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Graduation 2024

Congratulations To The Class of 2024



Valedictorian

Victoria Rogoyski

My name is Victoria Rogoyski, valedictorian of my class, a four-sport varsity athlete, team captain of all four sports (soccer, basketball, indoor

track, and outdoor track and field), an active participant in numerous clubs and extracurricular activities, and a class officer. Most people don't know this, but in 9th grade I did five high school sports at Byron-Bergen, which was the most of any athlete that year.

I have a 4.0 average at Byron-Bergen. I am an officer in more clubs than I can count. Some of these include National Honor Society, Varsity Club, Student Council, and Steppin' Up Club. I also represented my school at the ALA Empire Girls State in the summer of 2023. I have taken the most rigorous academic courses my school has to offer, including seven Advanced Placement courses, and have scored a 4 or 5 on all of them so far.

Most notably, I have achieved my goal of being able to compete in the NY State Championship this year for outdoor track by surpassing the super standard in the pentathlon.

My future plans include furthering my knowledge at St. John Fisher in the sciences. I am very excited to see what my future holds.



Salutatorian

Gabrielle Graff

Gabrielle Graff is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in Steppin' Up Club, Alliance for Equality, Mock Trial, and Poetry Out Loud. She has played varsity soccer and basketball for two years, in addition to playing on various travel teams year-round in both sports. She has won sectionals twice

and attended the state tournament with her soccer team. She was awarded Most Respected Player and named a Genesee Region All-Star in basketball. Gabrielle was awarded the George Eastman Young Leaders Award and scholarship through the University of Rochester for her outstanding achievement in leadership and academics. She has also been given the Genesee County Youth Recognition Award for her commitment to serving her community through the Gillam Grant, where she enjoys volunteering. Gabrielle was selected to attend American Legion Auxiliary Empire Girls State as a result of her academic prowess. There, she learned about policymaking and government while spending a week with other similarly driven students from New York State. Gabrielle is the daughter of Erin and Joseph Graff. She will be attending Binghamton University in the fall to study political science on a pre-law track with an additional interest in environmental science.



Top 10 Class of 2024



3. Hanna Loewke is the Senior Class Secretary. She participates in National Honor Society, Yearbook Club, Math League, and Mock Trial. She is a tri-sport Varsity and Scholar Athlete in cross country, cheer, and track and field. Hanna has earned Genesee Region All-Star status in both cross country and cheerleading. Throughout high school, Hanna was the recipient of the Coaches Award for cross country, the Cheer

Master Award for track and field, and was named MVP twice for cheerleading. Hanna has earned her Tri-Athlete Award as well as her Academic Letter. She has taken several AP and college-level courses over the last four years and was the recipient of the RIT Humanitarian and Social Sciences Scholarship. In her free time Hanna enjoys going on walks, watching sunsets, and spending time with family and friends. Hanna is the daughter of Tim and Amanda Loewke and plans to attend the Antoinette Marchese Clancy School of Nursing at SUNY GCC. She would like to thank her teachers, coaches, friends, and family for always supporting her and pushing her to do her best.



4. Riley Sharpe is the fourth and last sibling in a short line of Sharpes at Byron-Bergen. He will attend Roberts Wesleyan University in the fall where he plans to major in Adolescent Education (Social Studies). Riley has always followed the rule "love your neighbor as yourself", treating everyone with respect, compassion, and empathy to follow this rule. As a teacher, he plans to introduce this rule into the classroom and create a

positive learning environment. He attributes his success to God, his family, friends, and teachers, stating that "No matter how hard it got, I knew I always had a good support system to rely on and I want to make sure others have a similar support system in my classroom."



5. Brody Baubie is a member of the National Honor Society and a scholar athlete participating in soccer, basketball, baseball, and golf. He was recognized as a Genesee Region All-Star for soccer and golf and was selected for the All Tournament Team for Basketball. He is also a member of the Math League and the high school Trap Team. He also had the opportunity to compete in the NYSPHSAA state soccer tournament and

together with his team was able to make history by winning the first Section V Class C2 boys basketball championship for Byron-Bergen. Brody is the recipient of the Clarkson University Leadership Award and the Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Award. Brody is the son of Mark and Carrie Baubie and brother of Nick Baubie and will be attending Alfred State College for Construction Management.



