

Updates Abound

May - Bound Brook School District



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Superintendent's Message

Dear Bound Brook School Community,

This time of year is special in Bound Brook School District for so many reasons. The calendar is filled with awards ceremonies, athletic events, music performances, and graduation. I want to take a moment to especially recognize our high school seniors whose hard work and dedication will culminate in crossing the stage at graduation in a few weeks. We are so proud of the Class of 2024!

For the seniors: As you embark on the next exciting chapter of your lives, whether it be pursuing higher education, entering the workforce, or enlisting in the military, we will be cheering you on. We would love to share and celebrate your plans with our community. <u>Please fill out this form to tell us</u>

your plans. Then, keep an eye on the district's <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u> where we will be featuring graduating seniors throughout June.

Let's end the school year with a celebration that marks the incredible milestone the Class of 2024 has reached!



Sincerely, Alvin L. Freeman, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

BBHS students learn to fly drones, while earning college credits through RVCC

Hands-on learning is gaining new heights for Bound Brook High School (BBHS) students thanks to an expanded partnership with Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC). Students in the Career Technical Education and Work-Based Learning (CTE/WBL) Program can now enroll in a drone certification course through RVCC.

Olivia Scire, a BBHS junior, is interested in pursuing an engineering degree in the future. When she heard about the program, she immediately decided to take advantage of the opportunity to see if it could further prepare her for college. She pictures building drones in the future – and knowing the rules and regulations gives her an edge. Scire describes the CTE/WBL program as "lifechanging."



"I like how this program is not what I expected. It's something completely different," she said. "It's something I didn't think I could learn at such a young age; I would imagine learning this when I'm in college. It's definitely opened my mind for the future."

The goal of the CTE/WBL program is to prepare students for in-demand careers. Unmanned Systems Technology is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the career market. Students learn about a wide variety of industries that employ UAS technology such as agriculture, environmental sciences and law enforcement. Many of these industries are understaffed with qualified professionals – that's where BBHS students come in. Ready with advanced certification and training, students can enter the workforce and meet the demands of this emerging industry.

"We often tell students that college and career are not an either-or," said William Ross, Bound Brook's Director of Data, Planning, Research, & Evaluation. "We want you to think of both simultaneously for your post-secondary pathway life."

More about the program and opportunities with RVCC

Teacher/Specialists of the Year



TEACHER & SPECIALISTS OF THE YEAR - Bound Brook School District -

Shannon DeLuca Teacher of the Year LaMonte/LaMonte Annex



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Melissa Kiss Specialist of the Year LaMonte/LaMonte Annex



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DeAnna Nelson Teacher of the Year Lafayette Elementary School CONGRATS EACHER & SPECIALISTS OF THE YEAR - Bound Brook School District -



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Juliann Tacconi Teacher of the Year Smalley Elementary



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Jeffrey Jaegel Specialist of the Year Smalley Elementary



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Sandra Pettesch Teacher of the Year Community Middle School



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Jennifer Guerrero Specialist of the Year Community Middle School



TEACHER & SPECIALISTS OF THE YEAR - Bound Brook School District -

Janelle Filiatreault Teacher of the Year Bound Brook High School



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Julia Buccini Specialist of the Year Bound Brook High School

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Our teachers are golden - Teacher Appreciation Month

We extended Teacher Appreciation to a month-long celebration. We received 22 thoughtful messages from parents, students and other staff members. **What it reinforced?** The staff at all of our schools are golden and we appreciate their hard work.





Alumni give back to BBHS seniors

Alumni and community members joined forces for a kickball tournament hosted by the Day by Day Foundation. All the funds raised will be distributed to the senior class in scholarships at the Senior Awards Night on June 6th.

Nazceer Whitley '19, a BBHS alumnus and Bound Brook police officer, started the foundation in 2019, as a way to give back to the community that raised him. Alum Anthony Molina also donated his time to DJ the community event. We're incredibly proud of our alumni and the way they give back to our students!



Chicks in the classrooms of Lafayette

Lafayette first and second graders have observed how chicks develop over time. Beginning as 180 eggs in incubators, the students anticipated the day they would hatch, and they could meet their feathered friends. <u>#BoundToAstound</u> hands-on projects like these make learning fun.



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