

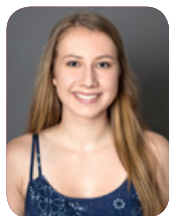


Graduation 2018

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2018

We are pleased to announce this year's Valedictorian and Salutatorian, and congratulate our Class of 2018 Top Ten Students: Valedictorian Lauren Burke, Salutatorian Margaret Graney, Benjamin Chaback, Larissa Ashton, Lily Mercovich, Dana VanValkenburg, Tyler Henry, Jean Denson, Brian Ireland, and Leah Thompson.



Lauren Burke
Valedictorian

Lauren Burke is a member of Student Council, Math League, and National Honor Society, where she serves as vice president. She was a member of the Byron-Bergen varsity volleyball team since eighth grade and has won four sectional titles. Lauren was two-time Genesee Region Volleyball Player of the Year and was named All Greater Rochester during her senior year. Lauren has been active in the community in a variety of ways. She is a member of the Explorers Program at the

Bergen Fire Department where she has received emergency medical training. Lauren has volunteered at Sports Boosters' concessions and the Gillam Grant Community Center. She has washed vegetables at homeless shelters and has helped coach in the Bitty Bees Elementary School Volleyball Program. Lauren has received the American Chemical Society Award, the Bausch and Lomb Science Award, the Social Studies Department Award, the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, the Wanda L. McVean English Recognition, the NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence, and the RIT Presidential Scholarship. She is a member of the Hundred Club for receiving a perfect score on the Algebra 2 and Trig Regents. Lauren is the daughter of Cindy and Dennis Burke and will be entering the 3+2 Physician Assistant Program at the Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall.



Margaret Graney
Salutatorian

Margaret Graney is a member of National Honor Society, Varsity Club, and Spanish Club, where she serves as treasurer. She is a tri-season scholar athlete and has participated in cross country, swimming, and track. Margaret is also a member of the senior high band, where she plays the clarinet. She volunteers at the American Legion Post 576 in LeRoy and at the Genesee Country Village and Museum, where she serves as a historical interpreter. She has assisted with the modified swim team. She is in the Byron-Bergen Advanced Placement Five Club for getting a 5-out-of-5 on the AP US History exam. Margaret attended the Empire Girls State Program held at SUNY Brockport in the summer of 2017. She is the recipient of the Chemistry Achievement Award from the American Chemical Society, the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, the Scholar Program Award, the Dartmouth Alumni Club Book Award, the St. Michaels Book Award for Academic Achievement & Social Science, and the New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Margaret is the daughter of Sean and Bobbie Graney and plans to attend St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY.

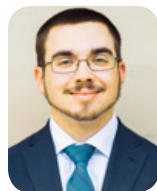
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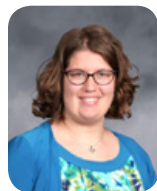


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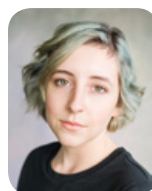
CLASS OF 2018 TOP 10 STUDENTS



Benjamin Chaback is an executive member of the Student Council, Math League, Environthon, and the National Honor Society, where he serves as president. He has competed in First Tech Challenge (FTC) and GCC Tech Wars, where he received a third-place award for his SumoBot, and the GLOW Region Tech Wars Scholarship. Benjamin has been a percussionist in band since 2008 and currently holds a 3rd-degree black belt in Isshinryu karate and is an instructor in Kali. In 2017, he was chosen to participate in the University of Rochester Laboratory for Laser Energetics High School Program, where he worked with Cherenkov radiation detectors. Benjamin has been a mentor for the school's First LEGO League teams for the past three years and has also been volunteering as a referee and judge for VEX IQ robotic competitions throughout New York State. He received the Volunteer of the Year Award from VEX Robotics in 2018 in recognition of his service. Additionally, Benjamin has been the recipient of the Rensselaer Medal Award, the Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology, two Technology Department Awards, the Chemistry Department Award, a Science Department Award, the NYS Board of Regents Scholarship for Academic Excellence, and the Robert Fowler Award. Benjamin is the son of Donna and Bernie Chaback and plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where he was awarded the Presidential Scholarship and admitted to the honors college program to major in astronautical engineering with a minor in space physics.



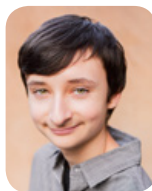
Larissa Ashton is a member of National Honor Society, Math League, Musical as well as Drama Club, of which she was president her junior year. Larissa went with the Spanish Club to Spain her senior year. She has participated in a junior bowling league at the Rose Garden in Bergen since 2008. In addition, she assisted the Byron-Bergen Sports and STEP Boosters with events for the elementary school, as well as assisting at sporting events. Larissa has volunteered with Fleet Feet at races, and Batavia G.O. Art. She received her Academic Varsity Letter, the New York State Scholarship for Academic Excellence, and the New York Attorney General's Triple C Award. Larissa plans to study mathematics at Keuka College, from which she received the Alumni Association Award of Excellence.



Lily Mercovich has participated in Math League, Ski Club, and Scholastic Bowl, and volunteers at the Bergen Public Library. She has received the American Chemical Society Award and the RIT Innovation and Creativity Award. Lily attended the New York State Summer School of the Arts for media arts and has been involved in multiple film festivals. Lily is the daughter of Eric and Amy Mercovich and she plans on pursuing a career in media production.



Dana VanValkenburg is a member of the Singing Silhouettes and National Honor Society. She participates in soccer and softball, where she received honorable mention by the Genesee Region. She also participates in basketball, where she served as varsity team captain for two years, received team MVP and MRP, and was All-Star from the Genesee Region for two years. Her community is very important to Dana. She is a member of the Gillam Grant Community Center Board of Directors, and the Bergen Fire Department Explorer Post 217, where she has served as captain for two years. Recently, she received the Gerard J. Buckenmeyer FASNY Volunteer Scholarship. Dana has been a member of math honors since sixth grade, and she has received an Academic Varsity Letter and Pin. She is the recipient of the Principal's Award for Character, the Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass Character and Service Award from the University of Rochester, and the National Chemical Society Award for Academic Excellence. Dana is the daughter of Jenn and Dan VanValkenburg and plans to attend the University at Buffalo to major in biomedical sciences and minor in Spanish.



Tyler Henry is a member of Math League and Yearbook Club. He earned a Gold Scholar Card every quarter throughout high school. He has volunteered for the Byron Historical Society and in the community. In his junior year, Tyler received the RIT Innovation & Creativity Award and the Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award; in his senior year, he received the Academic Distinction Scholarship from Alfred State College. Tyler is the son of Frank and Nathalie Henry, and will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology to major in imaging arts.



Jean Denson is a member of National Honor Society and participates in soccer, basketball, and softball. She was Genesee Region Player of the Week and selected as an All-Star for her soccer team. She volunteers at the annual Stroll for Strong in Rochester. Jean also attends Health Academy, where she has had the opportunity to shadow professionals in the medical field and earn college credit. She will graduate with 34 college credits and has received the RIT Computing Award, presented to students pursuing rigorous college preparatory classes with a strong computing ability. She is the recipient of the IBERO-American Action League Scholarship provided by the Greater Rochester Health Foundation. Jean is the daughter of Bill and Carolina Denson and will be attending Daemen College in the fall to receive her Doctorate of Physical Therapy.



Brian Ireland is a member of the National Honor Society, High School Band (as the band president), and the select choir, The Singing Silhouettes (as the club president). He is president of the Executive Student Council, and a member of the Bergen Fire Department. Brian participated in the CMBB varsity football program, and was part of a sectional win in the fall of 2017. He has been in the band since the fourth grade, percussion being his primary skill set. Brian has been a part of the Young Life youth group for several years, enjoying and sharing music within the group. He received the Genesee County Youth Bureau Award for being an active participant in his community, especially for his work with the Bergen Fire Hall. He has been in the Bergen Explorers group since 2013, being elected as a group captain in two separate instances. Brian recently completed his Basic EMT course, deeming him a practicing EMT. He prides himself on his participation in school activities and community involvement, and has participated in the school musical three years in a row, being a lead character for the past two. Being the president of Student Council, he helps organize the seasonal pep rallies that the school provides. Brian plans to attend Brockport for a pre-med track with plans to eventually pursue medical school to become a doctor.



