

# PPO CONNECTIONS

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## PPO Board Message

As the fall air turns brisk and foliage turns to vibrant burgundies, oranges and golds, it seems as if activities around the school also begin to intensify during this time of year. We started October with an informative Back-to-School night featuring our dedicated and talented faculty. They provided parents with insight into the year ahead and suggestions for how our children can succeed in their courses. Special thanks to our ever-helpful SPARK students for their assistance in navigating the halls of BCA.

Hopefully you were able to attend our October meeting where we joined together with Bergen Tech in Teterboro, to host Peter Van Buskirk's, The Admission Game. His presentation highlights a student-centered approach to the college admission process. Among Peter's themes are finding the college with the "right fit" and effectively communicating the applicant's story through personal essays. He encouraged our seniors to think about the application as a constellation of dots that will paint a clear picture of the uniqueness of each and every student. As a PPO, we strive to bring relevant topics to our monthly meetings and help parents stay on top of events and happenings in our community. If you have not yet had a chance to send in your membership we encourage you to join us so that we can reach our funding goal and continue to support the many programs from which our children benefit.

The flurry of activity continued as we celebrated the uniqueness of our school community at the newly formatted *International Tasting*. Every dish showcased the pride of the cultures that make up our BCA community. We extend tremendous appreciation and gratitude to our Regional Coordinators, students and family volunteers for making the evening a huge success. Special thanks to Mr. Lemma and our very talented student performers for their entertaining pre-event show and our devoted custodial staff whose support and assistance make all our events possible.

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we encourage you to continue to support the worthy efforts of our students as they organize drives to assist others in need. Finally, please mark your calendars for our PPO meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> where we will host Bill Rabbitt and Matt Carpenter from College Funding Services to learn all about the Financial Aid Process, and of course, please remember to join us for the fall theater production of the *Seventh Song*.

Warm regards,

*Cathy, Susan, Sasha, May, Sue & Julia*



**Academy Parent Partnership Organization**  
A New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation

## Calendar Highlights

Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HALF DAY</b> – Staff Development
Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Choir Coffeehouse</b> – 7:30pm Auditorium
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ACT Testing</b> – Off site
Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Open House and Junior Class Bake Sale</b> 11:00am and 2:00pm
Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Froshmore Fright Night Movie</b> 7:00-9:00pm
Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Blood Drive</b> (Parents Welcome) 8:00 am – 2:00pm - Gym
Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Open House and Sophomore Class Bake Sale</b> 11:00am and 2:00pm
Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – NJEA Convention
Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SAT Testing</b> – Off site
Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Deadline for Yearbook Ads</b>
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Junior Class Parents Planning Meeting</b> 7:00pm – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Cafeteria
Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Seventh Son – Fall Play</b> 7:30pm Auditorium
Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Seventh Son – Fall Play</b> 2:30pm and 7:30pm Auditorium
Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HALF DAY</b> – Curriculum
Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PPO General Meeting</b> 7:00pm Auditorium
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Music Student Presentation</b> – 4:30pm
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>National Honor Society Induction Ceremony</b> 7:00pm Auditorium
Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Tri-Music Honor Society Induction &amp; Reception</b> 12:45pm
Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Autumn Instrumental Concert</b> 7:00pm Auditorium
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HALF DAY</b> – Thanksgiving Recess
Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>End of Trimester One</b>

Our next issue will be published on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please submit all November calendar entries and all articles to Sue L Katz at [SueLKatz@gmail.com](mailto:SueLKatz@gmail.com) by November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Thank You.



## From the Principal's Desk

### **“Our Continuing Mission to find Incredible Learning Opportunities for Students”**

I have spent most of my professional life here at BCA and so everything we do here is completely normal to me. But I realize that what may seem normal here is not normal in some schools. In the past month we've gone behind the scenes at the Liberty Science Center, explored the robotics lab at UPenn and experienced the unique work environment of Google in New York City.

These experiences are all part of our ongoing mission to find incredible learning opportunities for our students. Whether it's composing music for an interactive display involving tesla coils, programming drones and humanoid robots to do various tasks, or trying to design the "Classroom of the Future", if there's a good idea out there, then we want to learn more.

