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PHOENIX NEWS

Soaring to New Heights

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The year is almost over, but now is not the time to start slacking off. You still got the rest of the quarter to work hard on. Good luck to those taking EOCs and AP exams in the coming weeks. You all got this, Go Phoenix!



Yearbook Update

Only 15 Yearbooks are left
The only way to now purchase a yearbook is to hand \$85 IN-PERSON by CASH or CHECK made out to BDCHS to MS.ZAMOT in room 216 by the following weeks.

Principal's Corner



I want to thank all of our teachers, parents, students, and staff for working together collaboratively to make this year's assessment season work for our students. Last month, I reiterated the importance of reading important Assessment information. Parents and students are doing a great job communicating with us if there are any issues or concerns and our teachers and staff are doing whatever it takes to proctor or cover classes for test proctors. A big thank you goes to Ms. Patwell who works tirelessly to organize, communicate, and administer our testing plans. While assessment season can be stressful, it is important to know that our students' health and safety always comes first. Please continue to communicate with Nurse Klakring, our counselors, and our administrators if there are ever any concerns about your child's health or safety.

The spring is the time of year when many of our students are recognized for their achievements through various awards and recognitions. Congratulations to all of our students who have been honored for their achievement and success!

Thank you,
Dr. Bennett

IMPORTANT DATES

4/16- 8-PERIOD GOLD DAY; REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE ONLINE

4/19- NO SCHOOL

4/22- BLOOD DRIVE

4/23- GARNET DAY; GRAD NIGHT

4/26- EARLY RELEASE

4/29- CAP AND GOWN PICKUP

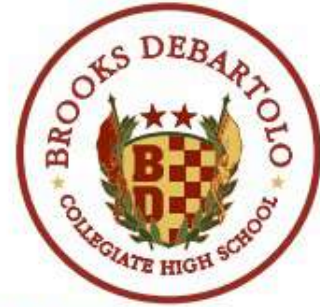
4/30- 8 PERIOD GARNET DAY; END OF PHOENIX FUND

Office Hours: 7:30am - 3:30pm
School Hours: 8:00am - 3:10pm

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2021 PHOENIX FUND RISING CAMPAIGN

MARCH 23 - APRIL 30



Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School kicks off our 5th annual "Phoenix Fund Rising" Campaign

This is our school's MOST IMPORTANT fundraiser!! We NEED your help!!

We can do amazing things for our students with the funds we raise this year. It is with your help that BDCHS is able to support, expand and enhance current accelerated programs which prepares our students for college, careers, and post-secondary success.

We invite each student and their family to collect at least \$200 in donations over a 5-week period. Our goal is to raise \$55,000 and together, we can do it for our school!!

Because of YOUR efforts in 2019, we were able to provide our school with these tools due to Covid-19:

- Wireless Microphones for our teachers
- Earbuds with Microphones for our students
- NetSupport Classroom: A classroom management and teaching platform for our in-person and e-learners
- A Web Content Filter which replaced our current failing system. This solution is able to support the higher network traffic demands of eLearning, without sacrificing network speed or security.

HOW TO DONATE:

CREATE YOUR OWN DONATION PAGE

- » Visit <https://bit.ly/3t4v0AQ> and click on the "Create my own fundraising page" box
- » Create your own page, donate, and send the link to your page to your friends and family via email, text, and social media
- » Students who register/create a donation page (1 per student/family) will receive 1 Raffle entry for a \$25 gift card

• **ONLINE/CREDIT CARD (PREFERRED METHOD TO DONATE)** Visit: <https://bit.ly/3t4v0AQ>

• **CHECK** Made payable to BDCHS with "Phoenix Fund", Student and Homeroom Teacher names in the memo line

• **CASH** Please include Student and Homeroom Teacher names on the envelope

Check and cash should be handed in to your child's homeroom teacher ONLY DURING HOMEROOM, or turned in to Mrs. Williams during lunches or after school

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 30

Important Information:

- Families with multiple children at BDCHS will have a goal of \$200 for the family; we will NOT multiply the goal by the number of children.
- Monetary donations are voluntary and do not in any way affect your student's enrollment at BDCHS.
- We cannot accept volunteer hours for donations made to the school.

With your support, we can ensure our students will continue to receive a quality Blue Ribbon, Grade A education. We thank you in advance for your support of the "Phoenix Fund Rising" Donation Drive and for your willingness to make a difference in the lives of students and teachers at Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School.