Leah Thompson is a member of National Honor Society where she serves as treasurer. She is president of Varsity Club, and a member of the Yearbook Club and the TVFCU Jr. Banking Program. She has led the Girls Varsity Soccer team as a captain and been named a Genesee Region All-Star for the past three years. She has also been named to the NY All-State team the past two years. Leah is a member of the Bergen Fire/EMT Explorers Program where she serves the community. In her junior year, she was the recipient of the United States Marine Corps Academic Excellence Award, the George Eastman Young Leaders Award, and the Scholar Athlete Award. Leah is the daughter of Paul and Bernadette Thompson and plans to attend Roberts Wesleyan College to study business administration and play soccer. She would like to thank the faculty at Byron-Bergen and her parents for making her high school career so memorable.



CLASS OF 2018 GRADUATES

JERRA AMESBURY
Genesee Community College
Criminal Justice

JAMES BOUGHTON
Monroe Community College
Computer Science

CHANDLER BOW
Wills Carpet One Floor and Home
Installation and Carpentry

JONAH BOWER
Monroe Community College
Creative Writing

JENNIFER BREW
Genesee Community College
Nursing

MEGAN BROWN
Genesee Community College
General Studies

CAMERON BRUMSTED
Carpenters Local 276 + SUNY
Alfred State
Carpentry

CATHERINE BRUMSTED
College (Undecided)
Exploratory Curriculum

JACOB BURLINGAME
A & J Janitorial Services
Owner and Manager

JOSHUA BUSH
Monroe Community College
General Studies

JOSHUA CARGILL
Genesee Community College
Criminal Justice

CHANDLER CARNEY
The College at Brockport
Computer Science/Business

SERGIO CASTANEDA
Genesee Community College
Business

KYLAR CHAMBRY
Keuka College
Business Management

QUINN CHAPEL
Liberty University
Strategic Communications

CYNTHIA CLAY
Genesee Community College
General Studies

NOAH DAVIS
Undecided

SHAYLA DEARRING
Alfred State College
Graphic Design

BRIONNA DEMICHEL
The College at Brockport
Nursing

JESSICA FLEMING
Genesee Community College
Forensics

MASON FULLER
North Country Community College
and SUNY Potsdam
Music Business

MORGAN FULLER
Keuka College
Exploratory Curriculum

ETHAN GREEN
SUNY Genesee Community College
General Studies

NOAH GUNTHER
Genesee Community College
Education

EDGARDO GUZMAN, JR.
Genesee Community College
Criminal Justice

RILEY HAMMON
Genesee Community College
Sports Management

JUSTIN HANNAN
Bowling Green State University
Flight Technology and Operations

ALYSSA HING
Taco Bell
Manager Trainee

HAYLEY HOEHN
Mercyhurst University
Early Childhood Education/Special
Education

DANIEL JENSEN
Finger Lakes Community College
Video Game Design

BRENDON KENDALL
SUNY Buffalo State
Mathematics Education 7 - 12

WILLIAM KENNETT, JR.
International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers Union
Lineman Apprenticeship Program

MICHAEL KHOMITCH
Wegmans
Dairy Department

NATHAN KNICKERBOCKER
Genesee Community College
Early Childhood Education

BRANDON KROPP
Finger Lakes Community College
Sports Management

MELANIE KULIKOWSKI
Keuka College
Occupational Therapy

BENJAMIN LATHAN
Self Employed
Carpentry

JONATHAN LATHAN
Genesee Community College
Supply Chain Management

BRANDON LEWIS
Miller's Millworks
Carpentry

SHAUN LOVERDI
University at Buffalo
Political Science/Pre-Law

PEYTON MACKEY
SUNY Genesee
Pre-Veterinary Studies

ANTHONY MAYE
Milford Academy
Post Graduate Year

PAUL McDERMOTT, JR.
Monroe Community College
Automotive Technology

JULIA MENZIE
Genesee Community College
General Studies

DILLON MONTGOMERY
Electrical Union
Apprentice

JACOB MORGANTE
Dougherty Heating Company
HVAC Technician

MAKENZIE MUOIO
Roberts Wesleyan College
Nursing

RYAN NIEMI
Genesee Community College
Computer and Network Technology

JOSHUA PHELPS
University at Buffalo
Mechanical Engineering

RILEY SADLER
Buffalo State
Technology Education

GARRETT SANDO
Genesee Community College
General Studies

AUSTIN SHARPE
Genesee Community College
General Studies

CAMERON SHENK
Genesee Community College
Physical Therapist Assistant

JEROME SPINKS
Monroe Community College
Criminal Justice

ROBERT STEVENS, II
Undecided

JONATHAN STUMPF
Alfred State College
Welding

DANIEL STUTZMAN
Zuber Farms
Agriculture

IRELAND SUTTON
College (Undecided)
Graphic Design/Technology
Education

ADAM SWAPCEINSKI
Genesee Community College
Accounting

CHADERIC TOAL
The College at Brockport
Business Administration

NINOSHKA TORRES ACEVEDO
Genesee Community College
Health Studies

DANIEL TURNER
Town of Byron
Transfer Station

ALEXANDER VEREECKEN
Medline
Shipping Department

CATHERINE WEAVER
Genesee Community College
Graphic Arts

NICOLE WELKA
Orange Community College
Biology/Psychology

RILEY WHITE
Genesee Community College
Graphic Arts

ESTHER WILKINS
Roberts Wesleyan College
Exploratory Curriculum

EMMA WRIDE
Genesee Community College
General Studies

Congratulations,
GRADUATES



News from the Board

Well, spring finally showed up and it moved right into our summer weather, but how wonderful it is after our long and drawn-out winter. Along with the beautiful weather comes our end-of-the-year concerts, field trips, fun fair, our overnight class trips, and of course, the Elementary School Olympics, to name a few of the exciting events. It is so hard to believe that we are at the end of the year already. Where does the time go?

The Board of Education had the pleasure of meeting with the Top 10 students and their families at a recent Board meeting. It is always great to meet these high-achieving students and hear about where they will be headed off after graduation.

Congratulations to this year's senior class. We are excited to report that they are Byron-Bergen's very first class to successfully graduate 100 percent of their members. This is an extraordinary feat that wouldn't have been possible if not for their own hard work, support from the positive role models in their lives, and the love of the people who have believed in their success every step of the way. The Board of Education always looks forward to being at the celebration of Graduation. We love honoring our students and families on this special and long-awaited day.

Best of the luck to our successful students who will be representing Byron-Bergen at Girls and Boys State over this summer. I'm sure it will be a great learning opportunity and a positive experience for each of them.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank everyone for such a great voter turnout for the school budget and bus proposition vote. Your overwhelming support shows everyone involved that we have put together a good budget that works for our community. Byron-Bergen had the largest number of voters in our area, which speaks volumes to how our community values education, and believes in the future of our children. Thank you again.

Be safe and enjoy your summer.

Debra List

Debra List, President
Byron-Bergen Board of Education

RETIRING IN 2018 — LORIE ELLSWORTH



For the past 11 1/2 years, Counseling Secretary Lorie Ellsworth could be found during her lunchtimes walking with friends through the halls of the Jr./Sr. High School. "The habit started on my second day here," she said. "I walked every day with Gayla Starowitz and Barb Hogan."

Working with her many friends is what Ellsworth will miss the most in retirement. "I love the small size of our school and the feel of community here," she said.

Ellsworth has lived in Bergen for 30 years. More than 20 years ago, she worked at Byron-Bergen schools as a teacher's aide. She left to spend ten years teaching kindergarten at a private school, but came back to us in 2006. "I really want to thank everyone for making the atmosphere at our school so pleasant to work in."

Retirement promises lots of traveling. "My husband Jack travels frequently for work, and I'll be able to go with him now." She also plans to work on a fitness routine and explore her family's genealogy. She will spend more time with her two sons, both Byron-Bergen graduates, and their families.

BEST WISHES ON YOUR
Retirement





Superintendent's Message

By Mickey Edwards

This is a very exciting time for everyone in our learning community. Your hard work and commitment has paid off. I wish you the best of luck with your future endeavors. I know you will make your alma mater proud. I would also like to thank your families for their partnership with us in your education and add a special acknowledgement to the Board of Education, administration, faculty, and staff who have supported you along the way. Each of you is well prepared to face the future — whatever that may be. So, never doubt yourself. Never stop working hard. Never stop caring about others. And, never stop learning. Class of 2018, go make great things happen — we believe in you!

