

PPO CONNECTIONS

THE QUICK DETAILS ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BCA

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PPO Board Message

Happy Thanksgiving! November marks a time when we reflect on the things for which we are thankful. We are fortunate to be a part of this incredible academic community and to work with our very talented and dedicated group of parent volunteers, who make our events and meetings possible. This month also featured a calendar chock full of activities and excitement at BCA, including the fall play, Open Houses and our monthly PPO meeting.

Congratulations to Mr. Stephen Kaplan, the cast and crew, musicians and all faculty and staff involved in the production of **Cymbeline**. The play was a tremendous success in both attendance and artistic accomplishment.

Our Open House days were successfully coordinated by Ann Petrigliano and Annette Gallagher and their well-staffed team of parent volunteers. The PPO Board would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Ann and Annette for their dedication to the coordination of the Open House days. Our student tour guides, once again demonstrated incredible grace as they highlighted the different Academy opportunities for prospective students. We also congratulate Mr. Davis and his team for another innovative presentation, which showcased our students, faculty and the amazing academic opportunities available to all at the Academies. Most importantly, we thank Dr. Pinto and Mrs. Katchen for the endless hours they dedicate to this process and the extreme kindness they show to each and every applicant. Job well done!

Our November PPO meeting included an informative presentation by Terri Riendeau of Princeton University. Terri shared with us current statistics on college applicants and gave us incredible insight into the application process. A big thank you goes out to our Guidance team for helping to coordinate this speaker.

On behalf of the PPO board, I want to wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with food and family and a joyous Holiday Season. See you in 2017!

Warm Regards,

Julia, Susan, Sue, Anne, Connie & Sasha

Calendar Highlights

Nov 22nd	Fall Instrumental Concert 7:00 - 8:30 pm Auditorium
Nov 23rd	Half Day – Thanksgiving Recess
Nov 24th-25th	No School - Thanksgiving Recess
Nov 30th	Freshman Cabaret 7:00 - 8:00 pm Room 216
Dec 3rd	SAT Testing - Off Site
Dec 3rd - 4th	Catalyst ACT Bootcamp 9:00 am - 1:00 pm BCA Commons
Dec 6th	Half Day - Staff Development
Dec 9th	End of Trimester One
Dec 10th	ACT Testing - Off Site
Dec 20th	Holiday Choir Concert 7:30 - 8:30 pm Auditorium
Dec 23rd	Senior and Alumni Breakfast 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Gymnasium
Dec 23rd	Half Day - Winter Recess
Dec 26th - Jan 2nd	No School - Winter Recess
Jan 10th	Half Day - Staff Development
Jan 16th	No School - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
Jan 18th - 20th	Print Week BCA Stage
Jan 19th	PPO General Meeting & Summer Opportunities Fair 7:30 pm Gymnasium



Academy Parent Partnership Organization

A New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation

Our next issue will be published on January 20th. Please submit all calendar entries and all articles to Connie Fong at bcapponewsletter@gmail.com by January 16, 2017.

From the Principal's Desk

“Discussing the Power of Collision and Collaboration at Google”

NCSSS Professional Conference

I recently returned from the annual conference of the National Consortium of Secondary STEM Schools (NCSSS) in Boston where I served as Program Chair. I am happy to report that BCA continues to be at the forefront of emerging technologies and cutting edge research. Hal Davidson, the keynote speaker from Discovery Education, wowed the audience with examples of future technologies including augmented reality and virtual reality. Many of those in attendance had never seen these technologies and were excited to learn more. I smiled with satisfaction knowing that virtual reality and augmented reality projects have been underway for nearly two years at BCA. Just recently, Mr. Lang, Ms. Skuriat and their students created an augmented reality scavenger hunt for staff and students during Halloween.