With Phoenix Pride,

Kristine
Kristine Bennett, Ed.D

2021 PHOENIX FUND STUDENT INCENTIVES

(Deadline for individual and grade level incentives is April 30 by 3pm)

\$100 (HALF WAY POINT TO GOAL FOR EACH FAMILY)

- Raffle Entry for a \$25 gift card (receive two raffle entries for raising \$100 and create a donor page)
- Three Free-Dress Day Passes*
- Raffle entry for Principal's Parking Space for one week

\$200 (FAMILY GOAL)

- \$100 incentives listed above, plus...
- Raffle entry for First In Carline Space for the 2021-22 academic school year
- One Raffle Entry for a \$50 gift card
- One additional Free-Dress Day Pass (four total)*
- Attend Free Drive-In Movie for student/family and one guest per student

\$500

- \$100 and \$200 incentives listed above, plus...
- One additional Free-Dress Day Pass (five total)*
- Lunch from a pre-approved local partner restaurant delivered to an eLearner via a dining delivery service or lunch delivered to an on-campus student at school
- Sugar Rush Snack Pack
- Family or business name on banner displayed in front of the school until the next Phoenix Fund Rising Campaign
- Business** - Website and Phoenix Newsletter recognition until Phoenix Fund 2021
- Raffle entry for 2 front row (guest seating) graduation tickets, your choice of graduation year

\$1000

- \$100, \$200 and \$500 incentives listed above, plus...
- One additional Free-Dress Day Pass (six total)*
- Raffle entry for reserved student/parent parking space close to the school for the 2021-22 academic year **or** if a senior, one reserved parking spot at the current year's graduation
- 1/2 page yearbook ad for personal or business use*
- Two front row (guest seating) graduation tickets, your choice of graduation year
- Raffle entry for Derrick Brooks signed memorabilia

\$2500

- \$100, \$200, \$500 and \$1000 incentives listed above, plus...
- Full page yearbook ad for personal or business use*
- Two additional front row (guest seating) graduation tickets (four total), your choice of graduation year
- Two raffle entries for Derrick Brooks signed memorabilia

\$5000 +

- \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1000 and \$2500 incentives listed above, plus...
- Two additional front row (guest seating) graduation tickets (six total), your choice of graduation year



*Business logos and yearbook ads are subject to approval

**Free Dress Days can be used before the end of Semester 1, 2021 and are void on assessment days

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS*

FRIENDS OF BDCHS \$200 - \$499

- Recognition in Phoenix News & BDCHS website (name) until Phoenix Fund Fall 2021

BRONZE \$500 - \$999

- Social Media advertisement until Phoenix Fund Fall 2021
- Business card sized ad in yearbook

GOLD \$1,000 - \$2,499

- Recognition in Phoenix News & BDCHS website (name) until Phoenix Fund Fall 2021
- Invitation to an annual thank you breakfast with Principal (virtual or physically distant)
- Quarter-page ad in yearbook

GARNET \$2,500 +

- Recognition in Phoenix News & BDCHS website (individual - name / business - logo) until Phoenix Fund Fall 2021
- Invitation to an annual thank you breakfast with Principal (virtual or physically distant)
- Half-page ad in yearbook



Donations may be tax deductible; we encourage you to check with a financial advisor and/or tax specialist to determine your gift's eligibility.

Please talk to your employer about corporate matching gifts.

**For donors not participating in student incentives*

*Brooks DeBartolo Charities, Inc is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization registered with the Florida Department of agriculture and consumer services, FEIN 20-5767786.

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A Note From the School Nurse



Students Need Physical Activity to Grow up Strong and Healthy

Physical activity helps students feel better, function better, and sleep better. Being physically active also fosters normal growth and development, improves overall health, and can reduce the risk of various chronic diseases. Children and adolescents ages 6 through 17 years should do 60 minutes (1 hour) or more of moderate-to-vigorous intensity physical activity each day ages As part of the daily 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity, on at least 3 days a week, children and adolescents need:

- Vigorous activity such as running or soccer
- Activity that strengthens muscles such as climbing or push ups
- Activity that strengthens bones such as gymnastics or jumping rope

For more information on incorporating physical activity into your student's day, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity>.

Benefits of Physical Activity for Students

- Reduces risk of depression
- Improves aerobic fitness
- Improves muscular fitness
- Improves bone health
- Promotes favorable body composition
- Improves attention and some measures of academic performance
- Prevents development of chronic diseases

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Capstone Update

As it approaches the “Crunch Time” with the AP Capstone program, here are a few updates:

“AP SEMINAR: Both sections of the Seminar cohort successfully completed the firsts two components of their AP Exam, the Individual Research Report and the Team Multimedia Presentation. They did a fantastic job with their presentation and defense of research, and looked sharp doing so! They are about to begin the third and fourth comments of their exam (out of 6), and haven’t lost any steam!”