Thank you to the Byron-Bergen School community for supporting the school budget for the 2018-19 school year, and congratulations to our elected Board of Education members — Debra List and William Forsyth. Our community had one of the highest voter turnouts among the Genesee, Wyoming, and Livingston County school districts. With more than 570 voters and 448 YES votes, our budget passed with 78 percent. Across New York State voter turnout was low. However, in Byron-Bergen, vote day was a



The Superintendent's Award is given in recognition of exceptional leadership, character, and community service. This year's winner is Benjamin Chaback.

day of art shows, a science fair, a concert, and a chicken barbecue. With the work of our students on display and a strong turnout at the polls, our community proved that this is not a typical community.

The 2017-18 school year was a focused commitment to quality. We had a record number of individual scholar-athletes and 10 sports teams that received the NYS Scholar

Athletic Award. We won three Section V titles and five League Championships. A number of students were selected to GWMEA All-County music programs, and the musical "Carnival" was outstanding. At the Elementary School, we were ranked in the top five of the Genesee Region for Academic Achievement. We had the largest participation in the area at the Genesee Valley Regional Storytelling Competition. Byron-Bergen students impacted Western New York by partnering with "Luggage with Hope of WNY" by collecting and donating 137 backpacks, duffle bags, and suitcases for children who have been orphaned or placed in foster care. These types of activities teach our children just how big an impact they can have on others. Again, Byron-Bergen is not the typical school, faculty, staff, students, or community!

In closing, I want to thank our Byron-Bergen learning community for honoring the importance of public education. On behalf of the Board of Education, I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer and remember, once a Byron-Bergen Bee — always a Byron-Bergen Bee!

Spring 2018 Scholar-Athletes

Varsity Girls Track

Team Average 93.386

Dayanara Caballero
Siomara Caballero
Zoey Chambry
Alissa Countryman
Veronica Duell
Morgan Fuller
Eden Goff
Emily Gonyea
Margaret Graney
Annaliese Hersom
Hope Hersom
Hayley Hoehn
Carli Kirkwood
Autumn Mathisen
Alaura Rehwaldt
Riley Sadler
Emma Smith
Sarah Sue Streeter
Miriam Tardy

Varsity Tennis

Team Average 91.93

Caitlin Ashlton
Lydia Campbell
Hannah Catalino
Joshua Fleming
Sara Fraser
Rose Hubbard
Cambria Kinkelaar
Colby Leggo
Julia Menzie
John Mercovich
Erin Parnapy
Samuel Pringle
Mackenzie Rosse
Lucas Stucchio
Nathan Zwerka

Individual Scholar Athletes

(90 or over GPA)

Nicholas Baubie
Sarah Bleiler
Alexander Brumsted
Alexander Dean
Brionna DeMichel
Zachary Hannan
Rick Hubbard
Brendon Kendall
Shaun LoVerdi
Peyton Mackey
Paul McDermott Jr.
Andrew Parnapy
Caleb Sharpe
Joshua Tardy
Dana Van Valkenburg
Annabella Vurraro
Corden Zimmerman



Congratulations!



School Resource Officer Updates

By Deputy Matt Butler

Finally, the good weather and the end of the school year are both here. I would like to take this opportunity to send out a few safety reminders as we start to think about summer and relaxation. For those of you riding bicycles, please remember to wear your helmet, especially if you are under 14 years of age (it's the law), always obey all traffic laws, always ride with traffic, wear bright clothing even during daytime, don't wear your earbuds while riding, and most importantly, be in control of your bicycle and don't weave in and out around vehicles and blind spots.

Also, for those students who are new to driving and possess a DJ license, you may only operate a vehicle from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. (unless traveling to and from work) and not have more than one person under the age of 21 years in your vehicle. Being in violation of any vehicle and traffic laws while you possess your permit or DJ could have longer consequences in getting your regular license. The text messages and calls can wait until you arrive at your destination. Please be smart while driving. Remember, there will be extra police patrols during the summer months.

This will be the first year for the Teen Sheriff's Academy which will be held here at Byron-Bergen Central School from July 23-27. This should be a great opportunity for those students who were selected to get some hands-on experience of what it is really like to be a police officer. Congratulations to the following Byron-Bergen students who were selected to participate in this first class: Shaina Dejesus, Rick Hubbard, Shawn Turner and Gianni Vallese. I hope these students like to run!

Thank-you Byron-Bergen, for another great school year and I look forward to the 2018-19 school year.

Jr./Sr. High School Happenings

By Patrick McGee, Principal



The spring is full of great events recognizing our students. I was fortunate to attend our Jr. High Spring Concert, Sr. High Chorale and Singing Silhouettes Concert, Sr. High Band Concert, and our amazing Buzzin' Bistro. Our

students' talent was on full display at each event. Kudos to our wonderful music and arts program for the great opportunities they provide to our students. On May 30, we recognized our students and student athletes at our annual Academic & Athletic Awards Night. I am so impressed with the success of our students in the classroom and in athletics. Also this year, we were proud to bring back FFA for students interested in agriculture. On May 29, we celebrated our first year with FFA Awards Night. This was the first FFA event in almost 50 years at Byron-Bergen. Thank-you to teacher Jeff Parnapy and our FFA students for putting this great event on.

On May 17, with the help of the New York State College Admissions Counseling Association (NYSACAC), Byron-Bergen hosted our annual Regional College Fair. Thirty-four schools, ranging from GCC to the University of Alabama, attended the event. The Jr. High gymnasium was filled with Byron-Bergen students from grades 9-11. We were also happy to invite high school students from Oakfield-Alabama, Batavia, Elba, Attica, Rochester Prep, Keshequa, and the WNY Tech Academy. This is the second year we have hosted this event and we hope to continue to expose students to all of the opportunities that exist after high school. It is great exposure for our school to be able to hold this type of event. A big thank you to our College and Career Counselor Rob Kaercher for being a key player in making this happen.

Our BOCES program offers a wide variety of opportunities for our 11th- and 12th-graders in fields such as graphic and culinary arts, building trades, cosmetology, health dimensions, and legal academy, just to name a few. One of my favorite events at the end of the year is

attending the Open House for the Building Trades program. Byron-Bergen students in this program worked on building a brand new house from the ground up. This is authentic, applied learning at its best. I am so proud of the work these students accomplished. On June 5, I attended our BOCES Awards Night. We take great pride in partnering with our GVEP BOCES and providing these hands-on opportunities for our students. This was another wonderful night recognizing our students in these programs they thrive in.

We have had such a successful year in athletics! This includes multiple league titles, three sectional titles, a western regional title, and a runner up in the state finals, as well as multiple individual accolades. Of all the accomplishments by our student/athletes this year, the one I am most proud of is that we have 72 students being recognized as NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athletes. This is the true definition of being a student athlete.

One of the most fulfilling parts of my job is watching our seniors graduate. Over the last few months, we got to share many great moments with our seniors such as the Prom, our senior trip to Cleveland, senior breakfast, the third annual senior walk through the Elementary School, and of course, graduation. I've also had the privilege to watch our seniors during their exit projects and through senior interviews. I am confident they are ready to be successful as they leave Byron-Bergen and head into their chosen pathways. I have known many of these students for more than eight years. I am so proud of their growth and wish them the best of luck in the future. This senior class can also say, "Our futures look bright!"

Lastly, this school year has flown by. I am so lucky to work at a school that is as supportive as Byron-Bergen. Thank you to our community, families, our staff, but 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 Principal of the Jr./Sr. High School. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 585-494-1220 ext. 2401, email me at pmcgee@bbschools.org, or stop in to see me. We are Byron-Bergen!



Builders Club members choose Behavioral Health Treatment Center at Unity for 2018 donation

On May 23, 2018, Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School Builders Club members presented a check for \$500 to representatives from Rochester Regional Health's Behavioral Health Treatment and Chemical Dependency Center at Unity Hospital. Led by Builders Club president, 10th-grader Jacey Donahue, the student delegation was welcomed to the Center by community relations managers Tiffany Carnevale, Valerie Donnelly and Brad Pearson from the RRH Gifts Foundation, along with Center Manager Jennifer Esten, supervisor Kristen Weber and Recreation Director David Catalino. The group was accompanied by Byron-Bergen teacher and faculty advisor Andrea Feeney and Byron Kiwanis Club sponsors Robert Wood and President Karen Jaczynski.