Our parents and alumni are wonderful assets that often assist us with implementing our new ideas. Through my position on the board of NCSSS (The National Coalition of Secondary STEM Schools) I was contacted by Dan Menelly, the VP of STEM Education at the Liberty Science Center. Dan visited the school during the summer and was excited by what he saw going on in our research labs. In early September, a group of teachers and I took a behind the

scenes look at some of the innovative programs at the Liberty Science Center. Dan and his team will be visiting BCA this fall and we will continue to work together on a variety of projects in the future.

At the September PPO meeting I mentioned our upcoming visit to UPenn's labs and at the end of my presentation a parent came up to me to tell me that her husband worked at UPenn and it was arranged for him to greet us at the school when we arrived.

Before our visit to Google we asked our alumni through our Alumni Facebook page if anyone worked there. Within 40 minutes we had the names of seven former students who work at Google in California, Massachusetts and New York City. During our visit, our alum met with us and spoke of the value of attending BCA and the positive impact it had on her college experience and her current work at Google. We will be hosting representatives from Google for a tour of our campus and continue discussions on "The Classroom of the Future."

As we continue our networking with corporations, universities and educational entities such as LSC, we find our efforts are paying off in amazing opportunities and connections for our students. Please check back for updates as these prospects evolve.

Please read my other article on Convocation 2014 which includes an insightful and motivational message from Alumni Dr. Sachin Jain, Class of 1998.

Sincerely,

Russell Davis  
Principal  
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Please view our Superintendent Dr. Howard Lerner's Message by using this link:

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BCA 2014 OPEN HOUSES



Volunteers are needed to help at the 2014 Bergen Academies Open Houses on Sunday, October 26th, and Sunday November 2nd for the morning and afternoon sessions. Please consider helping out from either 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or from 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on any of these dates. We need parents to greet prospective students and their families at the Open Houses. We also need parents to assist in the parking lot. This is a great way to meet other parents and find out what's happening at the Academies with a relatively short time commitment! Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Please either e-mail Carol Monahan at [bcaopenhouses@gmail.com](mailto:bcaopenhouses@gmail.com) or call [\(201\) 930-9187](tel:(201)930-9187) indicating the day(s) and time(s) you are available to help.

Thanks again for volunteering your time!

Carol Monahan  
Open House Chairperson

### **An Added Note:**

*One goal of our monthly PPO meetings is to feature presentations from relevant outside resources available to the community. It is not, however, a PPO practice to endorse them for your own use. We hope you will use your best judgment deciding whether you choose to utilize their services*

## Start helping BCA PPO/ACAHAPA every time you shop. Earn \$5 for BCA!

Did you know that when you shop online, iGive will donate a percentage of your purchase price at over 1,000 retailers to BCA? It costs you nothing and is easy to set up. All you need to join iGive is a name, email address, and password (no credit card info or any personal info is required.)

In October, iGive will give BCA PPO/ACAHAPA \$5 for every person who signs up and tries out the iGive button - no purchase necessary!

If you would like to join and help us raise money for BCA, please follow this link:

<http://www.igive.com/yB2wruH>

**The BCA Choirboard is proud to announce that BCA's annual Coffeehouse will be on Friday, October 24th at 7:30!**

During this night sponsored by PAPA, around 20 acts perform songs of their choice.

Performances such as jazz to acappella selections to musical theatre songs will be held. There will be food for sale and, of course, coffee! Come join us in the auditorium for a great night of performances by the students of BCA and enjoy a variety of music! Tickets are \$7.00 and are sold during lunch mods. We are excited to see you there!

# SkillsUSA

On Friday, October 10, 2014, the student officers and club advisor of the Bergen County Academies chapter of SkillsUSA attended the annual Fall Leadership Conference in Monroe Township. This was a great opportunity for everyone involved, as they got to meet some of the student leaders from other SkillsUSA chapters around the state and learn more about SkillsUSA to convey to other club members.

Our chapter was proud to represent two of our own state officers, the state President and Parliamentarian who opened up the conference. After getting to hear these officers speak, the stage was opened up to the keynote speaker, Mr. Dan Occhiogrosso, a high school basketball coach who ran the New York City marathon in 2007 while dribbling a basketball in order to raise money for orphans in Africa. Mr. Occhiogrosso goes around the country to give presentations motivating students to become leaders in their communities through his love of basketball. His message was inspiring to all of us and motivated us to get active in our community.