6. Makala Hoopengardner is a member of Yearbook Club, Varsity Club, and National Honor Society, where she serves as secretary. She was a member of the Byron-Bergen varsity volleyball team for three years and the Byron-Bergen varsity softball team for three years. Makala attended the Empire Girls State Program held at SUNY Brockport in the summer of 2023. She has volunteered at Gilliam Grant and WNY Heroes. Makala

plans on attending SUNY Cortland, from which she received the Dean scholarship, to pursue a degree in biology. She would like to thank the Byron-Bergen faculty and her family for making her high school career so memorable.



7. Stephanie Onderdonk is a member of National Honor Society, Math League, Mock Trial, Yearbook Club Co-President, and Vice President of the Class of 2024. She participates in cross country where her team was Division Champions two years in a row. Stephanie was also an All-Star the past three years, MVP her junior year, and a Captain her senior year.

In the winter, she participates in indoor track & field. In the following season she is on the outdoor track & field team, where she has been a captain the past two years. Stephanie has received a total of four All-Stars, Most Improved and Most Respected awards while on the team. The girls track team has won Sectionals for the past three years and Division Champions for the past four years. Stephanie was a recipient of a 2024 Youth Award. Stephanie plans to attend SUNY Brockport where she will begin her collegiate running career and majoring in Nursing. Stephanie would like to thank everyone that has been by her side in life. She would especially like to thank her mom, Rachel Onderdonk, for always advising her that she can do anything she puts her mind to.



8. Malachi Smith has been heavily involved in many interests throughout high school such as Mock Trial, Student Government, band, chorus, drama club, musical productions and more. Malachi is very excited to go to the Word of Life Bible Institute to gain ministry training and study the bible. Malachi is extremely grateful to the community, coaches and teachers who played a significant role in his life. He is glad to have been a student at Byron-Bergen.



9. Carter Prinzi is a three-time Genesee Region All-Star: soccer, track, and golf. He received the 2023 soccer coach's award for the NYS championship semi-finals. He has played hockey from age 4 and participates in basketball and baseball. He graduated from the GCC Justice Academy. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Math League, and a member of the band, and marching band where he played the French horn

since fourth grade. He spends his weekend mornings with the fruits and vegetables at Tops. Carter is a lover of the great outdoors and conservation biology, spending as much time as he can hunting, fishing, and skiing. He will be attending SUNY Genesee as a biology/environmental science major pursuing a career as a DEC officer. He is a big brother to his youngest siblings: Isaac, Vincent, and Anna who all adore him, his homemade pancakes, and gourmet steak. He is a dear friend to his sister Natalie, and a role model to step-brother Antonio. He is the son of Elizabeth Licata and Brad (Marcie) Prinzi, of York. He would like to thank his family and friends for the amazing Disney memories, Maryland beach weeks, times spent outside, bonfires, pool nights, and family dinners.



10. Elton Kinkelaar has been a member of Byron-Bergen's Music and Arts department since moving to the district in elementary school. Elton has taken part in the school's musicals, choir, All-County chorus and band for multiple years, and advanced arts at Byron-Bergen. He has dedicated a lot of time to his efforts in work life, spending a large majority of his high school career in coffee shop service jobs to save money

for the future. Elton plans to attend the University of Buffalo's Honors program, with a pursuit of English Arts to grow into a career of Journalism, while continuing fine arts as a minor to follow his love for art. Elton would like to thank all of the friends who have endlessly inspired, shown love and support while staying by him to push him to these goals, as well as the teachers who put in all the work to assist him in his learning journey, and family for their ongoing support.