Members of the Builders Club, who range in age from 7 to 15, have been working hard in their community this year, helping others and raising money. After researching a number of local organizations, the group decided to donate their funds to the Chemical Dependency Center. After the ceremony, the group learned more about the operations at the organization and then toured the recreation center, where their money will be put to use purchasing new equipment.

Supervisor Weber explained the importance of exercise at the Center. "Many people in recovery have not experienced fun, sober activities for a very long time. The exercise and recreation equipment we can purchase with the help of Builders Club funds will aid patients in setting and achieving goals for themselves. Thanks to these young people, our patients will build confidence that they can persevere and better their lives."

Builders Club member Hannah Catalino (the daughter of the Center's recreation director), strongly advocated for supporting the organization's work. She and the other members recognized that the Byron-Bergen community, like many others, is experiencing the problem of substance abuse, affecting fellow students and their families. Earlier this year, they created handmade cards for the Center to help inspire and motivate recovering patients. "I think what the Center does is important," Catalino said. "I see how deeply the people here care for patients. They all feel it in their hearts and we in the Club do, too. We all wanted to help."



Student members of the Byron-Bergen Builders Club with Byron Kiwanis Club sponsors and RRH's David Catalino (right), who gave the group a tour of the recreation center.

Builders Club has been active at Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School for three years and has about a dozen members. The group began at the Middle School, but has expanded the opportunity to all students in the district who are willing to make the commitment to service. This year, they've volunteered for the Salvation Army and at the Miracle Mile for the Golisano Children's Hospital. They've participated in hurricane relief efforts for Puerto Rico and at the Elementary School's Fall Festival. They can also be seen helping out at community pancake breakfasts.

"Byron-Bergen is a NYS School District of Character and our students support many activities that promote character," said Club advisor Feeney. "Builders Club supports the development of character and leadership. Everything members do during the year is their idea and their choice. They choose to give back, to better their community and to aid those in need."

The Byron-Bergen Builders Club members are: Sarah Fraser, Liam Feeney, Andrea Feeney, Jacey Donahue, Hannah Catalino, Claire Williams, Logan Lewis, Robert Wood, Courtney Pakusch, Evan Harter and Karen Jaczynski.



SUBSTITUTES WANTED

Do you have an interest in helping Byron-Bergen CSD in the capacity of substitute teacher?

If so, please visit the employment section of our website at www.bbschools.org and complete the 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.



2018 Awards & Scholarships

This list includes special recognition awards presented to Byron-Bergen High School seniors at the Academic and Athletic Recognition Night, the spring concerts, and the Batavia Career and Technical Center Awards Night. *(Awards and scholarships given at graduation are not included here.)*

Academic and Athletic Recognition Night

Academic Varsity Letters & Pins

Jean Denson
Tyler Henry
Lily Mercovich

Academic Varsity Pins

Larissa Ashton
Lauren Burke
Benjamin Chaback
Margaret Graney
Dana VanValkenburg

Alfred University Kazuo Inamori Alfred Award

Benjamin Bowman

Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

Adam Drake

Bergen Historical Society Award

Benjamin Chaback

Brian R. Ivison Memorial Industrial Arts Award

Benjamin Chaback

Brian R. Ivison Memorial Wrestling Award

Paul McDermott Jr.

Byron-Bergen Comeback Award

Robert Stevens

Byron-Bergen S.T.E.P. Booster Humanitarian Leadership Scholarship

Benjamin Chaback

Byron-Bergen Sports Booster Scholar Athlete Award

Brendon Kendall
Dana VanValkenburg

Clarkson University High School Achievement Award

Sabastian Pawlukewicz

Clarkson University High School Leadership Award

Hunter Leach

Community All-Star Award

Dana VanValkenburg

Dartmouth Alumni Club Book Award

William Johnson

Dawn Gruendike Memorial Award

Benjamin Chaback

Duane Streeter Memorial Award

Dana VanValkenburg

Elmira College Key Awards

Emma Goodman
Sarah Bleiler

Faculty Department Awards

Benjamin Chaback
Justine Bloom
Brendon Kendall
Jorie Strzelecki
Kendall Phillips
Wade Thompson
Mya-Lyn Albanese
Cynthia Clay
Rachel Best
Corden Zimmerman
Travis Lambert
Devon Zinter
Esther Wilkins
Lauren Burke
Grace Shepard
Elli Schelemanow
Alyssa Ball
Madison Burke
Zoey Shepard
Sadie Cook
Frank Hersom
Lydia Campbell
Morgan Fuller,
Aleigha Shallenberger

Female Athlete of the Year

Morgan Fuller

Firemen's Association of NYS

Dana VanValkenburg

Frederick Douglass/ Susan B. Anthony Award in Humanities & Social Sciences

Leah Gale

Gary Liles Memorial Award Trophy

Lauren Burke

George H. Ball Community Achievement Award

Mackenzie Rosse
Lydia Campbell
Wade Thompson
Brianna Shade
Hunter Leach

George Eastman Young Leaders Award

Annaliese Hersom

GVEP Skills USA State Champion Recognition

Benjamin Bowman

Irving Green, Jr. Citizenship Award

Michael Khomitch

Male Athlete of the Year

Justin Hannan

Matthew Kota Memorial Medical Scholarship

Dana VanValkenburg

NYS Comptroller Achievement Award

Shaun LoVerdi

Paul Smith Memorial Wrestling Award

Chaderic Toal

President's Award for Educational Excellence

Larissa Ashton
Lauren Burke,
Benjamin Chaback
Jean Denson
Margaret Graney
Tyler Henry
Melanie Kulikowski
Lily Mercovich
Leah Thompson

Principal's Award

Brendon Kendall
Leah Gale
Annabella Vurraro
Nicholas Baubie
Grace Huhn
Kendall Phillips

Rensselaer Medalist Award

William Johnson

RIT Computing Award

Annaliese Hersom
William Johnson

RIT Innovation & Creativity Award

Jared Fregoe
Emma Goodman

ROTC

Justin Hannan

Samuel Landis Wiant Golf Award

Jacob Morgante

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

Emma Smith
Anthony DiQuattro

Scholar Program Awards

Tyler Henry, Dana VanValkenburg

Stephanie Lynn Tooley Cheerleading Scholarship

Makenzie Muoio

Superintendent's Award

Benjamin Chaback

USMC Scholastic Excellence Award

Garrett Sando

USMC Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence

Joshua Phelps

USMC Distinguished Athlete Award

Quinn Chapell, Jared Fregoe

Wanda L. MacVean English Recognition Award

Lauren Burke

William Cummings Award

Garrett Sando

Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award

Erin Parnapy

Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology

Hunter Leach

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2018 Awards and Scholarships

Spring Concerts

Band Award

Margaret Graney
Benjamin Chaback
Shaun LoVerdi
James Boughton
Julia Menzie

Band & Chorus Achievement Award

Jonah Bower
Jacob Burlingame
Mason Fuller
Edgardo Guzman
Brian Ireland
Joshua Phelps
Esther Wilkins

Byron-Bergen Music Booster Scholarship

Brionna DeMichel
Brian Ireland
Joshua Phelps
Esther Wilkins
Shaun LoVerdi

Byron-Bergen Musical Theater Award

Jonah Bower
Mason Fuller
Esther Wilkins

Choral Award

Mason Fuller
Esther Wilkins
Jerome Spinks

John Philip Sousa Award

Joshua Phelps

Most Improved Choral Award

Alyssa Hing
Ninoshka Torres
Dana Van Valkenburg
Daniel Jensen
Jacob Burlingame

Singing Silhouette Section

Leader Award
Esther Wilkins

Raymond E. Scott

Choral Samaritan Award

Jerome Spinks
Brian Ireland

Robert Mannix Jazz Scholarship

Jacob Burlingame

Vince Zarcone Music Scholarship

Brian Ireland
Mason Fuller

Batavia Career and Technical Center Awards

AM Forestry Award

Ethan Green

Animal Science Grizzly Award

Cynthia Clay

Batavia Rod & Gun Club Memorial Scholarship

Brandon Lewis

Car Quest Auto Body Skills Award

Matthew Lambert

Corfu Machine Award

Jonathan Stumpf

Dan Bender Award

James Roggow

Don Abramo Memorial Award

Garrett Sando

Home Depot Award

Dillon Montgomery

Home Owner Award

Chandler Bow

I.J. Radesi Memorial Award

Benjamin Lathan

James P. Donnelly Award

Cameron Brumsted

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Nathan Knickerbocker

Premier Genesee Award

Nicole Welka

Roy H. Turnbull Memorial Award

Kylar Chambray

Service & Dedication to NYS

HOSA-Region E Award

Nicole Welka

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 & 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 the 2017-18 third marking period recipients:

Gold Scholar

Corin Abdella
Julianna Amesbury
Larissa Ashton
Cassidy Ball
Rachel Best
Justine Bloom
Benjamin Bowman
David Brumsted
Fiona Burke
Dayanara Caballero
Siomara Caballero
Cameron Carlson
Caris Carlson
Benjamin Chaback
Emily Chaback
Aidan Clark
Evan Cuba
Leanna Curts
Alexander Dean
Richard Denson
Veronica Duell
Sara Fraser
Sara Goodman
Margaret Graney
Ethan Green
Tyler Henry
Frank Hersom
Rick Hubbard
Brooke Jarkiewicz
Daniel Jensen
William Johnson
Cambria Kinkelaar
Colby Leggo
Shaun LoVerdi
Jillian Menzie
Ryan Muscarella
Valerie Pastore
Kendall Phillips
Madelynn Pimm
Elizabeth Piper
Alaura Rehwaldt
Brianna Salmonds
Emily Salmonds
Garrett Sando
Elli Schelemanow
Alexandria Schuck

Auburn Schwartzmeyer
Aleigha Shallenberger
Skylar Sharpe
Grace Shepard
Isabelle Stevens
Alayna Streeter
Garrett Swinter
Matthew Tanner
Dana Van Valkenburg
Ella Van Valkenburg
Ava Wagoner
Lillian Walker
Leyna Wheeler
Hannah Wies
Kaya Wildschutz
Corden Zimmerman
Nathan Zwerka
Nicholas Zwerka

Silver Scholar

Sarah Bleiler
Caleb Carlson
Sadie Cook
Eden Goff
Emma Goodman
Edgardo Guzman
Evan Harter
Janae Meister
Erin Parnapy
Pearl Parnell
Austin Salmonds
Deacon Smith
Joshua Tardy
Riley White
Emma Will
Kaitlyn Windhauser
Devon Zinter

Bronze Scholar

Hallie Calhoun
Joshua Fleming
Logan Lewis
Matthew Olander

Special Recognition

Cameron Sweet
Miriam Tardy



Byron-Bergen 2017-18 third quarter Honor Roll

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

GRADE 7:

HIGH HONOR ROLL - Cassidy Ball, Jason Bleiler, David Brumsted, Fiona Burke, Dayanara Caballero, Cameron Carlson, Caris Carlson, Evan Cuba, Kendan Dressler, Frank Hersom, Ryan Muscarella, Valerie Pastore, Kendall Phillips, Elizabeth Piper, 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.

HONOR ROLL - Molly Belknap, Jack Benstead, Olivia Best, Elizabeth Cramer, Emma Dormann, Sage Johnson, Alec Kulikowski, Autumn Mathisen, Matthew Olander, Victoria-Pearl Parnell, Andrew Rimmerman, McKenna Shuskey, Aidan Townsend, Julia Will, Emily Yun.

EFFORT ROLL - Cassidy Ball, Jason Bleiler, David Brumsted, Fiona Burke, Dayanara Caballero, Cameron Carlson, Caris Carlson, Evan Cuba, Kendan Dressler, Frank Hersom, Ryan Muscarella, Victoria-Pearl Parnell, Valerie Pastore, Haydin Perez, Kendall Phillips, Elizabeth Piper, Austin Salmonds, Brianna Salmonds, Emily Salmonds, Alexandria Schuck, MacKenzie Senf, Zoey Shepard, McKenna Shuskey, Matthew Tanner, Joshua Tardy, Ava Wagoner, Lillian Walker, Leyna Wheeler, Hannah Wies, Kaya Wildschutz, Julia Will, Emily Yun, 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, Grace Huhn, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Meghan Kendall, Johnathon Klafehn, Madelynn Pimm, Elli Schelemanow, Grace Shepard, Alayna Streeter, Ella Van Valkenburg, Claire Williams, Kaitlyn Windhauser, Emily Zastrow, Corden Zimmerman.

HONOR ROLL - Alexander Donnelly, Makenzie Eccleston, Danyel Nowatchik, Aleigha Shallenberger, Jorie Strzelecki, Alexandra Vurraro, Emma Will, Joshua Zittel.

EFFORT ROLL - Corin Abdella, Jared Barnum, Rachel Best, Madison Burke, Caleb Carlson, Aidan Clark, Sadie Cook, Leanna Curts, Makenzie Eccleston, Angelique Heick, Grace Huhn, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Danyel Nowatchik, Madelynn Pimm, Elli Schelemanow, Aleigha Shallenberger,

Grace Shepard, Alayna Streeter, Ella VanValkenburg, Ashley Weit, Emma Will, Claire Williams, Kaitlyn Windhauser, Emily Zastrow, Corden Zimmerman, Joshua Zittel.

GRADE 9:

HIGH HONOR ROLL - Nicholas Baubie, Bianca Brumsted, Emily Chaback, Richard Denson, Veronica Duell, Joshua Fleming, Eden Goff, Sara Goodman, Hope Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Colby Leggo, John Mercovich, Andrew Parnapy, Bryanne Puma, Alaura Rehwaladt, Skylar Sharpe, Deacon Smith, Sarah Sue Streeter, Xavier Thomas, Hector Tirado Cardona.

HONOR ROLL - Hallie Calhoun, Zoey Chambry, Jonah Clare, Julietta Doyle, Adriana Guzman, Logan Lewis, Jaden Pocock, Mason Singer, Morgan Vincent, Devon Zinter.

EFFORT ROLL - Mya-Lyn Albanese, Nicholas Baubie, Bianca Brumsted, Hallie Calhoun, Emily Chaback, Richard Denson, Veronica Duell, Joshua Fleming, Sara Goodman, Hope Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Colby Leggo, John Mercovich, Bryanne Puma, Alaura Rehwaladt, Skylar Sharpe, Deacon Smith, Sarah Sue Streeter, Xavier Thomas, Hector Tirado Cardona, Morgan Vincent, Devon Zinter.

GRADE 10:

HIGH HONOR ROLL - Julianna Amesbury, Caitlin Ashton, Justine Bloom, Alexander Brumsted, Siomara Caballero, Alexander Dean, Jacey Donahue, Sara Fraser, Emily Gonyea, Zachary Hannan, Evan Harter, Rick Hubbard, Cambria Kinkelaar, Chad Kupfer, Jillian Menzie, Auburn Schwartzmeyer, Caleb Sharpe, Chloe Shuskey, Isabelle Stevens, Garrett Swinter, Annabella Vurraro, Grant Williams, Nathan Zwerka.

HONOR ROLL - Hannah Catalino, Madison Farnsworth, Chad Green, Amaya Gunther, Rose Hubbard, Mikaela Hubler, Travis Lambert, Samuel Pringle, Wyatt Sando, Brandon Stefanski, Cameron Sweet, Miriam Tardy.

EFFORT ROLL - Julianna Amesbury, Caitlin Ashton, Justine Bloom, Alexander Brumsted, Siomara Caballero, Alexander Dean, Jacey Donahue, Sara Fraser, Chad Green, Zachary Hannan, Rick Hubbard, Cambria Kinkelaar, Chad Kupfer, Travis Lambert, Melissa MacCowan, Jillian Menzie, Wyatt Sando, Auburn Schwartzmeyer, Caleb Sharpe, Chloe Shuskey, Isabelle Stevens, Cameron Sweet, Garrett Swinter, Miriam Tardy, Annabella Vurraro, Grant Williams, Luke Williams, Nathan Zwerka.

GRADE 11:

HIGH HONOR ROLL - Sarah Bleiler, Benjamin Bowman, Lydia Campbell, Anthony DiQuattro, Adam Drake, Emma Goodman, Annaliese Hersom, William Johnson, Hunter Leach, Janae Meister, Erin Parnapy, MacKenzie Rosse, Wade Thompson, Jose Tirado Cardona, Kyong-ae Yun.

HONOR ROLL - Cole Carlson, Ryan Cooper, Alissa Countryman, Jared Fregoe, Tabitha Fuller, Leah Gale, Jason Hoehn, Alexandra Lord, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, Emma Smith, Lucas Stucchio, Shawn Turner.