“AP RESEARCH: These kids never stop amazing me! As I'm sitting here watching Austin Alaras measure gas that has been emitted from the instead of worm stomachs, I’m reflecting on how impressed I continue to be by all of their dedication! I supervised him yesterday after school in the lab until 6:45 PM and he diligently worked collecting samples from the gastrointestinal track of worms the entire time, then came back after school today to collect the first round of results...he’s an eLearner to boot! That level of student motivation should really WORM your heart. In two weeks, in place of a poster presentation “conference”, I am going to have the AP Research students wear their “posters” around school as a Covid safe alternative, and I'm having the eLearners make their "poster" their Google Meet/Zoom background.”

“Huge shoutout to Ms. Green and Mr. Fernandez for helping out with all the lab work! I’d make an appreciative science pun right now, but I only do that PERIODICally.”

“Thank you all so much for your continued support of the AP Capstone program. We’re excited to have our first cohort graduate this May. It seems like just yesterday Jess Shattcuk and I were talking about wanting to bring AP Capstone to BDCHS. Time flies! I’m excited to spend my long weekend reading over all of the applications that were turned in this week and getting to know our next group of AP Capstone scholars!”

- Mr. Joensen



FAFSA

This is a reminder to Phoenix Senior Families that it is highly encouraged for you to fill out the application for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). BDCHS is currently #1 in Hillsborough County in completed applications with a 53% completion rate, but we would like to exceed last year's completion rate of 82%.

Please take the time to complete this at www.fafsa.gov. We strive to be Phoenix Strong and finish out the year in the #1 position, thank you for your support in helping us reach this goal!



Be the Change!



Can you be a Changemaker for BDCHS?

Our Changemaker initiative kicked off on Tuesday, February 18. We are looking for all our families to round up their change and to raise money for building improvements and instructional enhancements. It's so simple to support BDCHS!

1. Sign up your credit card
2. Shop anywhere with your card
3. Your change will be rounded up and donated to BDCHS!

Please find the QR code to sign up!



Alumni Highlights

Many of our alumni continue to soar to new heights when they leave us. Three individuals in particular can be highlighted as examples:

Jordan Moore will graduate USF Honors College this semester with a business management degree. Her skills in this field can be shown in her Etsy jewelry shop, which is recognized as a top sales with over 5k sales and counting. Under the name of Terrestrial Treasure, this shop is what she plans to run full time after graduation. On top of her business, she helps operate The Premier Players Sports Foundation. The mission of this foundation is to help orphaned, foster, special-needs, and at-risk children participate in sports by providing them the proper equipment as well as scholarships. You can see her on the ABOUT US page at www.premierplayers.com.

Logan Moore is also seeking to graduate from USF Honors College in the Fall of 2021. He works on a Bio Science degree while also keeping his love for sales and investing. He was a top producer locally for Cutco Knives last summer and has now taken his skills to the financial services industry. He has joined Vital Guidance to work with clients interested in options trading and has obtained his mortgage license to help people obtain the best mortgage for their home. You can see him on the ABOUT US page of www.vitalguidance.com.

Many of our students serve in various ways in our community including working with students with disabilities, the elderly, the hungry or homeless, for the environment, for those who face injustice, or with organizations that support research and help for individuals with chronic illnesses. Our third alumni highlight is Lavel Dumont, known for his strength in sports as well as kindness. Please take a look at this recent news story about Lavel, where a simple act of kindness made a world of difference for his new friend. Kristi Kopanis (@Kristi_Kopanis) Tweeted: “A football friendship: Toledo Rockets Lavel Dumont saw a kid playing football by himself in the front yard. Lavel stopped to say hi and the rest was history! Their incredible, heart-warming story.”

College Acceptances

Congratulations to these students for their college acceptances!

Amna Wajahat—University of California Los Angeles

Travis Simpson—Florida Southwestern State College, Hillsborough Community College

Four Star Leadership Program

Here is an amazing leadership opportunity for those interested!

The Four Star Leadership program can help you maximize your leadership potential. At this conference, you will learn to:

Solve problems and communicate solutions

Work as a team

Lead with honesty and integrity

Learn your own strengths and weaknesses

And so much more...

For more information, please visit the following website: <https://www.fourstarleader.com/apply.html>.