Congratulations To The Class of 2024

HannahRae Amador

SUNY College at Brockport
Accounting

Emma Balduf

SUNY Finger Lakes Community College
Adolescent Education

Carlee Barons

SUNY College at Brockport
Social Sciences

Brody Baubie

SUNY Alfred State College
Construction Management

Trevor Beale

SUNY Monroe Community College
Automotive Technology

Jeffrey Borycki

SUNY College at Brockport

Brighton Carney

Entering the workforce

Braedyn Chambry

SUNY Alfred State College
Criminal Justice

Tyler Chapman

SUNY Alfred State College
Digital Media and Animation

Chloe Gilbert

SUNY College at Brockport
Psychology

Gabrielle Graff

SUNY Binghamton University
Political Science, Pre-Law

Autumn Hafner

SUNY Genesee Community College
Nursing

Mackenzie Hagen

Roberts Wesleyan University
Biology, Pre-Vet

Hendrik Haymon

Pursuing a career in the electrical trades

James Heick

Rochester Institute of Technology
Mechatronics Engineering

Aden Hillabush

Universal Technical Institute
Automotive Mechanics

Aurora Hiscutt

SUNY Genesee Community College
Education

Makala Hoopengardner

SUNY Cortland
Biology

Kaidance Kimble

SUNY Monroe Community College
Automotive Trades

Elton Kinkelaar

SUNY University at Buffalo
English and Journalism

Tori LaMar

Long Island University
Nursing

Hanna Loewke

SUNY Genesee Community College
Nursing

Colin Martin

SUNY Alfred State College
Business

Lincoln McGrath

Houghton University
Environmental Science and Forestry

Dru Nowatchik

Exploring educational and career opportunities

Stephanie Onderdonk

SUNY College at Brockport
Nursing

Erica Pape

Entering the workforce

Nathan Parsons

SUNY Genesee Community College
Computerized Drafting and Design

Jillian Peters

SUNY Cobleskill
Animal Science

Brendan Pimm

SUNY Alfred State College
Diesel Mechanic

Novalee Pocock

SUNY Genesee Community College
Health Studies

Carter Prinzi

SUNY Genesee
Environmental Sciences

Quintin Rich

Nazareth University
Music Business

Victoria Rogoyski

St. John Fisher University
Biochemistry and Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Travis Shallenberger

Syracuse University
Political Science (Law, Society & Policy), Army ROTC

Dylan Shanley

Working at Liberty Pumps

Riley Sharpe

Roberts Wesleyan University
Adolescent Education (Social Studies)

Andrew Smith

Grand Canyon University
Theology

Malachi Smith

Word of Life Bible Institute
Biblical Studies

Emma Starowitz

SUNY Genesee Community College
Nursing

Gabriel Vallese

SUNY University at Buffalo
Nursing

Liliana Vanegas

SUNY Genesee Community College
Social Work

Lukas Volkmar

Pursuing a career in the trades

Connor Windhauser

Pursuing a career in the trades

Lydia Zaffrann

SUNY Genesee Community College
Respiratory Care and Certificate in Phlebotomy

Natalie Zastrocky

SUNY Genesee Community College
Veterinary Technology

Sawyer Zinter

SUNY Monroe Community College
Automotive Technology

Megan Zwerka

SUNY Genesee Community College
Early Childhood Education

Superintendent's Message

By Patrick McGee

Congratulations to everyone on an amazing school year, but I want to especially congratulate our graduates. The Class of 2024 Graduation took place on June 21st at the Soccer Stadium. It was an exceptional evening in a beautiful setting. I want to wish the Class of 2024 the best in all of their future endeavors. They have been through a lot over the last few years and have persevered. I am excited to see and hear the amazing things they will accomplish in the years ahead.

As part of our Strategic Plan, our district theme has been Many Bees, One Hive. To our graduates: Even though you are no longer students here, you are still Bees. You still play an important role in our learning community. Some of you may come back to work or volunteer. Some of you may be back here as friends or families of future grads. Some of you will go off into the world and not look back. But in any case, you will all carry with you the character and values of Byron-Bergen. No matter where your paths lead you, your hive will be cheering you on. Once a Bee, always a Bee.

On behalf of our school community and the Board of Education, I would like to again extend a sincere note of thanks to everyone who took the time to vote for our school district. Because our spending plan for the 2024-2025 school year was approved, we will be able to maintain and grow the educational opportunities that have made Byron-Bergen one of the best school districts in this region. We are fortunate to live in a community that values the success of every child, and I am looking forward to the 2024-2025 school year with much gratitude and excitement.

I am so lucky to work at a school that is as supportive as Byron-Bergen. Thank you to our community, families, our staff, and most of all our student body. I truly appreciate coming to work with the best of the best every day and am honored to serve in my role as Superintendent of the Byron-Bergen Central School District. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 585-494-1220 ext. 2829, email me at pmcgee@bbschools.org, or stop in to see me.

We are Byron-Bergen! Go Bees! #ManyBeesOneHive



Congratulations to the Byron-Bergen Professional Pupil Transportation Employee of the Year, Donna Peet! To qualify for this honor, Peet is accident-free and demonstrates good attendance, a friendly disposition, readiness to accept and exceed responsibilities, and good relationships with coworkers, parents, and children.