EFFORT ROLL - Sarah Bleiler, Benjamin Bowman, Lydia Campbell, Anthony DiQuattro, Adam Drake, Jared Fregoe, Leah Gale, Annaliese Hersom, William Johnson, Janae Meister, Erin Parnapy, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, MacKenzie Rosse, Emma Smith, Colby Taylor, Wade Thompson, Jose Tirado Cardona, Kyong-ae Yun.

GRADE 12:

HIGH HONOR ROLL - Larissa Ashton, Lauren Burke, Benjamin Chaback, Brionna DeMichel, Jean Denson, Morgan Fuller, Margaret Graney, Ethan Green, Edgardo Guzman, Tyler Henry, Alyssa Hing, Brian Ireland, Daniel Jensen, Brendon Kendall, Nathan Knickerbocker, Melanie Kulikowski, Shaun LoVerdi, Peyton Mackey, Paul McDermott, Julia Menzie, Riley Sadler, Garrett Sando, Austin Sharpe, Ireland Sutton, Leah Thompson, Dana VanValkenburg, Catherine Weaver, Riley White.

HONOR ROLL - Megan Brown, Cameron Brumsted, Catherine Brumsted, Jacob Burlingame, Quinn Chapell, Mason Fuller, Justin Hannan, Hayley Hoehn, Brandon Kropf, Lily Mercovich, Dillon Montgomery, Makenzie Muoio, Joshua Phelps, Cameron Shenk, Emma Wride.

EFFORT ROLL - Larissa Ashton, Chandler Bow, Lauren Burke, Joshua Bush, Benjamin Chaback, Quinn Chapell, Brionna DeMichel, Jean Denson, Morgan Fuller, Margaret Graney, Ethan Green, Edgardo Guzman, Justin Hannan, Tyler Henry, Alyssa Hing, Brian Ireland, Daniel Jensen, Brendon Kendall, Nathan Knickerbocker, Melanie Kulikowski, Shaun LoVerdi, Peyton Mackey, Julia Menzie, Makenzie Muoio, Joshua Phelps, Garrett Sando, Austin Sharpe, Ireland Sutton, Leah Thompson, Dana VanValkenburg, Catherine Weaver, Riley White.



New National Honor Society members

The Byron-Bergen chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) recently welcomed 14 new student members to their distinguished company.

2018 Inductees to the Byron-Bergen National Honor Society:

Justine Bloom, Alexander Brumsted, Siomara Caballero, Alexander Dean, Sara Fraser, Leah Gale, Cambria Kinkelaar, Jillian Menzie, MacKenzie Rosse, Chloe Shuskey, Garrett Swinter, Annabella Vurraro, Isabella Wilder, and Nathan Zwerka.

Current Members of the Byron-Bergen National Honor Society:

Benjamin Chaback, president; Lauren Burke, vice-president; Leah Thompson, treasurer. Larissa Ashton, Sarah Bleiler, Cameron Brumsted, Lydia Campbell, Brionna DeMichel, Jean Denson, Adam Drake, Jared Fregoe, Emma Goodman, Margaret Graney, Justin Hannan, Annaliese Hersom, Brian Ireland, Daniel Jensen, William Johnson, Brendon Kendall, Hunter Leach, Payton Mackey, Makenzie Muoio, Erin Parnapy, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, Joshua Phelps, Brianna Shade, and Dana VanValkenburg.



Elementary School News

By Brian Meister, Principal

Spring has arrived and summer is quickly approaching. Our hallways and certainly our playgrounds have been abuzz with excited children. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Byron-Bergen families for supporting us through another wonderful year. It is our pleasure to teach and learn with your children.

In the past few weeks, we took several opportunities to celebrate our excitement for learning. Here are just a few examples of the festivities:

Math Carnival Rolls into Its Third Year — Students were excited once again for our Math Carnival. This annual all-day event incorporated a wide range of carnival-type activities that challenged students' knowledge of mathematics. It's been a tremendous hit, thanks to the talents of Math AIS teacher Diane Taylor.

Elementary School Science Fair — We had over 60 students in grades K-6 participate in our annual Science Fair! This event has become a hit with the students as they explore investigative questions, make hypotheses, and conduct experiments to understand scientific principles. This year's evening event added a special treat, thanks to our Inquiry Based Learning teacher Craig Schroth. All those who attended had the opportunity to engage in robotics and programming through the use of innovative robots called Spheros.

Elementary School Art Show — The Elementary School once again impressed with a wide range of artistic talent using various mediums. This year's show contained some unique and interactive elements. A completely dark room, lit with black light, highlighted student artwork that was created in pastels. Visitors could take selfies with the work as a memento of the night. Many families came to the event and the students were excited to find their projects on the walls. They proudly pointed out their contributions to the amazing show. Special thanks to art teacher Melissa Coniglio for putting together such a great event.



Preventing Summer Regression — Around this time, I always send out information about a common trend in academic achievement and literacy. Throughout the year, we carefully monitor student achievement and are excited to see the growth students make from September to June. The unfortunate truth, however, is that many students suffer from what has become known as "the summer slide" or a regression in reading ability. Research has shown that students who do not engage in language-rich literacy activities for a sustained period of time encounter a stagnation or decline in their reading skills. The good news is that there is an easy solution. Keep your kids reading throughout the summer. While there are many ways to infuse reading into your daily routine, I can recommend five fun solutions from the U.S. Department of Education Blog. To get these suggestions and more ideas, please visit their website at <https://blog.ed.gov/2012/06/top-5-ways-to-prevent-rusty-summer-readers/>

I would once again like to thank all of the families and friends of Byron-Bergen Elementary for their ongoing support of our students and school. Have a great summer. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.



Byron-Bergen Elementary celebrates STEAM

STEAM: Science; Technology; Engineering; Art; Math. The five disciplines were on full display on May 15 at the Byron-Bergen Elementary School's K-6 Science Fair and Art Show. Parents, families and community members were invited to walk hallways filled with more than 500 pieces of colorful art, and see over 40 student-designed science fair projects. New this year were "robot miniature golf," where students programmed robot golf balls to negotiate a nine-hole course; interactive "selfie walls" for fun photos; and a special black light room that gave viewers a whole new perspective on artwork.

The Science Fair and Art Show was the culmination of a year's worth of inspiration and hard work by students at all the elementary school grade levels. Organized by art teacher Melissa Coniglio and science teacher Craig Schroth, the show highlighted diverse creative talents and a wide range of student-driven, extracurricular science projects.

Projects ranged from the interaction of Mentos with soda, hurricanes, and why bees are dying, to what kind of rain occurs on other planets. "Many students have been working on their science projects all year,"

said Schroth. "They chose their own topics and then completed experiments at home. The Fair is an opportunity for them to show off their work to fellow classmates, and then demonstrate to the public. They are proud to share their results with their families and scores of other science lovers."

Coniglio enjoyed planning the interactive aspects of the show. "I love to see people get really involved with the artwork and the exhibits," she said. "It becomes an experience they can take home with them. It was fun watching kids and parents take pictures under the black light and with the selfie walls."

The Science Fair and Art Show is one of Principal Brian Meister's favorite events. "I love seeing how open our students are to new ideas, scientifically and artistically, and how motivated they are to explore. As educators, we want to encourage this sense of endless possibility and wonder, and give students the opportunity to share their excitement with others."



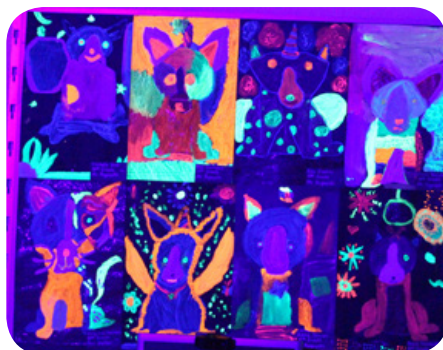
Student demonstrating how to program the robots to negotiate the golf course.



Students created a miniature golf course designed to be navigated by robot golf balls.



Selfie walls with hearts, butterflies and wings invited viewers to become part of the artwork.



The walls of the black light room were covered with colorful artwork, like these paintings, inspired by artist George Rodrigue's famous Blue Dog.



Fourth-grader Pearl Jolliff with her project on re-growing plants from kitchen scraps.