At the conference, students also got to meet some of the candidates running for regional office, hear them give speeches, and vote for the two officers who would be representing the Northern region. Some of our own officers were encouraged to run for state office in the upcoming year after listening to some of these speeches and actually getting to vote.

Overall, the conference was a success and a great way to kick off the school year!

**Mary Beth Brace**  
**Academy of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Administration**



## *The Seventh Son*

Written and Directed by Mr. Kaplan

A Curse, A Kingdom without laughter, A Princess who likes to run and a Prince who likes to read. In this fractured fairy tale for all ages, no one is happy in the Kingdom of Eastphalia and only the seventh son of the seventh son can make things right. But will he come in time?

Please join us for the first production of our 2014-2015 season – the world premiere of *The Seventh Son* written and directed by our very own faculty member, Mr. Kaplan. Performance dates are Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm and 7:30pm.

The play was written specifically for our students and while younger audience members will certainly enjoy the fairy tale aspects of the story, the show is also aimed at an older audience who will appreciate its comedic mashup of everything from Greek mythology to *The Music Man* to *The Godfather* and its message of staying true to your heart and who you are.

Students from every Academy are involved – onstage as performers, as musicians recording an original student written score, backstage as technicians and crew, in the workshop as builders and designers with the Stage Crew elective and Design For Theatre Projects, and in the costume shop as designers with the Costume Design elective.

Order your tickets now online from the school website – you don't want to miss out on being the first to see this brand new play.

Stephen Kaplan  
Director

# Convocation 2014

by Mr. Davis

**"I can't express how strange and wonderful it feels to be here".**

These were the words spoken by Dr. Sachin Jain, Class of 1998, and keynote speaker at this year's school convocation. It was a pleasure to have Sachin come back and speak to our current students with the type of insight only a former student could share. By all accounts Sachin's story is one of success. A BA, MBA and MD from Harvard University, a position in the Obama Administration, attending physician at Boston's VA Hospital and currently the Chief Medical Information and Innovation Officer at Merck Pharmaceuticals. His story of his time at BCA in the early years and his advice was extremely well received by our students. I am pleased to share with you some excerpts here from Sachin's convocation speech.

"When I was last on this stage, I was graduating high school and receiving my diploma. I had pimples all over my face and substantially more hair on my head. I wore big, thick glasses that were too large and I grinned a wide, goofy grin. Today, I grin wider. It's such a thrill and an honor to be here. To walk these halls again. To see my most important teachers again. To meet and address all of you. I can't express how strange and wonderful it feels to be here. So thank you for that."

"If you can imagine it, the Academy had no track record then. No reputation. It was just a shiny new building, a bunch of cool toys, and the dream of some visionary educators.... Everything was always an experiment.... And for a few months my freshman year, I was among those who thought I might drop out because none of it made any sense to me. I was used to structure. In fact, I craved it. I had spent my whole young life till that point reading textbooks, doing assignments, and taking tests. It was a tried and true formula that I was good at. And this new school, this crazy new school--offered none. And I thought I wanted out. So I went to my parents, to Dr. Grieco, Mrs. Lisa and my middle school science teacher who suggested I come here in the first place--and I asked them all the same thing--should I stay or should I go? What would be

better for me, my education, my life? To their credit, all of them said more or less the same thing: you decide. But they also said, if you decide to stay--be all in. Just get off the fence."

"In retrospect, it was the first adult decision I had to make in my life. I decided to be here--and take advantage of what it meant to be here. To take all the craziness of the place, the lack of definition, the richness of the people--and begin to do things with it. It meant: Embracing ambiguity and recognizing that everything that made this place scary--also made it great... We learned to work in teams. And give feedback to each other without hurting feelings. And check our egos because there was always a classmate or teacher who was brighter or more talented or had better ideas. And, more often than not, it was hard. We were asked to be adults sometimes before we were ready. But it felt like what we were doing actually mattered.

And so everywhere I went after I left the Academy... I felt a burning, belly-deep desire to build new things, to lead change. And I did so in the way that this place taught me how--with others. In college, I worked with my friend Lewis Shi to start a homeless health clinic for the residents of Harvard Square. In medical school, I worked with my friend Kiran Kakarala to start an organization to teach health policy to medical students. When I served in the Obama administration--I worked with my mentors to help launch a new agency focused on implementing health care reform. And, now, at the pharmaceutical company Merck, I built a new team that's leading the company into the future of digital health and big data. The Academy--and all its craziness shaped who I am and enabled me to do the things that I do."