News from the Board

What a spring! There have been concerts, sports, field trips, art shows, farm days, moving up ceremonies, and graduations. We have kids learning, growing, and having fun doing it - what could be better?

On behalf of the Board of Education we would like to thank the community for coming out to successfully pass our annual school budget and propositions. We appreciate your support and commitment to the kids in our district, always helping to make their future a success through the education provided here at Byron-Bergen.

A big shout out to congratulate this year's graduating senior class. Your families, school staff and community are so proud of you and we know how good it feels reaching that finish line here at Byron-Bergen. Here is some advice to take with you as you leave the BB Hive and start your journey into the next phase of life: Never stop learning, follow your dreams, if you stumble get back up, and never be afraid to fail. Success can not be reached without failure, learn from the lessons and try again! Call home often, visit when you can and once a Bee, always a Bee.

Enjoy the summer!

Debi List



HELP WANTED

Do you have an interest in helping Byron-Bergen Central School District in the capacity of a

- **Substitute Bus Driver**
- **Substitute Cleaner**
- **Substitute Food Service Worker**
- **Substitute Teacher**
- **Substitute Teacher Aide**

If so, please visit the Employment section of our website at www.bbschools.org (District tab -> Employment):

- For **Substitute Teacher**, visit our on-line web recruitment page at <https://bbschools.recruitfront.com> click the "Register" button at the bottom left, and register to become a new user and create your application for submission.
- For **Substitute Bus Driver**, **Substitute Cleaner**, **Substitute Food Service Worker**, and **Substitute Teacher Aide** please download and complete the Genesee County Civil Service Application located on the Employment section of our webpage and submit the application with letter of interest (and resume, if available) via email (rstevens@bbschools.org), fax 585-494-2613, or mail/deliver in person to: R. Stevens – District Office, Byron-Bergen CSD, 6917 West Bergen Road, Bergen, NY 14416.

Pesticide 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. The Following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-eat pastes, forms, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals.

In the event that an emergency application is necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list. 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.

**ALL KIDS
EAT FREE!**
No Paperwork.
Must be 18 or under.

Byron-Bergen CSD Summer Meals 2024

Convenient, economical and healthy meals served

July 8–August 16, 2024

Meals for all children through 18 years old

Monday–Friday

Breakfast: 8:45-9:30 am

Lunch: 11:15 am-12:00 pm

BB Elementary School Cafeteria

Meals must be eaten at school.

Lunch available at McElver Park and Hickory Park for children registered with the park programs starting July 8, Monday through Friday. Meals must be eaten at the parks.

If you have questions, please call
(585) 494-1220
ext. 1015

Congratulations Retirees

Susan Price



After 26 years at Byron-Bergen, Susan Price is retiring from her position of Teacher of World Languages for grades seven through 12. Prior to BB, she taught at Trumansburg Central School, Rush-Henrietta Middle School, and Aquinas High School. While at BB, she taught both French and Spanish, served as advisor to the Spanish Club and as the 8th Grade Advisor and Team Leader.

Price will miss working in a small school. "There is a sense of connectedness here. We have great students. I love the faculty! We really care for one another and have fun, too. I love going to the office in the morning and hearing colleagues laughing and joking together!"

Among her favorite memories are three trips to Spain & Portugal. "Watching the students get to use their Spanish in stores and restaurants, seeing them excited about the culture and witnessing many 'first' experiences for our kids - like the first trip in an airplane or putting their toes in the Mediterranean - has been so wonderful! I loved getting to spend time with them out of the classroom like that!"

Price would like to thank her family and children for their love and support throughout her career. "I would also like to thank my friends here for the many hallway conversations, end of the day chats, hugs and smiles! It really is more fun to come to work when you have great people to work with!"

After retirement, or "re-wirement" as she prefers to call it, Price plans to pursue her hobbies of baking, knitting, and crochet, continue working at Genesee Country Village & Museum as an historical interpreter and a baker, and find new adventures. "One thing I have always dreamed of doing is walking the Camino de Santiago."