FHSAA

We have been nominated for the FHSAA Fred E. Rozelle Sportsmanship Award. This award is given to schools whose athletic teams demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship during the 2020-2021 regular season, as well as FHSAA State Series competition. Congratulations to Maggie Hedley, our wonderful Athletic Director, to all of our dedicated coaches, and to our student-athletes. They demonstrate Phoenix PRIDE (Prepared, Respectful, In-Control, Dependable, Engaged). We know that ethical conduct on the field and on the court translates to becoming a productive citizen in our community. Go Phoenix!

Phoenix Art

Great news! This year the Dali has 100 works of art displayed for their annual school exhibit. There were 18 works of distinction chosen and 2 of them belong to BDCHS students!

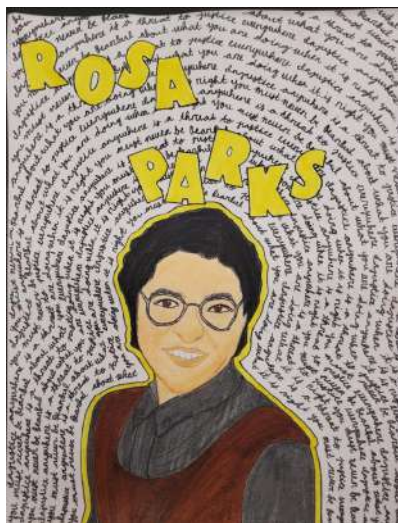
Taylor Pogorilich received a Merit Distinction and Gahyun Kim received an Honorable Mention. Taylor has had a piece accepted to the Dali every year, and last year, also received a Merit Award and had her piece chosen as the promo of the show. Make sure to visit the Dali to appreciate this art in person!



Phoenix Art

Congratulations to the following students for having their work accepted to the HCC – 2021 Calex Schenker Art Infinitum High School Art Competition:

Jessica Vaupel, Sasha Green, Catherine Porricolo, Brianna Jones, Sara Brown and Bilal Abouzied.





Golden Quills Writing Competition Winners

Please congratulate the following winners of this year's Golden Quills Writing Competition!

Grand Prize - Aerionna Wright – “Sincerely, That Little Girl”

Fiction (14 entries)

1st Place - Brooke Maggio – “Baby Elephant”

2nd Place - Tabi Higgins – “Peace”

3rd Place - Bethany Bosworth – “Leave”

Nonfiction (18 entries)

1st Place - Maggie Gamson – “Durant County Nights”

2nd Place - Tsedae Moran – “Unwanted First”

3rd Place - Loren Miranda – “Letter to a Stranger”

Poetry (62 entries)

1st Place - Bethany Bosworth – “Empty” trilogy of poems

2nd Place - Lori Saint-Preux – “My Nightmares are Pretty Sometimes”

3rd Place - Maggie Gamson – “Staying Silent”



Phoenix Awards

Congratulations to Anabella Bragdon! She is our very first BDCHS winner of the Dr. Sylvia Richardson Young Women of Promise Award! She was nominated for this award because of her amazing leadership qualities and academic success. She has volunteered over 100 hours at Kids and Canines which is a foundation that empowers kids by teaching them life skills while receiving the therapeutic value of caring for and training a dog. Anabella states that she feels this program really plays an important part in helping the disadvantaged student population!



Student Leadership Training

BDCHS students participated in a virtual leadership training known as Youth & You: Leading in Times of Change. It is sponsored by the Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa. Below are some pictures of the students who took part!



Sports Schedules

Baseball Schedule

vs Bishop McLaughlin at Bishop McLaughlin

April 20
7:00 pm

vs Cypress Creek at Cypress Creek

April 21
7:00 pm

Softball Schedule

vs Cambridge Christian at BDCHS (Senior Night)

April 20
4:30 pm

vs Hernando Christian at BDCHS

April 22
4:30 pm

District Playoffs

April 26 - April 30

Regional Tournament

May 5

Boys and Girls Tennis Schedule


vs Hernando Christian at Bud Mckethan Park

March 30
3:30 pm


District Tournaments at Northdale Tennis Center

April 15 and April 16
8:00 am - 4:00 pm





FEBRUARY STUDENT ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



Jace Hoffman

*Photos by
Jared Hoffman*

**BASEBALL
SENIOR**

HERE'S WHAT HIS TEACHERS ARE SAYING:

"JACE IS A GREAT STUDENT ATHLETE WHO STRIVES FOR SUCCESS. HE IS A WONDERFUL STUDENT TO HAVE IN CLASS."

