

Portrait of a Graduate



BRONX COLLEGIATE ACADEMY



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⌘ Who We Are

Driven by our core values of **Believe, Collaborate, and Achieve**, B.C.A. is a vibrant school community that values the **identity** and **contributions** of each of our **students, parents, and staff members**. We aim to support our students both in the classroom and beyond, striving to create leaders of tomorrow.

At BCA, we will give you the space to demonstrate integrity, mutual respect, resilience, and an appreciation of yourself, your peers, and your community.



⌘ Connect With Us

Website	bronxcollegiate.org
Phone	718- 410- 4077
Instagram	@bxcollegiateacademy



Field TRIPS

At BCA, we travel outside the building often for trips that are centered around fun, building our community, and planning for our futures.

OUR FAVORITE PLACES:

- Six Flags
- Kalahari
- American Dream
- Dave and Busters
- Princeton Blairstown
- College Visits
- Puerto Rico

BCA

LIFE

School Merch

We take repping our school seriously! The halls of BCA are filled with students and staff wearing BCA Swag.

BCA students frequently get rewarded with free school swag for their outstanding effort and achievements.



Community Events

We love to celebrate, have fun, and build traditions together!

OUR ANNUAL EVENTS:

- Field Day
- Heritage Celebrations
- Talent Shows
- Battle of the Grades



Staff & Student RELATIONSHIPS

At BCA, we are FAMILY! We value strong relationships between students and staff.



Discover more about our vibrant school life on Instagram!



“
The [senior trip] to Puerto Rico was great because I was able to connect with other seniors outside of the classroom!
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Chanely Rivas
Class of 2026





I was able to grow and learn more about myself, while also expressing my love for the sport

Angel Guerrero Class of 2026



Sports at TAFT

BCA students compete on the Taft Golden Eagles PSAL teams!

"I think it's something everyone should experience – whether that's being on the team or being in the crowd cheering on the team – I mean that from the bottom of my heart."

- Lysander Garcia, Class of 2025



Check out our teams on Instagram!



Basketball

@TaftVarsityBasketball
@Taft_VarsityBasketball
@Taft_JVBasketballTeam



Softball

@LadyEaglesTaftSoftball



Baseball

@GoldenEagles0



Volleyball

@Taft_GirlsVolleyballTeam
@TaftVolleyball2025



Soccer

@TaftEaglesBoysSoccer



Track & Field



Wrestling



Flag Football

@Taft_Flag_Football



Clubs at BCA

The BCA experience doesn't stop when the bell rings! Many students take part in the many afterschool activities we offer on campus!



- National Honor Society
- Ladies First: Sisterhood
- A Few Good Men Brotherhood



- YouthVerse Lit Magazine
- GSA
- Anime Club



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"A Few Good Men taught me to be responsible for myself and then my fellow brothers"

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Delali Donya
Class of 2021



- Video Game Club
- Student Government
- Art Club
- Boxing Club



- Driver's Education Course
- Yearbook Club
- Taft Campus Musical



- Community Service Club
- Cosmotology Club
- Model United Nations



- Magestic Eagles Dance Team
- TAFT Cheerleading
- Latin Dance Club



"[Model UN] really pushed me out of my comfort zone and challenged me to gain more confidence within myself and also start public speaking"

Natalie Grant
Class of 2020



When I was at BCA, I was co-editor of Future U, I was part of the EMT program, the National Honor Society, the yearbook club, and I also got my Seal of Biliteracy... I always felt included no matter what- that's what makes BCA so special to me!

Valery Sepulveda
Class of 2025



BCA Families

At BCA, we are committed
to making our families,
FAMILY!

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Everyone at the school has been exceptionally kind, personable, and dedicated to helping my daughter succeed. I deeply appreciated the student incentives for good grades and attendance, such as trips to amusement parks and Broadway plays, as well as the engaging parent activities like bingo and parents' night events. The faculty and staff always made us feel welcome and valued.