Price's son Will lives in South Carolina. He is married with two adorable boys. Her daughter Sarah graduated from Nazareth University this December and in the fall will be starting full time in a Special Ed position at Rush-Henrietta, where she has been a teacher assistant since January. Her daughter Emma has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and will be going to Spain in September for nine months to be a Teaching Assistant in the region of Galicia, where Price also has friends. "So, being able to travel and support my kids will definitely be part of my 're-wirement' as well."

Elementary School News

As we close out the 2023-2024 school year, I am so proud of our students' hard work and grateful for the top-notch staff, students, and families in the B-B school community. This is truly such a wonderful place to "bee!"

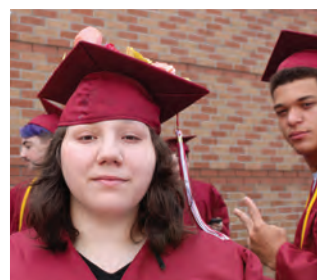
This year, the elementary school embarked on a journey to help make our world a better place through composting! During lunch every day, students sorted their scraps into garbage and compost. The compost scraps were then sent to a company who helped turn the scraps into soil. The soil that was made from our compost was then returned to the school for use in the classrooms or on the grounds. The third graders took on extra responsibilities with this school project. Each day they helped our custodians to empty the buckets of food waste into the toter and cleaned out the buckets. They did a wonderful job and were able to take a cup of soil and plant a seed at the end of the year! This was and is a truly collaborative effort from MANY BEES to support our ONE HIVE!

Please join us in congratulating the UPK students on their graduation and the 5th graders on their Moving Up Ceremony. The staff at Byron-Bergen Elementary is so proud of the perseverance and dedication that these students have shown to achieve this recognition!

Every year, we remind families about the importance of providing learning opportunities throughout the summer months to engage students in activities that challenge them to read, problem solve, think mathematically, and write. Please find ways to support your students to keep practicing reading, writing, and fact fluency this summer!

In Love and Learning,

Kristin Loftus
Principal



Agriculture Education Takes Root at Annual Farm Day Event

On May 23, 2024, the Byron-Bergen Elementary School grounds transformed into an outdoor agricultural education classroom for the annual Farm Day celebration. Jr./Sr. High School students who participate in FFA or study agriculture in science classes volunteer to spend the day teaching the younger students about where their food comes from. The goal of the event, which began four years ago, is to introduce elementary students to the agriculture community in which they live and to spark their interest in pursuing advanced agricultural studies in high school.

And it's working.

The fourth annual Farm Day boasted 22 student volunteers, double the number from last year. In its first year, Farm Day was only for kindergarten students and the information was presented by adults from the community. As the event expanded, older students stepped into the instructional roles.

"It's significant to see the high school students sharing their animals, knowledge, and interest in agriculture with the elementary students," said Byron-Bergen Elementary Principal Kristin Loftus. "The younger students can see themselves as Farm Day presenters in a couple years, and they're excited about it."

"I think today was really interesting!" said fifth-grade student Adalin Davidson. Davidson was not raised on a farm but is "definitely" planning to join the FFA and study agriculture in high school.



According to Jr./Sr. High School Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor Jeff Parnapy, the increase in student Farm Day volunteers reflects the increased participation in agriculture education in the district.

"This year we really started to see the effects," said Parnapy. "Participation in the FFA has doubled. Enrollment in the higher-level agriculture classes has doubled. I hope these young people will participate when they get to high school, too."

Tenth-grade Farm Day volunteer and FFA member Grace Mundell agrees that the opportunity to learn about agriculture has shaped her future plans. Although she was not raised on a farm, she hopes to live on one someday.

"I joined the FFA in eighth grade and I always had an interest in animals," said Mundell. "I had friends in FFA who got to do a bunch of cool stuff so I decided that would be a good way for me to learn, too."

Farm Day 2024 included presentations on cereal grains, animal feeds, maple syrup production, the history of the FFA, planting and growing sunflowers, and dozens of animals including cows, horses, goats, sheep, chickens, ducks, pigs, rabbits, rats, and chinchillas.

Special thanks to all of the students, staff, and community members who make Farm Day a yearly success and to the S.T.E.P. Boosters for providing the elementary students with an agriculture-themed sensory toy to commemorate the day.