STUDENT SHOWCASE



"Creative Crop"
Chalk Pastel on Paper
By: Morgan Fuller, grade 12
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



"Identity Portrait"
Chalk Pastel on Cardboard
By: Margaret Graney, grade 12
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



"Creative Crop"
Colored Pencil on Paper
By: Alissa Countryman, grade 11
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



"Sgraffito Turtle"
Pottery
By: Brianna Shade, grade 11
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



"Dog"
Cut Paper Collage
By: Chloe Gilbert, grade 6
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



"King-Self Portrait"
Crayon on Paper
By: Grant Kuipers, grade Kindergarten
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



"Snailberries"
Colored Pencil and Gel Pen
By: Elizabeth Piper, grade 7
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



Music Notes



Congratulations to the student musicians, and sincere thanks to our Music Department teachers, Laurence Tallman, Kevin Bleiler, Robert Lancia, and Karen Tischer, for preparing them to perform at the following events this year:

Vocal and Instrumental Solo Festivals

Several Byron-Bergen students performed individual solos at the Genesee-Wyoming Music Educators Association (GWMEA) annual Solo Festivals held in January. Students prepared individual solos, by

memory, to perform before a judge specializing in voice or specific instruments. In addition, students had to sight-read literature. This unique opportunity provides students with a chance to receive feedback as solo performers, as opposed to performers in a group setting. Judges provide feedback based on the individual musician's tone quality, preparedness, performance ability, technique, and aesthetic quality, among other attributes. Students were selected to perform with the All-County Band and/or All-County Chorus based on their performance scores.

All-County participants

Senior High Band

Kelly Ireland
Hannah Van Skiver
Cambria Kinkelaar
Sara Fraser
Jillian Menzie
Brionna DeMichel
Isabelle Stevens
Esther Wilkins
Sarah Bleiler
Justine Bloom
Sydney Brown
Stephanie Buell
Jonah Bower
Deacon Smith
Mason Fuller

Junior High Band

Corden Zimmerman
Kendall Phillips

Junior High Vocal

Sadie Cook
Elizabeth Piper
Kendall Phillips
Grace Shepard
Fiona Burke
Dayanara Caballero
Destiny Colon
Jorie Strzelecki
Lillian Walker
Jason Bleiler
Cameron Carlson

Sage Johnson

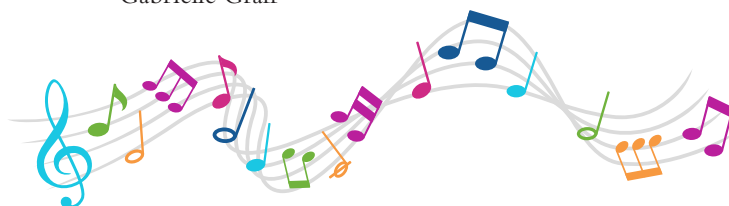
Joshua Tardy

Elementary Band

Kendall Chase
Stephanie Onderdonk
Hannah Wittman
Nathan Parsons
Callista Kinkelaar
Gabrielle Graff

Elementary Chorus

Callista Kinkelaar
Ada Clookey
Eva Jackson
Natalie Prinzi
Samuel Hersom
Roman Smith
Adam Piper
Owen Cuba



Buzzin' Bistro



The Love Shack was shakin' with funky retro music and outrageous performances at this spring's Buzzin' Bistro.

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 that there have been no applications made since the last notification was published in the 2018 spring 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.



Three named to 2018 Byron-Bergen Alumni Hall of Fame

Byron-Bergen Central Schools has named three alumni to the district's Hall of Fame for 2018. Jacqueline Mullen (class of 1972), Michael List (class of 1978), and Kimberly (Thompson) McLean (Class of 2000) joined the ranks of other distinguished Byron-Bergen alumni honored with a place in the Alumni Hall of Fame for their achievements after graduation.

The Byron-Bergen Alumni Hall of Fame recognizes the accomplishments of the district's graduates, providing young people with positive adult role models and showing that graduates of Byron-Bergen can achieve high levels of accomplishment in their lives. This honor is in its 15th year and has become part of the school district culture. It is a permanent reminder to students about the outcome of hard work and diligence.



Ms. Mullen, while at Byron-Bergen, was editor of the school newspaper, *The Scope*; member of National Honor Society/Student Council; AFS exchange student; school/county Choir; and involved in various sports and class activities. A graduate of Hartwick College (1976) with a B.A. in Latin American Studies and Spanish, and Southern New Hampshire University (1991) with a M.S. in Community Economic Development, Ms. Mullen has lived in Puerto

Rico for over 39 years. She has served as the Executive Director of the Congress and Workers and Consumers, Inc. (1989-1991), Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Farm Bureau (1991-1995), and Director of Community Development/Supportive Services for PROGRESSA, Inc., a HUD Hope VI Puerto Rico Governor's Initiative (1996-2000). Ms. Mullen is currently the Vice Chancellor of Sponsored Research and Programs for Universidad del Turabo, Ana G. Méndez University System, Inc., in Puerto Rico (2003-present). She also has been a

consultant of organizational/strategic and small business planning/development and fundraising for Puerto Rico/US Virgin Islands (1985 to present). Ms. Mullen holds professional certifications as a Certified Fund Raising Executive-International (CFRE), and a Certified Quality Improvement Associate (CQIA). Professional and community affiliations include National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA), Society for Research Administration International and Puerto Rico, Association of Fundraising Professionals International and Puerto Rico, and Stafford Grange 416. Ms. Mullen is proud of the educational opportunities she received at Byron-Bergen CSD which served as a foundation for her to excel in her future endeavors. Daughter of Robert and Helen Mullen and sister of Robert II of Stafford, N.Y., Jacqueline's family includes her husband (Eladio Montalvo), daughter (Natalena Montalvo), four stepchildren, and 14 grandchildren. She enjoys church, traveling, nature, going to the beach, and spending time with her family and friends. Ms. Mullen's dedication to her family, friends, community and profession make her an excellent role model for the students of Byron-Bergen.



During her time at Byron-Bergen, Ms. McLean was Class of 2000 Salutatorian, participated in track, volleyball, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Future Teachers of America, Band, Student Council, Science Olympiad, Mock Trial, Model United Nations, Math League, International Club, and was a cheerleader. She was also a Genesee County Fair Queen contestant, participated in 4-H, and was on the Gillam Grant Board of Directors. She graduated from Genesee State

College Magna Cum Laude (2003) with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Mathematics. She also received her Master's Degree from Genesee (2008) in Secondary Mathematics. Professional and

community accolades include Pi Mu Epsilon National Mathematics Honor Society, Secretary of PRISM, Big Brother/Big Sister Program, volunteer for CED, Phi Eta Sigma membership, and Golden Key International Honor Society. During her educational journey, she was awarded many scholarships. Ms. McLean is currently a secondary mathematics teacher at Spencerport High School (2004-present). While at Spencerport High School, she has been awarded Teacher of the Year (2010), received The Golden Apple Award (2016), been class advisor, coached Jr. FLL Robotics, been an intern advisor for National Honor Society, coached Powder Puff Football, and taught summer school. She has been chosen by her students to chaperone several trips. With hard work, dedication, and a passion for teaching, Ms. McLean is an excellent role model for our youth.



While attending Byron-Bergen, Mr. List participated in National Honor Society, American Field Service Exchange Program, Chorus, Spanish Club, Jr. Olympics, JV and Varsity Wrestling, Jr. Grange, Genesee County Pamona Grange, State Grange, and 4-H. After graduating High School, Mr. List worked for the Bergen Canning Factory, Edward O'Ingerick Inc. of RIT Housing Developments, and Victor Furniture.

He starting working at Byron-Bergen Schools in the Maintenance/Buildings & Grounds Department in 1984, working his way up to the leadership role of Director of Facilities III, and retired from the District in 2017. He is an active community member

who is involved in Victory Baptist Church (Treasurer, Deacon, Choir, Worship Leader, Youth Group Leader, and on the Mission Committee). He has gone on several mission trips to New York City and in 2002, he went with Grace Missions to Haiti to help roof a church. In 2013, after many class hours, testing, observations, and counseling with a mentor, Mr. List received certification as a Biblical Counselor. Mr. List has raised four wonderful children with his wife Marsha, and is a proud 'Papa' to several grandchildren. Giving 110%, Mr. List is always willing to lend a hand – whether it is giving back to his alma mater, or helping individuals in his church and community. He sets a wonderful example for our students of how to be true to your word, work hard at whatever you do, and remain true to your faith and family.