NCSSS Tour of MIT Labs

NCSSS attendees met with MIT admissions counselors and took tours of various MIT labs and Makerspaces throughout the campus. I was thoroughly impressed with the work being done at the MIT Media Lab and especially their Open Agriculture initiative which they described as “Farming for the Future” I’m happy to report that our Biology teachers are already hard at work implementing similar ideas in our newly opened Environmental Science Center.

NCSSS at Google Boston

Thanks to our very own BCA Alum Irina Koffman (Class of '04) who is currently Chief of Staff at Google in Mountain View California, NCSSS attendees were treated to a reception and presentation by Brian Cusak at Google Boston. Brian spoke of Google’s unique work environment which promotes “Collision and Collaboration” among its employees. Brian explained the value of having employees from various departments working together on common projects but attacking the project from various points of view. We are looking to implement some of these strategies here at BCA in the future.

Five BCA Students Recognized in National Siemens Competition

The Siemens Competition is one of the nation’s premier science research competitions for high school students and seeks to promote excellence by encouraging students to undertake individual or team research projects. I am happy to report that five BCA students were named Siemens Semi-Finalists including one Regional Finalist. This is the highest number of regional semifinalists from any high school in New Jersey. Congratulations to these students, their parents and their teachers on this noteworthy accomplishment in the area of science research.

Record Numbers At BCA's Open Houses

BCA hosted it’s largest crowds to date with almost 6,000 visitors attending our annual Open Houses this year. Special thanks to all of our student tour guides who volunteered their time. Thanks also to Dr. Judy Pinto, Mrs. Katchen, Mrs. Buccino and Mr. Demeter for organizing the campus tours for our guests. As always, a big thank you to our PPO for all the support and assistance provided in a variety of capacities during these busy sessions.

Fall Sports Success

Congratulations to our Girls Tennis Team coach John Yselonia who was named Coach of the Year as well as our Girls’ Tennis team who were North I, Group IV 2016 Sectional Champions. Kudos to the Bergen Tech Boys Soccer Team who won the Vo-Tech finals by a score of 3-1. Congratulations to our student athletes!

BCA Friends and Families Gala a Huge Success

Our first alumni gala was the culmination of years of discussions and months of planning. Through my experiences on the NCSSS Board I’ve witnessed firsthand how schools like Brooklyn Tech, Thomas Jefferson (TJ) and Illinois Math and Science (IMSA) have benefitted from strong alumni foundations. It was wonderful to see alumni, teachers and parents celebrating our school’s history, our unique school community and our 20 years of excellence. This first sold out event is now behind us and we look forward to continuing to strengthen our alumni relations moving forward. Special thanks to Mary Wang and the BCA Friends and Families Board as well as Supervisor Giulia Zaroni Mendelsohn for their extraordinary efforts in putting together such an amazing event.

May you and your family enjoy Peace, Health and Happiness throughout the Holiday Season!

Russell Davis, Principal

Please view our Superintendent Dr. Howard Lerner’s Message by using this link:

http://www.academyppo.com/uploads/1/1/1/7/11170958/superintendent_letter_11-2016.pdf

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Thank
you!

OPEN
HOUSE

Volunteers!

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Principal Of The Bergen County Academies Elected President of the National Consortium of Secondary STEM Schools (NCSSS)

Mr. Russell Davis began his one-year term at the NCSSS annual conference held earlier this month in Boston, Massachusetts. Prior to his appointment as president, Mr. Davis has served on the NCSSS Board of Directors since 2012.

As president, Mr. Davis will lead an alliance of 100 secondary schools and organizations that focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education. Currently NCSSS serves over 70,000 students throughout the nation. “NCSSS is committed to promoting STEM education and sharing best practices among schools” Mr. Davis said.

Mr. Davis’ election as president of the consortium also reflects the prominent role that the Bergen County Academies plays on the national level in the area of STEM education. This past year Mr. Davis met at the White House with President Obama’s technology advisors and went to Capitol Hill to promote STEM initiatives on the national level. As President-elect, Mr. Davis was responsible for organizing the NCSSS National Student Research Conference held in June at BCA and Stevens Institute of Technology and served as Program Chair for the 2016 NCSSS Professional conference in Boston.