Byron-Bergen High School ~ Awards & Scholarships

Academic Varsity Letters & Pins Receiving Academic Varsity Letter

Stephanie Onderdonk
Malachi Smith
Jackson Lundfelt
Ashley Schlenker-Stevens

Receiving Academic Varsity Letter and Pin(s)

Rose Wilson
Gabrielle Graff
Makala Hoopengardner

Receiving Pins

Brody Baubie*
Hanna Loewke*
Victoria Rogoyski*
Riley Sharpe*
*Received Letter last year

Alfred University Scholars Award

Martin Mac Connell

The American History Award

Victoria Rogoyski

The Brian R. Ivison Memorial Industrial Arts Award

James Heick

The Byron-Bergen S.T.E.P. Boosters Humanitarian Leadership Scholarship

Victoria Rogoyski

The Clarkson University High School Leadership Award

Lea Donofrio

Class of '64 - Paying it Forward

Stephanie Onderdonk
Malachi Smith

The Dawn Gruendike Memorial Award

Makala Hoopengardner

The Clarence Rogers Memorial Music Scholarship

Quintin Rich

The Jenny Kuzma Memorial Award

Genevieve Smith

The Matthew Kota Memorial Medical Scholarship

Hanna Loewke

The Miss Covatta Memorial Recognition Award

Michael Rogoyski

The NYS Education Department Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Victoria Rogoyski
Gabrielle Graff
Hanna Loewke

The President's Award for Educational Excellence

Victoria Rogoyski
Gabrielle Graff
Hanna Loewke
Riley Sharpe
Brody Baubie

The President's Award for Educational Excellence (cont.)

Makala Hoopengardner
Stephanie Onderdonk
Malachi Smith
Carter Prinzi
Elton Kinkelaar
Lincoln McGrath
Tyler Chapman
Colin Martin
Jeffrey Borycki
Kaidance Kimble
Carlee Barons
Lydia Zaffran
Mackenzi Hagen
Travis Shallenberger

The Principal's Award

12th Grade: Quintin Rich
11th Grade: Sam Hersom
10th Grade: Paige O'Brien
9th Grade: Cody Carlson
8th Grade: Lillian Meier
7th Grade: Charlotte Bloom
6th Grade: Amelia Baker

The RIT Computing Award

Connor Moran

The RIT Humanities and Social Sciences Award

Peyton Goodenbery

The RIT Science and Math Award

Jackson Lundfelt

The RIT Women in STEM Award

Rose Wilson

Robert Fowler Award

Alexandra Pocock

Saint Michael's Book Award for Academic Achievement & Social Science

Rachel Hanel

The Triple "C" Award

Sam Hersom

St. Bonaventure Junior Scholarship

Ashley Schlenker-Stephens
Roman Smith

The Superintendent's Award

Colin Martin

The University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

Jackson Lundfelt

The University of Rochester Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award in Humanities and Social Sciences

Deborah Catalino

The University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award

Anna McLaughlin

Vera Schelemanow Gaetano Explore the World Scholarship

Stephanie Onderdonk

The Faculty Department Awards

Junior High Art - Lila Graff
Senior High Art - Kendall Chase
Junior High English - Paige Winkler
Senior High English - Lydia Zaffran
Junior High Health - Levi McGrath
Senior High Health - Novalee Pocock
Junior High Language -
Annabelle Haywood
Senior High Language - Gianna Clark
Junior High Math - Ruth Kuipers
Senior High Math - Brody Baubie
Junior High Music - Lillian Meier
Senior High Music - Quintin Rich
Junior High Phys Ed - Anastasia Kuszlyk
Senior High Phys Ed - Rose Wilson
Junior High Science - Riley Boland
Senior High Science - Jackson Lundfelt
Junior High Social Studies -
Cambria Goodenbery
Senior High Social Studies - Riley Sharpe
Junior High Technology - Levi McGrath
Senior High Technology - Cody Carlson
Junior High FACS - Cambria Goodenbery
Junior High Bee Exceptional -
Katy Salber-Rowley
Senior High Bee Exceptional -
Tyler Barberio

Athletic Awards

*The Stephanie Lynn Tooley
Cheerleading Scholarship* - Hanna Loewke
The Comeback Award -
Travis Shallenberger
The Gary Liles Memorial Award Trophy -
Gabrielle Graff
*The Michael and John Schott
Memorial Award* - Colin Martin
*Maureen Fodge Memorial
Scholarship* - Victoria Rogoyski
*The Emily Reis Memorial
Scholarship* - Stephanie Onderdonk
*The Matthew Kota Memorial
Scholarship* - Lincoln McGrath
*The Paul Smith Memorial Wrestling
Award* - Malachi Smith
*The Brian R. Ivison Memorial
Wrestling Award* - Travis Shallenberger
*The Samuel Landis Wiant
Golf Award* - Brendan Pimm
*The Byron-Bergen Sports Boosters
Scholar Athlete Award* -
Malachi Smith
Stephanie Onderdonk