Diana Suarez
BCA Parent

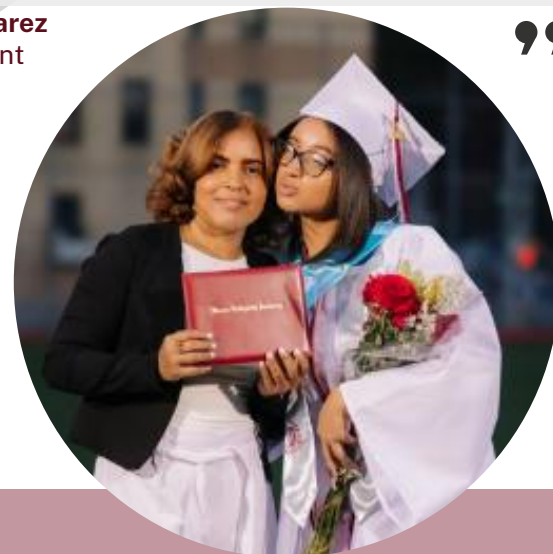
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BCA has been a very good experience for our family. The teachers, Principals, and staff are very helpful and make sure the students have a good learning environment. I was kept up to date on my child's studies during the school year. Thanks to the BCA community for the continued support for our children.

Jeanette Rowe
BCA Parent

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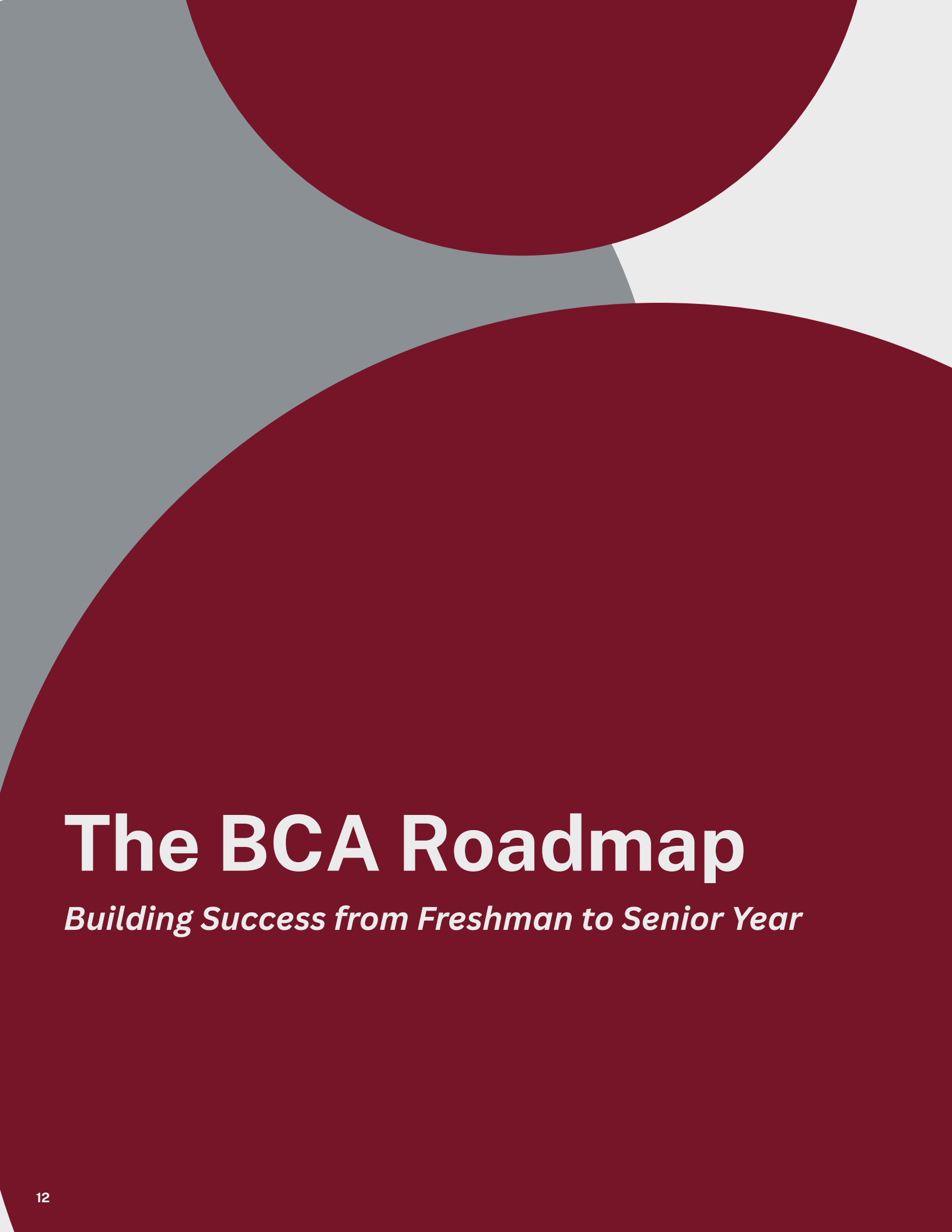


