



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

What an amazing year 2023-2024 has been! It has seen so much growth and achievement. We could not be prouder of our students, especially our Graduates. The last few days have been busy and filled with energy and fun.

LEADERS AMONG US

Congratulations to sophomores Jayleen Almodovar and Austin Hall for being accepted to attend the [Connecticut Youth Leadership Forum](#), a program that empowers teens with disabilities to realize their leadership potential. After a competitive application and interview process, they were both chosen to be part of a select group of forty rising sophomores and juniors representing high school students across CT. BBA is exceptionally proud of Jayleen and Austin and wishes them well in their four-day endeavor this summer at UCONN. Way to go!



Presenting 2024 SUMMER PROGRAMS

SESSIONS RUN WEEKLY
JULY 8 - AUGUST 2, 2024
8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.



Foundational Skills & Review

Classes focus on **Reading, Mathematics, Keyboarding, Written Expression, Writing Mechanics, and Study Skills.**

All students receive a progress report and recommendations for the school year.

Study Skills

Reading Comprehension practice uses text previewing techniques, outlining, finding main ideas, vocabulary building and note taking.

Written Expression & Writing Mechanics practice includes brainstorming, structuring, drafting and editing. Spelling practice uses strategies such as clustering and syllable study.

Mathematics practice improves basic math skills. Learn the language of mathematics to make word problems easier. Remediation for Algebra and Geometry is also available.



Tutoring Sessions are available as Additional Support

SIGN UP NOW! CLASSES FILL UP QUICKLY!

Location
11 Wampanoag Drive,
West Hartford, CT

Four Weeks
Enrollment for all four weeks is recommended. Two or three week enrollments are offered as space permits.

Find out More
(860) 236-5807

www.benbronzacademy.org/summer-program

OUR GRADUATES ARE SO GRATEFUL!!!

Thanks to all who sent items in, offered to bake, helped set up, and supplied treats to celebrate our seniors. They are so appreciative of your generosity.



SENIOR BREAKFAST

We honored our seniors and their guests with a breakfast, providing an opportunity for them to connect with their mediators and upper-school peers. It was a wonderful day to spend time together, celebrating these remarkable young individuals as they prepare to embark on the next chapter of their lives. Thanks to all who helped make this day possible.



FESTIVE FUNDAY JUNE 10th

BBA was brimming with laughter, prizes, food, and fun, with a few splashes of water during our festive fun day on June 10th. Cyndi, Christina, Courtney, Richie, Derik, Jann, Matt F., Shaine, Erica, and even Camren and Matt M. took turns in our dunk tank. Students had a fantastic time playing games, competing in minute-to-win-it challenges, engaging in sports and art activities, and enjoying food and fun with their friends.



FINE ARTS FESTIVAL BBA's first Fine Arts festival was a huge hit. The Wadsworth has nothing on the Ben Bronz Atheneum! Everyone did a great job. Thank you to mediators Karen and Rachel for supporting the students in developing a passion for the arts.



FUNDRAISING UPDATE FOR THE VAN- Birdies for Charity

Birdies For Charity Fundraiser

Our Birdies for Charity Fundraiser is sponsored by The Travelers Championship, a PGA TOUR event aimed at purchasing a van! As we all know, transportation plays a crucial role in ensuring that our students have access to various educational and extracurricular opportunities. Whether they're attending field trips, making post-secondary, career, and community connections, or engaging in community service projects, having transportation is essential for their success and growth. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our students! Let's roll towards success, one mile at a time! **We are at \$23,945, with 11 days left to reach our goal. We are only \$6,055 away from our \$30,000 goal. Just think of the tremendous gift this will be to our school.**



Ben Bronz Foundation, Inc.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Spread the Word: Share the news about our fundraiser with your friends, family, and neighbors. *Let's rally together as a community to support our students' needs.*



Donate Generously: Your generosity will help us achieve our fundraising goal. Every dollar raised brings us one step closer to purchasing a van. **And**, for every dollar we raise, program sponsor Webster Bank will give us an **additional 15%**. **It is that easy! PLEASE USE THE LINK TO DONATE: [Birdies For Charity](#)**

Awards Night and Graduation

On June 11th at 5:30 p.m., BBA hosted a distinguished event celebrating our students' diligence and perseverance. The evening highlighted the spirit of hard work and dedication in overcoming the challenges our students and graduates face. This event always holds a special place in the hearts of families and students as graduates share what BBA has meant to them and how it has facilitated their growth.

This year's Awards night and commencement ceremony held particular significance with the introduction of the renaming of the Most Improved Overall Award for Middle School students in honor of Bobby Garten, a former student who attended BBA during his middle school years.

Bobby Garten went on to work in law enforcement in Hartford. Tragically, his life was cut short in a crash while responding to a call in Hartford. To honor his memory and the commitment he demonstrated as a student at BBA, the award will henceforth be known as the Bobby Garten Memorial Award. This renaming serves as a tribute to his legacy and the exemplary effort he embodied.

The mediators, staff, and administrators at BBA could not be prouder of our students and all they

bring to the school each and every day.

Enjoy the summer!



REMINDERS

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

Upcoming events:

July 8-August 2 Summer School

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