Mr. Davis stated “When we began our first Academy in 1992 our school relied on the help and support of NCSSS member schools. Years later, I’m glad that we are able to “Pay it Forward” by helping other schools interested in providing advanced STEM education to their students.”

Class News Updates

Class of 2017

Greetings Class of 2017!

We hope all of your children are feeling a little more relaxed as they move along the college application process! We have several updates for you outlined below:

- **December 5th** is the deadline for personal yearbook ads for your son/daughter. This is a wonderful long time tradition for parents and family to express their congratulations for our soon to be graduates! Please see the attached order form in this newsletter.
- Our Senior Alumni Breakfast will take place on the half day of **Friday, December 23rd**. Approximately 500 people were in attendance last year! A sign-up looking for volunteers to help us set up will be sent out shortly.
- Mark your calendars! Our "All Aflutter" Fashion Show will take place at the Old Tappan Manor on **Thursday evening, March 30th**. A raffle basket sign up and solicitation form was recently sent out. Especially if you are not able to volunteer your time, we ask that you kindly consider making a donation or soliciting donations from your favorite hairdressers, spas, retailers, restaurants etc. In addition, our class council has sent out a request to our students looking for models with a 12/15 deadline. We encourage the students to participate!

We are grateful to all of our parents for helping to make senior year a memorable one for our students! Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Warm Regards,
D'Arcy Natale & Allison Orecchio
Class of 2017 Class Moms
bcaclassof2017@gmail.com

Class of 2018

Greetings to the Class of 2018 -

We have so much news to share, but first we'd like to start by saying **thank you** to all the volunteers and donors for our recent open house bake sale. We greatly appreciate the delicious treats and beverages you contributed. We want to send a special thank you to those who stood with us outside in the wind, helping sell, and making the event so profitable!

Our fundraising continues with the upcoming Cabaret in April. We had our first planning meeting in October and our next will be in January. If you could not make the meeting but are still interested in participating in one of our many committees, please reach out to us. This is a wonderful event in which to participate, and we are always eager to work with as many parents as possible

As we begin to prepare the many raffle baskets for the Cabaret, we would like to request that you save any empty gift baskets you may receive during the holiday season. Please put a label on them marked "Junior Class Cabaret" and drop in the front office. Or, if you have a few of them, please send us an email and we will arrange to pick them up. We also welcome all types of donations for the raffle baskets. If you would like to help us, or know of a local business that you think would like to donate to our class, please let us know. We will also be sending out a "Sign-up Genius" with a 'wish list' of items to fill our raffle baskets.

During this Thanksgiving holiday, we would like to extend our thanks to all of you for your continued support and involvement. We wish you a wonderful holiday season!

Warmly,
Rena, Christine and Jordana
BCAclassof2018@gmail.com

Class News Continued.....

Class of 2019

Greetings Class of 2019 parents! Our class has started the year off with some productive fundraising. In October, the sophomores hosted the freshmen at a Fright Night movie night; this well attended and fun event raised \$400. We also held a bake sale last month that raised over \$500! Many thanks to all of the generous parents who volunteered and donated food, decorations, and baked goods.

Mark your calendars: the date for the **Froshmore semi formal has been set for Friday March 24th**. Much more information to come!

If you have not already done so, please submit your student's class dues as soon as possible. Although senior year seems far away, prom and other events call for deposits. All class dues go towards your child's senior year activities. Please reach out to us via email with any questions at bcaclassof2019@gmail.com.

We will be holding our first parent coffee hour of the year on Tuesday morning, November 29th, at the Panera Bread on Route 4 in Paramus. We will send out the invitation via email and hope to see many of you there! Additionally, keep up to date with announcements on our Facebook group: search for "BCA Class of 2019 Parents" and request to join.

Wishing you all very Happy Thanksgiving!

Warm regards,
Pam, Amy and Kirstie

Class of 2020

Hello Class of 2020 Families!