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Quote from Anthony Anderson

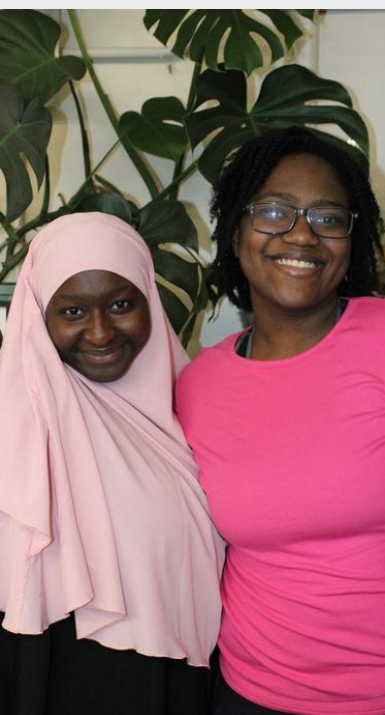
Anthony Anderson
BCA Parent

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The BCA Roadmap

Building Success from Freshman to Senior Year





"BCA is a warm, welcoming environment where you feel completely comfortable expressing who you are. The community here is so strong. The teachers make every single day special, and making great friends made all of the school events even more fun!"

Anthony Blanco
Class of 2029

9th Grade Year: *Building Your Foundation*

- **Summer Bridge:** Transition smoothly into high school, connect with future classmates, and earn high school credit before your first day through our summer bridge program.
- **Academic Support:** Build strong learning habits and master core subjects with dedicated support from 3x/week Learning Labs and Saturday Regents Prep.
- **CUNY Explorers:** Kickstart your college awareness early by visiting local CUNY campuses, exploring postsecondary pathways, and visualizing your future as a college student.