I am grateful to Sachin for joining us on this important day and for sharing his personal story with our community. For some, like me, it was a reminder of our school's history and for others, such as our current students, it served as a glimpse into the early years of the Academies and what it was like for students who agreed to be a part of this new educational paradigm. Sachin's reflections on his Academy years and his resulting success, were nothing short of inspirational.

**Admissions Information Session: If you have a child who will be applying to our district this year and you have questions about our Admissions procedures, please see us at the Information Session December 10 from 6-7 pm.**



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ATTENTION**



# Class News Updates....

## Class of 2015

We know this is an incredibly busy time for you and your senior! We wish you all calm and good luck as the finishing touches are put on those college essays and applications!!! Wishing you all well ☺

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our **Open House Bake Sale** a big success!! It was fun catching up with many of you and we truly appreciate your generosity!

With winter right around the corner, what could be better than a new warm hat?! The Class of 2015 is selling **Knights winter hats** for only \$10. See the order form in this newsletter to get yours!!!

Our next **casual coffee** will be on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 10:30 am at Panera Bread, RT 4W, Paramus (the Kohl's shopping center). No agenda, just a time to chat and share! We hope to see you there.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with the **Fashion Show**! We are still looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of the evening. We will be starting to solicit items for our raffle baskets for this event, watch for our official solicitation letter later this week. We encourage you to reach out to businesses and service providers that you frequent...share our information with them and hopefully they will support this great event! Just a reminder to mark your calendars for a wonderful evening you don't want to miss...**March 26, 2015!!** Just a reminder...we are offering **senior signs** to celebrate your students accomplishments at graduation. See the PPO website for the order form. They are customized with your child's name and are \$30. They will be delivered in early June.

Wishes for a wonderful fall!  
Any questions or concerns...contact us at  
[BCAclass2015@gmail.com](mailto:BCAclass2015@gmail.com)  
Lisa & Donna

## Class of 2016

We are having our Open House Bake Sale on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Your help is greatly needed and truly appreciated. We are still in search of a few volunteers. This is our only parent organized bake sale for this year. All proceeds are to be used toward junior prom.

Save the date, Thursday November 13, at 7pm 1st floor cafeteria...Junior Class fundraising meeting. We will be discussing Cabaret, Project Graduation and Junior Prom. Looking for a dedicated group of volunteers to help begin the planning process. Even if you are not interested in coordinating a section or collecting donations, there are small jobs like collecting tickets or printing labels at home. We are hoping to see many more of you there.

We are still collecting unpaid class dues. If you have not paid your \$200, please send a check addressed to "Student Activity Fund Class of 2016" and mail it to BCA or have your child drop it off in the office.

Hopefully, all of you received our class update via email. If you did not, please reach out to us so we can verify your contact information. Any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Regards,  
Maria and Laina

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Laina DeRose [msdr21@yahoo.com](mailto:msdr21@yahoo.com)

## Class of 2017

Hello to all Class of 2017 Families!

We hope this finds everyone enjoying the year thus far. FYI, we are working on new dates for our Class of 2017 coffee get-togethers. We will send out an email communication as soon as the dates are scheduled. We look forward to spending time with you once again this year!

Our Class Council has scheduled a Froshmore Fright Night (for both Freshman and Sophomores students only) for Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. The Sophomore class has chosen *Insidious* for the evening's feature movie and they have begun selling tickets for \$5. A parent sign-up will be sent out shortly requesting chaperones and other items such as bags of popcorn and ice cream scoopers. Also, we are pleased to report that our Class Council members successfully negotiated an arrangement with Van Dyk's in Ridgewood, who graciously agreed to donate the ice cream for the evening. Kudos to our Class Council members for their impressive negotiations. Watch out, future Corporate America!

For those of you who signed your students up for the practice ACT, due to technical difficulties with sign-ins, students could not access the test so it will be rescheduled for an alternate date. You will receive additional information regarding the new date for the test shortly.