Work begins on our Capital Project

This fall, our students will return to newly-renovated classrooms in the Elementary School primary wing, safer bleacher seating in the soccer stadium, and new roofing at the Jr./Sr. High School. Thanks to the Byron-Bergen community who approved the Capital Project last fall, work on Phase 1, which includes these improvements and more, is slated to begin on June 25, 2018.

“There will be lots of construction activity inside and around the Elementary School this summer,” said Principal Brian Meister. “Visitors will be required to use the main front entrance only, and due to safety concerns, the ES Office is the only area of the building that will be open to the public. We will be available in the Office during normal summer hours, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., to answer questions and help families prepare for fall classes.”

“The work is not anticipated to be completed until the start of the school year, so several summer activities that traditionally take place at the ES, like the Summer Meal Program and Gillam Grant Day Camps,

will be moved to the Jr./Sr. HS,” he said. “The same summer hours are also in effect there and in the District Office, where services will continue normally.”

The Capital Project’s Phase 1 includes classroom renovations in the ES Primary wing and cafetorium, along with roof replacement at the Jr./Sr. HS and Bus Garage, and new bleachers for the soccer stadium. The district’s construction team includes architects Clark Patterson Lee; The Pike Company; general contractor Massa Construction Inc. and roofing contractor Elmer W. Davis Inc. You can see more details on the total plans for the Capital Project on our website at www.bbschools.org/CapitalImprovementProject.aspx

Should you have questions about the Capital Project, please call District Office at (585) 494-1220. For school-related information, contact the Principals: ES —ext. 1005; Jr./Sr. HS —ext. 2401.

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Celebrating a successful first year of FFA

On May 29, we held our first FFA Awards Ceremony since restarting our agriculture program after an absence of almost 50 years. The presentation honored our supportive FFA parents, and Certificates of Appreciation were given to many community advisors and volunteers, and district personnel. We were proud to recognize our FFA student officers, a cohesive leadership team who have driven the growth of our new chapter: Garrett Sando (president), Cole Carlson (vice-president), Hallie Calhoun, Isabelle Stevens, Andrew Parnapy, and Seth Sharp. Greenhand FFA degrees, for Sr. High School students, were given to Jacey Donahue and all six FFA officers. Garrett Sando was named the Star Greenhand for 2018. Discovery FFA degrees for Jr. High School students were given to Caleb Carlson, Madelynn Pimm, and Rachel Best. Four students received Proficiency Awards: Cole Carlson (Beef Showmanship), Sando (Employment Interview), Parnapy (Creed Speaking), and Sharp (Agricultural Sales).



Byron-Bergen's FFA members at May's NYS FFA Convention in Rochester. (l-r) Garrett Sando, Jacey Donahue, Isabelle Stevens, Rachel Best, Madelynn Pimm and Hallie Calhoun.



The ceremony marked the end of the beginning for the Byron-Bergen agriculture program and FFA chapter. It has been an amazing year for both, with about 15 students getting involved in the hands-on approach to learning offered in the new Introduction to Agriculture Science class, along with the Living Environment class. Students marveled at the opportunity to learn about agriculture as a science course, and to be able to explore it even more deeply through FFA.

"Students are really excited and proud to participate in FFA," said Byron-Bergen's Cornell Ag-certified teacher Jeff Parnapy. "They love the teamwork and leadership activities involved. Our kids have stepped up and taken responsibility for making the decisions and doing the work necessary for the chapter to be successful, to raise funds, and to take part in the community. Our group attended the recent NYS FFA Convention in Rochester and got to meet students from around the state. We're planning to participate at the State Fair and the Genesee County Fair later this summer."

Parnapy says the chapter will begin active competition in statewide FFA contests this fall, and take part in more state and FFA District 9 events and trips next year. He says FFA is undergoing a renaissance, with several local school districts starting new chapters. He also credits the school's Advisory Committee —local volunteer farmers and animal science experts — for their help and guidance. Parnapy will be attending professional development sessions in Animal Science this summer, with the hope of offering it as an additional class in the 2019-20 school year.



FFA President Garrett Sando (r) with advisor and Ag teacher, Jeff Parnapy (l).

**Were you a
member of
Byron-Bergen's
FFA in the
1950s-60s?**

*We'd love to hear
from you!*

**Share your stories and
the history of our chapter.**

**Contact Jeff Parnapy at
jparnapy@bbschools.org**

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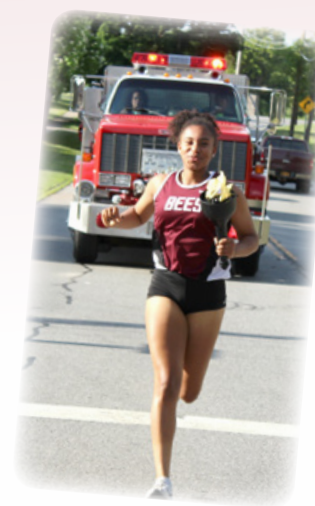


The Jr. Olympic Torch shines bright again

Children and parents, neighbors and friends — they were on sidewalks and porches and front yards in Byron and Bergen on a sunny evening in June to see the Jr. Olympic Torch Run. For the third year, varsity runners from Byron-Bergen High School, escorted by the local fire departments, ran the torch through both towns in preparation for the Elementary School's Jr. Olympic Games.

The runners were grateful for the community's encouragement along the way. They clearly enjoyed being part of the celebration.

Organized by Varsity Track Coach Ken Rogoyski and Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Alyson Tardy, the Jr. Olympic Torch Run revives an old tradition many alumni may remember from the past. The custom of opening the school's Jr. Olympic Games with the running of the torch began in 1976, but fell out of practice over the years. "It's a fun way to connect with our neighbors," said Tardy. "We'd really like to thank the folks at the fire departments for their support. We hope that even more people will take a moment to come out and enjoy the show next year."



UPK had a (beach) ball at their graduation ceremony on June 15. The summer-themed ceremony included a slideshow, songs, and cookies. Now, on to kindergarten!



Our fourth-graders adapted the children's favorite, "Sneaky Weasel" by author Hannah Shaw for the stage. The production included the talents of the entire class, and featured players (l-r) Grace DiQuattro, Joel Lamb, Simone Scharvogel, Megan Jarkeiwicz, and Katherine Rogoyski.



BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2018-2019

July 2018

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JULY & AUGUST

TBD - Faculty Discretionary Day
August 30, 2018 Professional Development (non-tenured teachers) ☐
August 29 & 30, 2018 New Teacher Orientation \longleftrightarrow

HOLIDAYS/RECESSES

Independence Day - July 4, 2018
Labor Day - September 3, 2018
Columbus Day - October 8, 2018
Veterans' Day Observed - November 12, 2018
Thanksgiving Recess - November 21-23, 2018
Winter Recess - December 21, 2018 - January 1, 2019
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 21, 2019
February Recess - February 18-22, 2019
Spring Recess - April 15-22, 2019
Memorial Day Recess - May 24-27, 2019

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - September 5, 2018

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - June 26, 2019

GRADUATION - June 29, 2019

TESTING SCHEDULE

August Regents - August 16 & 17, 2018
January Regents - January 22-25, 2019
3-8 ELA - April 2-4; April 1-8 2019 (CBT)
3-8 Math - May 1-3; April 30 - May 7, 2019 (CBT)
June Regents - June 3, 18-21 & 24-25, 2019
Regents Rating day - June 26, 2019

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAYS - No School for Students

September 4, 2018 - Superintendent's Conference Day
October 5, 2018 - Superintendent's Conference Day
January 25, 2019 - Superintendent's Conference/Wrap-Up Day
March 15, 2019 - Superintendent's Conference Day

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS

November 9, 2018 - 1/2 Day of School - PreK-12
November 26, 2018 - 1/2 Day of School - PreK-6 (only)

DAYS OF INSTRUCTION

September	18 + 1
October	21 + 1
November	18
December	14
January	20 + 1
February	15
March	20 + 1
April	16
May	21
June	18

$$181 + 4 = 185 \text{ Total}$$

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It all added up to another great Math Carnival!!

Our sixth-graders were well-prepared to help younger classmates have fun with math during our third-annual Math Carnival at the Elementary School. They did an awesome job — from Muffin Tin Math and Magic Number Cups to face painting, popcorn, and Ping Pong Math.