Core Classes

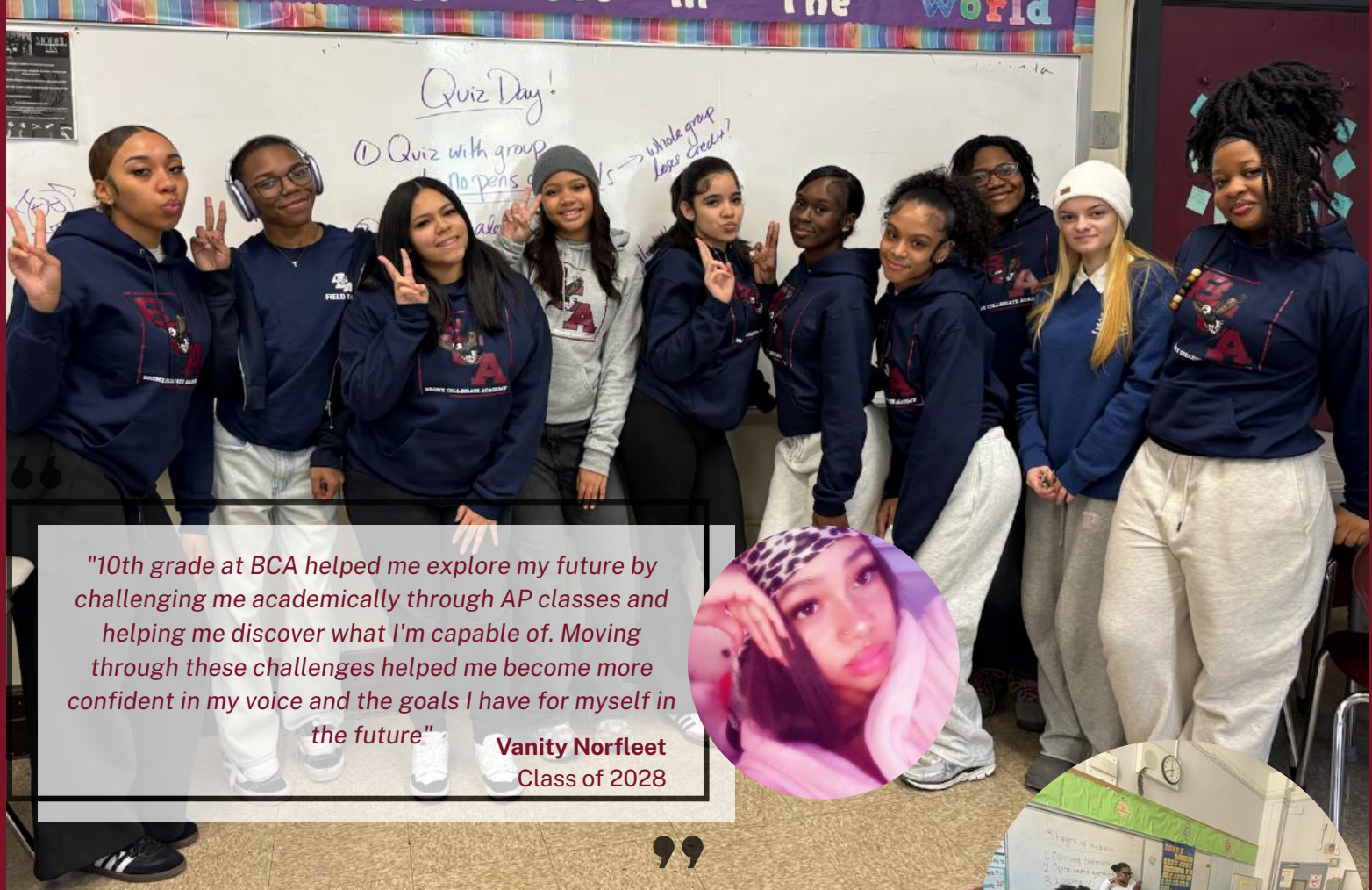
- **English:** ELA, Literacy Enrichment
- **Social Studies:** US History
- **Mathematics:** Algebra I
- **Science:** Biology
- **World Languages:** American Sign Language, French, Spanish, Russian

Accelerated Learning Track

Already passed some of the core classes? Jump ahead:

- Algebra I → Algebra II
- English → Honors ELA
- Biology → Earth and Space Science
- Social Studies → AP US History





"10th grade at BCA helped me explore my future by challenging me academically through AP classes and helping me discover what I'm capable of. Moving through these challenges helped me become more confident in my voice and the goals I have for myself in the future"

Vanity Norfleet
Class of 2028

10th Grade Year: Finding Your Voice & Exploring Opportunities

- **Early College & AP Opportunities:** Earn up to 15 college credits starting as early as your sophomore year through Hostos Community College and St. John's University "College Now" courses, while starting to expand your AP portfolio!



- **Career & Future Exploration:** Discover your personal interests using the Overgrad system during Career Discovery Day, and explore internships and careers in healthcare and business through our FutureReadyNYC Medical and Business Tracks.