Thank you all for your wonderful students and for being such a great group of parents and guardians for our class. This year promises lots of fun activities and we're looking forward to sharing them all with you!

Warm regards,  
Allison Orecchio & D'Arcy Natale

# Class News Continued.....

## Class of 2018

Fall is here and we hope your children are feeling at home at BCA! Elections were recently held and we'd like to congratulate our new freshman officers. The positions are for one year and were filled on an overall grade level basis and by individual representatives for each academy. What do they do you ask? The class council serve as representatives for the entire freshman class in school-wide gatherings/meetings. They help come up with ideas for events for their fellow freshman and run fundraisers for the Class of 2018. Christine Ogden and Danielle Kouefati are our class advisors and they will meet weekly with the elected class officers. As Class parents, we will meet regularly with the class advisors and help facilitate those events.

Already on the calendar are the Sophomore/Freshman Fright Night movie night on Tuesday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> and semiformal on March 6<sup>th</sup> and the PPO Picnic Car Wash on May 16<sup>th</sup>, a fundraiser run by the freshman class. There will be other events, so stay tuned.

We are beginning to schedule our informal parent meetings and our first one was at Panera Bread on Route 4 on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. We hope to be able to meet at various times going forward in an attempt to make it possible for everyone to join in. To keep yourself informed about what is happening at BCA, attend the monthly PPO meetings when you can, read all emails, log on to the website and of course join the PPO if you haven't already done so.

In other news, with the help of our class advisors, we had an impromptu pizza/snack sale recently. As we come up with more fundraisers or when there are more events to tell you about, we will reach out to you by email.

As always if you have any questions, suggestions, ideas and concerns email us.

Rena Moy-Chang, Christine Nicholas and Gwen Sullivan

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## SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS

<http://users.bergen.org/dondew/bio/YB/ADS/index.html>





# Parents And Patrons of the Arts

## Upcoming Events:

Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – BCA Choir Coffeehouse  
Saturday/Sunday, October 25/26 – Paint/Sew weekend for *The Seventh Son*  
Saturday, November 2 – Sewing Brigade for *The Seventh Son*  
Thursday, November 13 – Rehearsal dinner for *The Seventh Son*  
Friday/Saturday, November 14/15 – *The Seventh Son*  
Tuesday, November 18 – PAPA General Meeting

While the cast and crew have been hard at work on *The Seventh Son*, our fall play, which is written and directed by our very own Mr. Kaplan, the behind-the-scenes teams have also been hard at work. We've already had several Sewing/Costuming sessions for parent volunteers and there are three more scheduled. Please stop by and help with the costume production. It's a wonderful way to meet other parents, help out and even learn to sew. No sewing experience necessary.

If sewing's not your thing, don't worry. In the next few weeks, we'll be looking for volunteers to work at *The Seventh Son* rehearsal dinner; to sell refreshments, flowers, and Kisses For the Cast; and work the box office during the 3-performance run of the show on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. And, if all else fails, just be sure to come to the show. Tickets are available now for sale online on the BCA website.

Mark your calendars now for the next PAPA meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30 pm in Room 216 /ThArts. Join us to hear some of the music from *Kiss Me Kate* and learn more about the show from Dr. Strum. We'll also hear from our Playbill Committee as they kick off the *Kiss Me Kate* playbill-selling season. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year so we'll need everyone's help on this one.

Still not a member of PAPA? You can print a membership form by clicking here: <http://www.academypapo.com/papa.html>. Dues are still only \$10 and if you are the parent of a BCA senior, your student will automatically be entered into a drawing for a scholarship at the end of this school year.

Be sure to Like Us on Facebook to get the most up-to-date information at PAPA at BCA.  
<https://www.facebook.com/PAPAAatBCA>

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## Want to Win \$100,000?

Well.....not you personally, but **BCA can win!!** It's almost the same and **we need your help!**

Here are the basics:

**Brief Back Story:** Bergen County Academies has entered the "Celebrate My Drive" competition (powered by State Farm Insurance)

"Celebrate My Drive" brings together the entire community to help recognize and encourage teens to make positive and safe choices while behind the wheel as they begin driving—for example: 2N2—2 eyes on the road, 2 hands on the wheel



## WHY should you care?

More teens die from car crashes than any other cause—and-- the first year of driving is the most dangerous

## When is the competition?

During U.S. National Teen Driver Safety Week, **October 15-24, 2014**

## What can you do?

Each day, once a day, from **October 15-24, 2014**, make a safe driving commitment and vote for BCA—all you need is a computer

## WHO may participate?

Anyone who is 14 years of age or older may participate. Get your friends and relatives —ANYONE can vote on the behalf of BCA

## How? can you help?

Every day from October 15-October 24:

**Log onto [celebratemydrive.com](http://celebratemydrive.com)**

Indicate that you want to support BCA!!