Fall is here and we hope your children are feeling at home at BCA! Elections for Freshman Class Council are over - congratulations to all. The positions are for one year and will be filled on an overall grade level basis and by individual representatives for each academy. What does the Freshman Council do? 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 2020. Mrs. Sousa and Mrs. Kim, our class advisors, 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 is the **Nutcracker on Friday December 2nd**. There will be other events, so stay tuned. Coffee Chats will continue through the end of the school year - December 2nd at 7 pm at the Panera on Rt 4 in Paramus - is our next one. These get togethers will be an opportunity for us to provide you with information regarding upcoming events for our class, in addition to being a great way for the parents to continue to get to know one another! Going forward, we will vary the meeting times so that everyone has an opportunity to join us! 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.

And as always, if you have any questions you can contact us via email.
Roxann Castelli & Renata Ayob
bcaclassof2020@gmail.com

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.

Bergen County Academies invites you:

Autumn Concert

*Michael Lemma - Director of Music
Benjamin Isecke- Concert Band Director*

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

7:00 pm

*Bergen County Academies Auditorium
200 Hackensack Avenue. Hackensack, New Jersey*

*With BCA instrumental ensembles:
Orchestra, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Guitar & Mandolin Orchestra,
String Quartet, Saxophone Ensemble.*

Highlighting selected BCA students in solos, duets and trios

Featuring works by Tchaikovsky, Haydn, Vivaldi and Charlie Parker.



Tickets available at the door only. Suggested donation: \$8.00

For more information please call **Michael Lemma**, Director of Music at (201) 343-6000 x2313
or visit us on line: www.bergen.org/music

Notable Creative Writing



BCA writers have once again dominated in the seasonal American High School Poets Just Poetry!!! competition.

An AVPA junior and AAST juniors were chosen as Topical winners. An AEDT senior was chosen as a National winner. He will go on to compete for their \$500 scholarship. Good luck!

Dates for the 2017 BCA Summer Writing Program will go up on the website (<https://sw.bergen.org/>) in January.

Thanks,
Richard Weems

BCA Math Team places 1st in National Fall Startup Event

National Assessment & Testing held their 2016 Fall Startup Event on September 29, 2016. BCA took first place, beating out 24 high schools around the country. 23 BCA students also ranked among the top 25 students nationally in their grade. Congratulations to all!

Lisa Park
BCA Math Team Boosters



E-PA

**E-PA (Engineering Parents Association) Presents:
ENGINEERING LAB TOURS**

Save the date: Wednesday, December 7th, at 7pm in the 1st floor caf.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to tour all four engineering labs and learn about the incredible research opportunities available at BCA. The tours will be provided by the research mentors and will include the following labs:

- Mr. DeFalco's Mechanical Engineering Lab
- Mr. Liva's Electrical Engineering Lab
- Mr. Nodarse's Mechatronics Lab
- Adult Maker Space

Don't forget to join our E-PA Facebook group at <http://bit.ly/2cwrull> where you will find updates, resources and more, not to mention the opportunity to connect with other E-PA members!

Not yet a member? It is never too late to join our vibrant group! For a membership form see the membership form attached, visit our E-PA page on the PPO website (<http://www.academyppo.com/e-pa.html>) or click here http://www.academyppo.com/uploads/1/1/1/7/11170958/e-pa_flyer_1016-17.pdf

Questions? Suggestions? Contact Tal Millet at talmillet@hotmail.com



E-PA

Engineering Parent Group

Join the parent group of AEDT students!

E-PA activity plans include:

- Presentations by engineering and design professionals
- AEDT student panel
- Engineering field trip
- Networking opportunities with engineering and design organizations
- Social and fundraising events for students and families
- Supporting engineering competitions, clubs, and activities
- AEDT Senior Awards (awarded to members only)

Membership is open to all BCA families who are interested in engineering and design.

E-PA Membership Form for 2016-2017 is attached.