Core Learning

- **English:** 10th Grade ELA, AP Language
- **Social Studies:** Global History
- **Mathematics:** Algebra Exploration, Algebra II, Geometry, Number Theory
- **Science:** Earth & Space Science, Biology Exploration
- **Arts & Electives:** Studio Art, Communications
- **World Languages:** Spanish, American Sign Language (ASL), French, Russian
- **Health Class**



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Janelky Prado
Class of 2019 & BCA Teacher



BCA is not just a place where you sit in class for four years; it is a true home that stays with you for a lifetime. In a world where many people only celebrate your success after you reach the top, the teachers, staff, and administration at BCA actually lace up their shoes and walk alongside you through every step of the journey, pushing you to succeed when you doubt yourself most. I am living proof of that long-term commitment. I loved this community so much that I never really left—I came back to teach in these same halls next to the very mentors who raised me.



❖ 11th & 12th Grade Years: *Discovering Passions, Launching Futures & Leaving Your Legacy*

Career Credentials & Technical Experience:

- Dive into specialized healthcare training through Anatomy & Physiology with opportunities to graduate as a fully certified EMT or EKG Technician, alongside paid internships, SYEP/LWG, and industry partnerships.

College & Technical School Application Prep:

- Work directly with advisors and peer leaders in our Student Success Center to get hands-on help building your list, writing essays, and submitting applications for college, trade, and technical schools.

NYS Seal of Civic Readiness:

- Stand out on postsecondary applications by demonstrating your civic knowledge, completing community action projects, and earning the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness distinction on your diploma.

Life Readiness & Senior Traditions:

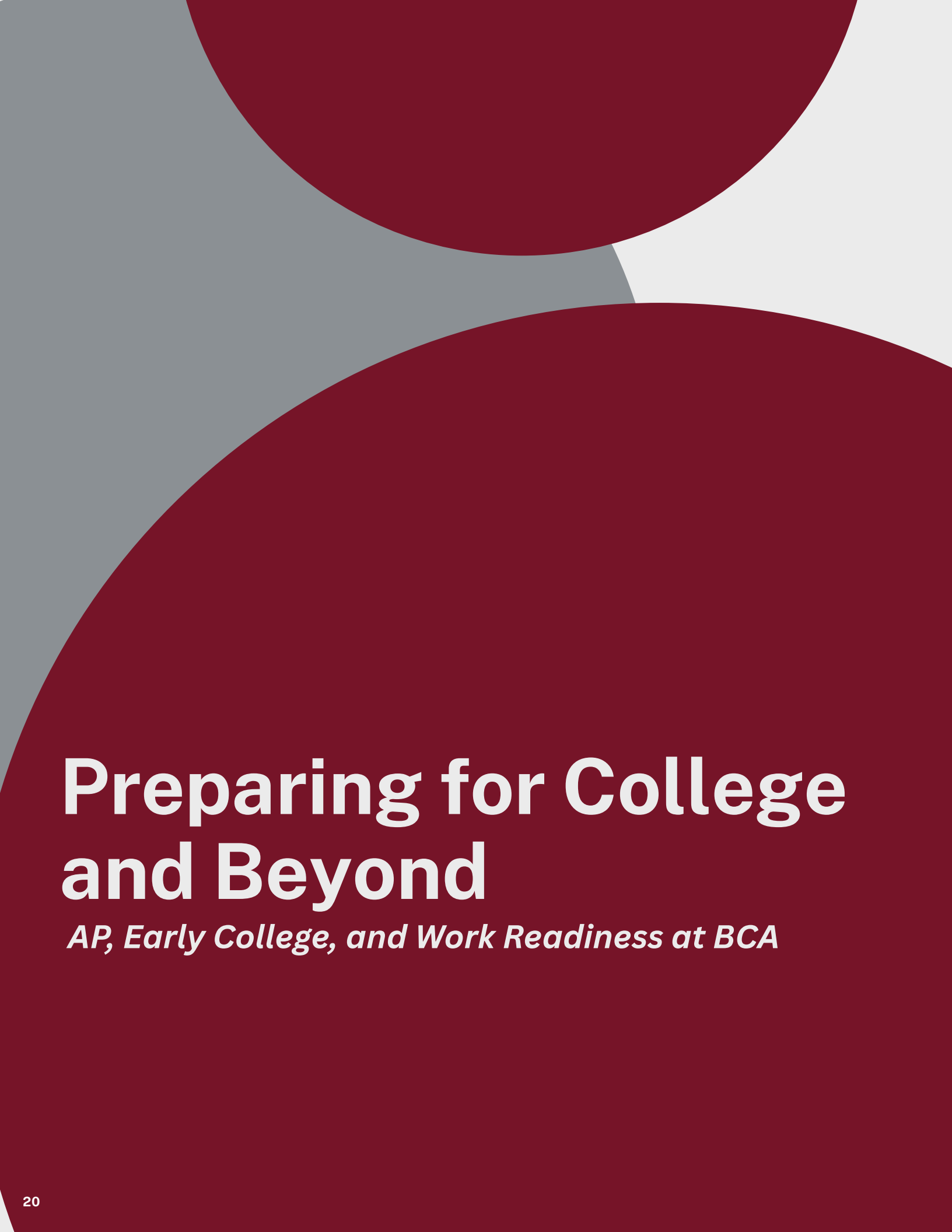
- Master real-world financial literacy, gain foundational civic knowledge in Participation in Government and Economics, and celebrate your achievements with our annual senior trip to Puerto Rico!