Athletes of the Year

Braedyn Chambry
Victoria Rogoyski

GV BOCES Awards

Animal Science Exceptional Senior -
Jillian Peters
*Livingston Associates Best in Class Award,
Building Trades* - Lukas Volkmar

Music Awards

Music Booster Scholarship
Tyler Chapman
Elton Kinkelaar
Quintin Rich
Malachi Smith

Band Award

Tyler Chapman
Carter Prinzi
Quintin Rich
Travis Shallenberger
Gabriel Vallese

Most Improved Choral Award

HannahRae Amador

Choral Award

Aurora Hiscutt
Elton Kinkelaar
Malachi Smith

Musical Theater Award

Quintin Rich
Malachi Smith

John Phillip Sousa Award

Tyler Chapman

1955 Award

Quintin Rich

Alfred K. Sheldon Memorial Leadership Award

Hanna Loewke

American Red Cross Blood Services High School Scholarship

Colin Martin
Stephanie Onderdonk

The Arthur Rohe Scholarship for Excellence In Us History

Riley Sharpe

The Bergen Rod and Gun Club Award

Carter Prinzi

The Bergen Volunteer Fire Department Student Volunteer Scholarship

Emma Starowitz

The Brad A. Hobin Memorial Award for Auto Body

Sawyer Zinter

The Byron Kiwanis Club Award

Hanna Loewke

Byron-Bergen Administration Scholarship

Stephanie Onderdonk

The Byron-Bergen Faculty Association Scholarship

Victoria Rogoyski
Stephanie Onderdonk

The Byron-Bergen Student Council Scholarship

Malachi Smith

The Clint Cooper Memorial Scholarship

Brody Baubie
Gabrielle Graff
Makala Hoopengardner
Elton Kinkelaar
Hanna Loewke

The Derek K. Sheldon Memorial Scholarship

Brendan Pimm

Jr./Sr. High School Happenings



It feels like it has been a sprint to the finish this year, but then again, when does June ever move slowly for students, parents, or staff? I have tried to find a common theme/description for all our Bees grades 6-12, and one word kept coming to mind: SUCCESS.

So, what is the recipe for success at BB - what makes our students wildly successful in the classroom, in the fine arts, and on the athletic field? As I reflected on our student success, I wonder if I could identify the recipe.

I feel like this recipe applies to our awesome kids. They lead. They learn. They inspire. They compete. They show kindness and care. Our kids have taught and inspired me so much in my short time at BB, and so I would like to thank our students, staff and parents for an amazing school year. I can't wait to follow their lead for a great 2024-25 year.

Recipe For Success

(as determined by the humble observation of someone who's been here six months)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Having Clear Objectives and Goals 2. 4 Cups of Work Ethic (Hustle) 3. 2 Cups of Focus 4. 1 Cup of Persistence 5. 2 Quarts of Discipline 6. 3 Tablespoons of Failure 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. A Pinch of Patience 8. 6 gallons of Confidence 9. 4 Cups of Time Management 10. Bake for 2 hours (to create consistency) 11. Frost with a Positive Mindset and Enthusiasm 12. Serve with Kindness and Caring
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Byron-Bergen High School ~ Awards & Scholarships continued

The Earl Almquist Family Art Award
Tyler Chapman

Fire and EMS Services Award
Emma Starowitz

The Francis J. and Ethel A. Miller Memorial Scholarship
Malachi Smith
Tyler Chapman

The Genesee Community College ACE Awards
Victoria Rogoyski
Brody Baubie
Gabrielle Graff

The Gillam Educational Fund Scholarship
Gabrielle Graff

The H.E. Turner and Co. Funeral Homes Community Service Award
Malachi Smith

Helene Forsyth-Hough Memorial Scholarship
Riley Sharpe

The Hesperus Lodge #837 F. & A.M. and Hesperus Chapter #823 O.E.S. Scholarship
Riley Sharpe