Please remember your annual membership fee of only \$15 truly helps supports the students!

Questions? Suggestions?

Please contact Tal Millet

talmillet@hotmail.com 201-774-1877

Please mail this form with a check payable to Academy PPO/E-PA
to: Tal Millet, 626 White Pine Rd., Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

E-PA Membership Form for 2016-2017

Please check all that apply.

- ☐ YES, we would like to join E-PA. Our \$15 dues for the school year are included.
- ☐ Please accept our additional donation of \$____ to support E-PA activities.
- ☐ ·I would like to serve as an officer on the E-PA board.
- ☐ ·I work in the engineering and design field.
- ☐ ·I have a professional contact that could help us as a speaker or resource.
- ☐ ·I would like to volunteer at an event.

Name of Student(s) _____

Academy & graduation year _____

Name of parent(s) _____

Parent(s) email address _____

Phone number _____



SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 13, 2016
7:00 P.M.

THE **MEDSCI PARENTS ASSOCIATION** IS EXCITED TO WELCOME

ANNA RADAKRISHNAN
BCA CLASS OF 2014

WHO ATTENDS THE HONORS PROGRAM IN MEDICAL EDUCATION
NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

TO SPEAK ABOUT 7 AND 8 YEAR MED PROGRAMS

PARENTS AND STUDENTS IN ALL ACADEMIES ARE WELCOME TO
ATTEND

ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS,
CONTACT SMSTIER@GMAIL.COM OR HGORMD@GMAIL.COM

BizPA News!

Hello ABF Families,

The November meeting with Mr. Lynch about IB curriculum will now be in late January or early February.

December--Daytime parent coffee is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 6 after drop off. Location to be determined.

January--Annual Alumni panel hosted by Mr. Kaser. Recent graduates return to discuss the process of choosing a college and their experiences during first semester. Parents will be needed to judge the DECA Regionals held 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on January 9th (snow date January 10th) at Ramapo College. Volunteers will be given a rubric and judge students in role play situations. For more information or to signup, please email Michelle Pinke at micpin@bergen.org. This is a great way to see what your child does in DECA firsthand!

March--Mrs. Lawler will discuss Senior Experience which is the internship program ABF students participate in on Wednesdays of their Senior Year. BCA will host the Econ Challenge which is being worked on now. More information to come.

April--Evening Parent event

May--BizPa hosts a catered IB luncheon for seniors who have just completed their IB exams

The BizPa Board and the families of the juniors and seniors on the trip would like to thank Paul Kaser for organizing the most amazing and action packed IB Capstone Experience Global Trip to London. The students engaged in a wide range of activities from visiting schools including Oxford and the London School of Economics to cooking and feeding the homeless to a bike ride tour. They attended the theater, rode the London Eye and toured Westminster Abby. Their business meetings included the NBA, Lloyds of London, London Metal Exchange and the City of London's Economic Development Office. It really was an experience of a lifetime. Thank you Mr. Kaser for all your hard work and thank you to our chaperones Danielle Kouefati, Michael Abramson, Nancy Sousa.

Lastly, we are still looking for two parents to join the BizPa board from the class of 2020 and if you have not yet joined BizPa, please do.



BIZPA

Business and Finance Parents Organization

Membership Form for the 2016 – 2017 Year

Membership dues are \$20/year and can be paid with either Cash or Checks Payable to "Academy PPO – BIZPA"

Name of Parent(s):

Name of Student(s):

Year Graduating: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: Home: _____

Cell: _____

Email Address(es):

Interested in Volunteering at Events: Yes or No (circle one)

If you have any questions, suggestions, ideas, and/or issues, please send an email to
Please mail completed form and payment to Erin Kemeys, 236 Glen Avenue, Glen Rock, NJ 07452



2016 FALL SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT



Dear Parents and Guardians:

You are cordially invited to attend The Knight's 2016 Fall Sports Awards Night. The Bergen County Technical High School District is very proud of our athletes and their accomplishments. This night will pay tribute to the dedication, sportsmanship and leadership qualities represented by our Knights athletic teams.