By voting you are showing your commitment to safe driving...it's only a click away

## GRAND PRIZE:

**\$100,000 grant and Concert by THE BAND PERRY**

Please support safe driving and BCA. More Information to follow.

Calling all Seniors!!!

**Class of 2015**

**"Project Graduation Party"**

Come celebrate with all your friends! This is the last time for all of you to be together as a class!

*Please don't miss out on this fabulous event planned for the graduating class of 2015!!*

Sign your child up today! Please send your payment to: Monica Rome  
740 Smoke Hollow Trail, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417 or you can leave it in the  
PPO mailbox, mark it for Project Graduation 2015.

**make checks to: Project Graduation 2015**

any questions, contact Monica Rome (201)207-8191 [romemonica@hotmail.com](mailto:romemonica@hotmail.com)  
or Diane Whiteley (201)600-0382 [dianewhiteley@optonline.net](mailto:dianewhiteley@optonline.net)

-----detach and send with your payment-----

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Academy \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ check # \_\_\_\_\_

# CAMPUS SAFETY & SECURITY

*Come to our October Parent Meeting  
to discuss issues involving your  
Child's Safety and Security,  
both on- and off-campus*

Please join us for a Parent Meeting that will update you on the safety and security measures that have been instituted at the three Bergen Tech campuses. We will also discuss strategies for protecting your child on campus and in the community. Presenters will include Guest Speakers Sgt. Mayo from the Bergen County Criminal Investigation Division, and Sgt. Barry Leventhal, ret., from the Office of Emergency Management, as well as Bergen Tech Administrators. A Q&A session will take place at the conclusion of the presentation.

*The meeting will provide information on:*

- Monthly security drills conducted on the campuses.
- Existing emergency measures established by the District.
- Technological tools employed in campus safety.
- Speaking to your children about safety and security.

*and much more.....*

**Date:** Thursday, October 23, 2014  
**Time:** 7:30–9:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Bergen County Academies Auditorium  
200 Hackensack Avenue,  
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

*Facilitated by Ms. Andrea Sheridan, Assistant Superintendent of the Bergen County  
Technical School District, and Ms. Patricia Cosgrove, District Supervisor.*

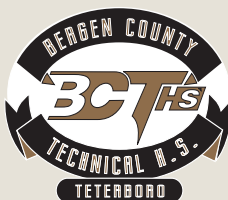
## We Value Your Input

As parents, you may have questions or concerns about the security measures and emergency preparation plans at the Bergen County Technical Schools, as well as questions concerning your child's safety off-campus.

Please send us your questions in advance to ensure that we are able to address your concerns.

Send your questions, or suggest a topic, (anonymously if you prefer) via email to [andshe@bergen.org](mailto:andshe@bergen.org).

We look forward to seeing all of you at this important Parent Meeting on October 23.



*Bergen County Technical Schools*

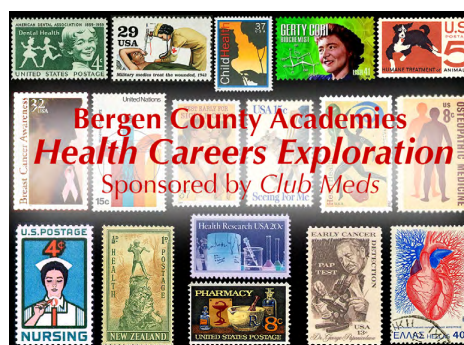
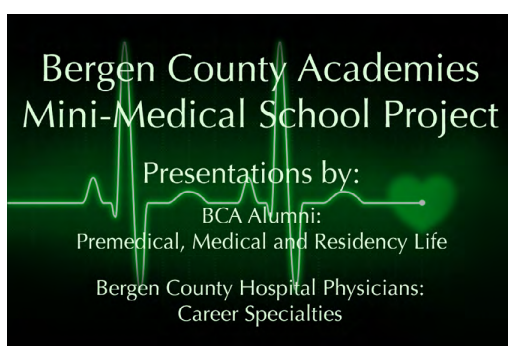
# Bergen County Academies'

## Health Careers Awareness Programs

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We are pleased to announce two new initiatives that will begin in trimester 2 and will continue every trimester thereafter.