The Ida Caswell MacEwen Memorial Award
Colin Martin

Jerome G. Spitzner Memorial Science Award
Victoria Rogoyski

The Leo J. O'Neill Memorial Scholarship
Victoria Rogoyski

The Lori A. Nelson Award
Riley Sharpe

Mary Wride Memorial Attendance Award
Victoria Rogoyski

The Ralph and Minna Gillette Scholarship
Lincoln McGrath
Carter Prinzi

The Reis Memorial Scholarship
Emma Starowitz

Sackett-Merrill-White Post 57 American Legion Scholarship
Travis Shallenberger

The Bateman Family Scholarship
Stephanie Onderdonk

Steele Truax Scholarship
Colin Martin
Braedyn Chambry

The Lois Stone Culinary and Hospitality Award
Liliana Vanegas

The Sunshine Award
Stephanie Onderdonk

The Tom Covington Memorial Agricultural Scholarship
Brendan Pimm

The William F. Engle Scholarship
Brody Baubie

Student Art Showcase

"Coil Vessel"

Clay & Glaze
Sidney Maher, Grade 10
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



"Fauvism Portrait"

Oil Pastel & Watercolor
Levi McGrath, Grade 8
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



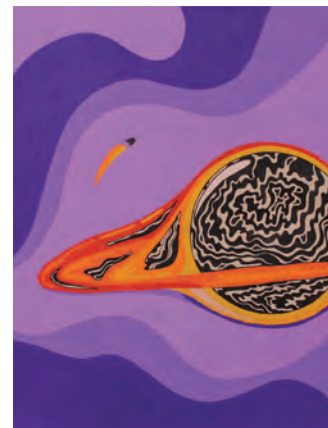
"Hot Dog"

Paint on Paper
Jerianys Vega Gonzalez, Grade 5
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



"Gyoutaku-Japanese Fish Print"

Marker, Colored Pencil, and Watercolor
Teagan Burch, Grade 6
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



"Singularity"

Colored Pencil on Toned Paper
James Heick, Grade 12
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



"The Phantom Menace"

Chalk Pastels on Toned Paper
Riley Sharpe, Grade 12
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



"Night Owl"

Paint on Paper
Samantha Niedzwiecki
Kindergarten
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



BYRON-BERGEN CSD INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2024-2025

July 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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August 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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September 2024						
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October 2024						
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November 2024						
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December 2024						
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January 2025						
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February 2025						
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March 2025						
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April 2025						
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May 2025						
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June 2025						
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July/August

New Teacher Orientation August 21-22 2024 ←→

Professional Development (*non-tenured teachers*)- August 22, 2024 ☐

Holidays/Recesses ☐

Independence Day - July 4, 2024

Labor Day - September 2, 2024

Columbus Day - October 14, 2024

Veterans' Day - November 11, 2024

Thanksgiving Recess - November 27-29, 2024

Winter Recess - December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 20, 2025

Lunar New Year - January 29, 2025

February Recess - February 17-21, 2025

Spring Recess - April 11-21, 2025

Memorial Day - May 26, 2025

Juneteenth - June 19, 2025

First Day of School September 4, 2024 ☐

Last Day of School June 27, 2025 ☐

Testing Schedule ☐

January Regents - January 21-24, 2025

3rd - 8th Grade NYS ELA Testing - April 8-9, 2025

3rd - 8th Grade NYS Math Testing - April 29-30, 2025

AP Exams: May 5-22

5th & 8th Grade Science Test - May 6, 2025

June Regents - June 4, 10, 18-27, 2025

Regents Rating Day - Jan 24, June 26 & 27, 2025

Superintendent's Conference Days ☐

No School For Students

Superintendent's Conference Day - August 28, 2024

Superintendent's Conference Day - September 3, 2024

Superintendent's Conference Day - October 11, 2024

Superintendent's Conference Day - January 24, 2025

Superintendent's Conference Day - March 21, 2025

Parent Teacher Conference ☐

1/2 Day of School - PreK-12 - November 22, 2024

1/2 Day of School - PreK-5 (only) - November 25 & 26, 2024

1/2 Day of School - PreK-5 (only) - March 20, 2025

Days Of Instruction

September 19 + 1

October 21 + 1

November 17

December 15

January 19 + 1

February 15

March 20 + 1

April 15

May 21

June 19

181 + 4

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Patrick McGee

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