The night will commence in the BCA Auditorium on Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 at 6:30pm. The agenda is as follows: recognition of all participants in our athletic program, recognition of our senior athletes, an introduction of all sports by the head coaches and a sports presentation. At the conclusion, each team will breakout into individual ceremonies designated per team (on BCA premises). Please refer to your coach for details.

Please submit your RSVP's as follows:

Hackensack athletes	-	Ms. Kruse, BCA Athletic Office
Teterboro athletes	-	Ms. Gaggis
Paramus athletes	-	Mrs. Donatello, in the main office
ATHS	-	Ms. Sandra Zawadzki

You may also mail, or e-mail reservations to:

**Will Muller – Supervisor of Athletics
Bergen County Technical Schools
200 Hackensack Avenue
Hackensack, NJ 07601**

Or

yvokru@bergen.org;

Please fill out the form below and make your reservation on or before November 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kruse at (201) 343-6000 ext. 2287.

(Please check one - PRINT CLEARLY)

I, _____ (student-athlete) plus # of guests _____ will attend.

SPORT PLAYED IN FALL 2016: _____

KNIGHTS SPORTS PARENTS BOOSTER CLUB

Supporting Bergen Tech Athletics and Keeping Its Families Informed

If your child is considering playing a sport or cheerleading this year, please send in your membership form NOW so that we can provide you with important information about the athletic program.

Our goal is 100% participation by all sports families.

Your membership helps us to:

- Connect you to our athletics community via e-mail updates, our team parent program & "Planning Meetings" with coaches at the start of each season.
- Help our teams excel by providing funding for team training, tournaments, & equipment not covered by the school athletics budget.
- Promote school spirit at all three BCTS Campuses.
- Award scholarships to outstanding graduating student-athletes.

To be eligible for a Knights Booster Scholarship, student-athlete's family must be a Booster Member.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND SPORTS PROGRAMS!

Membership Fee: Only \$25 per family & includes family admission to home games. Please send the bottom of this form with your check made payable to "Bergen Tech Boosters to the athletic office. 200 Hackensack Ave, Hackensack NJ 07601

Please print clearly.

Student's Name(s): _____

CAMPUS: Hackensack____ Teterboro____ Paramus____ Year of Graduation_____

Parent/Guardian: _____ E-mail address _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ E-mail address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone(s): _____

____ Enclosed is our \$25 Membership. ____ We've enclosed an additional donation of _____

____ I'd like to be a team parent representative for my child's team. Parent's name: _____

Deadline
Dec. 5th

BCA YEARBOOK Parent Ad Order Form

CONTACT INFO

PARENT NAME: _____

GRADUATE'S NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Our staff will be designing the parent ads for the BCA YEARBOOK.

Please check the box below which corresponds to the type of ad you will be purchasing.

If you will be purchasing more than one ad, please submit one order form per ad.

OPTIONS & COST

FULL PAGE 8.25"w x 10.S"h	1/2 PAGE 8.25"w x S"h	1/4 PAGE 4"w x S"h	1/8 PAGE 4"w x 2.25"h
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 photos & 180 words maximum original design <input type="checkbox"/> created by parent submit as single file JPG I 300dpi • camera ready	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 photos & 90 words maximum original design <input type="checkbox"/> created by parent submit as single file JPG I 300dpi • camera ready	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 photos & 45 words maximum	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 photos & 25 words maximum
\$400	\$220	\$140	\$80

HOW TO SUBMIT

- ☐ **EMAIL:** Mail the completed form & check before you email us your digital images (300 dpi/JPG) & text to: miymin@bergen.org
Please include the text you want to use in your ad (type text into email body or attach as Word document)
Put the graduate's name as the subject of the email. Send only one email per ad.
- ☐ **MAIL:** You can mail digital images (300 dpi/JPG) & text in CD or USB with your payment/order sheet.
CD or USB will not be returned. Please make sure you have backup of photos