The programs are *Mini-Medical School Project (MMSP)* and *Health Careers Exploration (HCE)*. Both programs run on Wednesdays. MMSP runs during project time (mods 4-9) and HCE runs during club time (mods 25-27). Both opportunities are of interest to any BCA student who is interested in a career in health care.



Mini-Medical School runs during a longer period of time in comparison to Health Careers Exploration so the structure of the programs are different. MMSP includes discussions about the science behind a particular speciality in medicine followed by presentation of clinical cases. HCE presents reviews of particular specialties different from those presented in MMSP. We will enroll around 30 students in each program each trimester. During enrollment juniors will have first choice. If any space is left, sophomores will be invited.

Please visit the link below for much more information including student expectations speaker information, and the program calendars.

<http://users.bergen.org/dondew/bio/BCAHealthCareersAwarenessProgram>

We are always seeking new speakers for both programs. If you are interested in speaking or know of someone who might enjoy interacting with our students, please contact HCAP coordinator Dr. Don DeWitt (BCA email: dondew).

# BCA KNIT HATS

Super cool and hip!  
Stay warm and stylish in the winter!

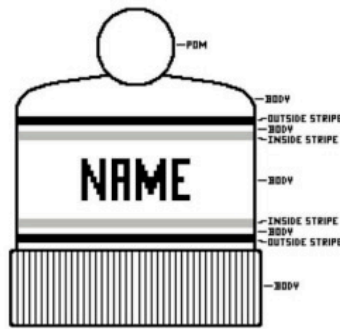
Support your Senior Class!

#SEN1OR5

**Hats will say “KNIGHTS” in White**

Pom: Black and Yellow; Body: Black; Outside Stripe: White;

Inside Stripe: Yellow; Text: KNIGHTS



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## Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

IGS (Room Number): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hats: Cost (\$10 per hat): \_\_\_\_\_

Cash/Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks out to “Student Activities – Class of 2015”.

Give this form to Ms. Fernandez/Blake (151) or Ms. Redlitz (guidance) by FRIDAY, 10/31

Enjoy your awesome hat!

Love, Your Senior Class Council #SEN1OR5





In celebration of Halloween, give a treat!

**Give blood!**



**American Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Bergen County Academies High School**

**Red Cross Club**

**Thursday October 30th**

**in the Gym from 8AM – 2 PM**

**MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY: [CLICK HERE](#)**

**or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)**

**sponsor code: [BCARedCross](#)**

**or email [patdia@bergen.org](mailto:patdia@bergen.org)**



Please Consider donating Double Red Cells: [Click Here](#)

Tips to boost your iron level: [Click Here](#)

Donor Eligibility Guidelines: [Click Here](#) or call 1 800 RED CROSS

CDC malaria map: [Click Here](#)

Donation Tips: [Click Here](#)

Donor Recipient Stories: [Click Here](#)

Sickle Cell Disease Donor Program: [Click Here](#)

Please bring picture identification and remember to eat a lot and drink a lot of fluids before donating!

**Parents are welcome and encouraged to donate blood!**

# Membership Form



**ACAHA**  
Academy for Culinary Arts and Hospitality Administration  
Parents Association



We are the parent association for ACAHA, bringing our families together to support our children and our academy.

## To Join

Please mail this form along with your check for \$20, payable to PPO/ACAHA, to:

*Carol Monahan  
10 Lorraine Drive  
Park Ridge, NJ 07656*

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Academy \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please check all that apply.*

- ☐ YES, we would like to join ACAHA. Our \$20 dues are included.
- ☐ Please accept our additional donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support ACAHA.

Please contact me.

- ☐ I work in the culinary or hospitality field.
- ☐ I have a professional contact that could help us as a speaker or resource.
- ☐ I would like to volunteer at an event.

**If you would like more information, please contact us.**

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