TOTAL AMOUNT

(Check made to Academy Yearbook)

Cost of Ad:\$ _____

Total Amount : \$ _____

Check#: _____

MAIL PAYMENT AD PACKET TO:

ATTN: EVELYN RIOS
Bergen Couny Academies
200 Hackensack Avenue
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Ace the ACT

Learn A Strategy For Every Question You'll Face On The ACT

***The Catalyst ACT Bootcamp* is a momentum-boosting seminar that arms students with go-to strategies for every question they'll face on the day of the test. Topics include how to:**

- Spot hidden clues that instantly reveal the main idea in long ACT Reading passages
- Highlight key information in seemingly confusing ACT Science passages
- Shortcut ACT Math questions that stump more than 90% of test-takers
- Crack the 10 types of English questions guaranteed to be on the ACT

OUR UNIQUE GUARANTEE

The Catalyst ACT Bootcamp is not a “mock” ACT or an infomercial for our services. The Catalyst ACT Bootcamp is a strategy-packed weekend seminar that teaches students techniques for cracking every single question they'll face on the day of the test. Catalyst is uniquely poised to help students maximize their score because we take the real ACT every time the test is offered to make sure our strategies are effective. We use our insider knowledge of the ACT to help students turn the ACT's predictability to their utmost advantage.

LOCATION

Bergen County Academies

COST

Just \$175 to enroll by Wednesday, November 30th at 6pm. We unfortunately cannot accommodate walk-in students.

SCHEDULE

Day 1: Saturday, December 3rd, 9am – 1pm

Day 2: Sunday, December 4th, 9am – 1pm

Students attend both days.

TO ENROLL

Visit www.CatalystPrep.com and click on “Bootcamp Sign-Up” on the website menu bar. For more information email info@CatalystPrep.com or call **800.235.0056**.

CATALYST

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Class of 2017 Project Graduation

Dear Parents of the Class of 2017,

As our kids are knee-deep in college applications, we are already busy preparing the Class of 2017's Project Graduation!

Immediately following the graduation ceremony, it is a long standing tradition that the graduating class attends a special all-night, chaperoned, substance-free celebration at a surprise location. Although the venue cannot be disclosed, we can tell you that this special evening will include a delicious dinner, a variety of great activities, snacks, round-trip transportation, and other surprises. It is truly a fun-filled and safe way for the entire class to come together and celebrate.

We are excited to share that preparations for **Project Graduation 2017** are well underway! The cost to attend is **\$225** per student. Although payment was due September 15, there's still time to sign up your child. We hope all members of the Class of 2017 will attend so we have **extended the deadline to November 1, 2016**. As you can imagine, planning such an event in the greater Bergen County area is time-sensitive, as venues are limited and demand is high. Thus, we appreciate your assistance with immediate payment so that we may plan the best possible evening for our children.

This event is funded solely by the parents of the graduates. There is NO financial assistance from the school, the Class Fund, the PPO or any other organization within the school. *To be clear, the dues that were collected as our children entered BCA supported the 2017 Class Fund and do not finance this event in any way.*

If you have any questions, please call or email any one of us. We thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to working with you to plan a memorable graduation celebration for our children!

Sincerely,
Project Graduation 2017 Committee

Lynn Taylor
551-206-9481
lynn.mcewantaylor@gmail.com

Mariangela Pepe
201-687-1399
arc66@verizon.net

Wendy Lupo
201-788-6674
wenlupo@me.com

Make your check payable to: **Project Graduation 2017**

Please write your child's name on the check

Mail to: Lynn Taylor, 559 Colonial Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

** We want all members of the Class of 2017 to be included in this special night. If there is a financial hardship, please contact one of us.*

-----Detach and send with payment-----

Due: November 1, 2016

Student's Name _____ Academy _____

Parent's Name _____ Parent Email _____

Parent Phone # _____