Additional Electives

College Now, AP Courses, Psychology, Intro to Business, Medical Diagnostics, Forensics, Coding, Cybersecurity, Broadcast Journalism, Creative Writing, Film Studies, Financial Literacy





Preparing for College and Beyond

AP, Early College, and Work Readiness at BCA



At BCA, we help you 'level up' from day one — giving you the opportunity to take advanced AP courses as early as your freshman year, and CUNY College Now courses starting your sophomore year.

AP and College-Level Learning at BCA

Are you eager to succeed in the college classroom and your future career? At BCA, we align our advanced classes with the New York State's "Portrait of a Graduate" guidelines. This means when you take our advanced courses, you aren't just memorizing facts, but you are actively training your brain to become an **academically prepared leader** and a **critical thinker** that makes you ready for college and beyond.



Mathematics and Sciences

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics



Social Sciences

- AP Human Geography
- AP United States History



Language and Literature

- AP English Language
- AP English Literature
- AP Spanish



College-Level Coursework and Career Readiness Programs

- CUNY College Now
- Dual-Enrollment
- Vocational Programs

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I signed up for the AP credit, but ended up gaining strategies I use in real time...[it] was definitely a lot, but it taught me that I was capable of balancing more than I thought. Like school, sports, friends, and my social life. I challenged myself academically while still leaving room for the things and people I cared about. 10th grade taught me that pushing yourself academically doesn't mean you have to miss out on the things that make your high school experience.

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Kylie Williams
Class of 2028

BCA: Building for the Future



Mathematics and Sciences

You will go way beyond basic math to see how things change in the real world. You'll learn to use advanced math rules to solve tricky problems, and then you'll explain your answers using pictures, numbers, and words.

CAREER CONNECTION

- Architecture
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Finance
- Medicine

CAREER CONNECTION

- Government
- Intelligence (FBI, CIA, Homeland Security)
- International Relations
- Law
- Public Policy
- Urban Planning

Social Sciences

You will think like a historian and a scientist who studies people. Instead of just memorizing dates, you will investigate how power, culture, and moving to new places change the world over time. You will look at real, historical documents to find patterns and see how small, local events connected to massive national trends.



Language and Literature

You won't just write essays or translate words; you will learn how to persuade people and understand different cultures. You will look at real-world arguments, spot unfair bias in global news, and read cool stories to see how language changes the way people look at the world.

CAREER CONNECTION

- Communication
- Content Creation & Strategy
- Journalism
- Marketing & Public Relations
- Teaching

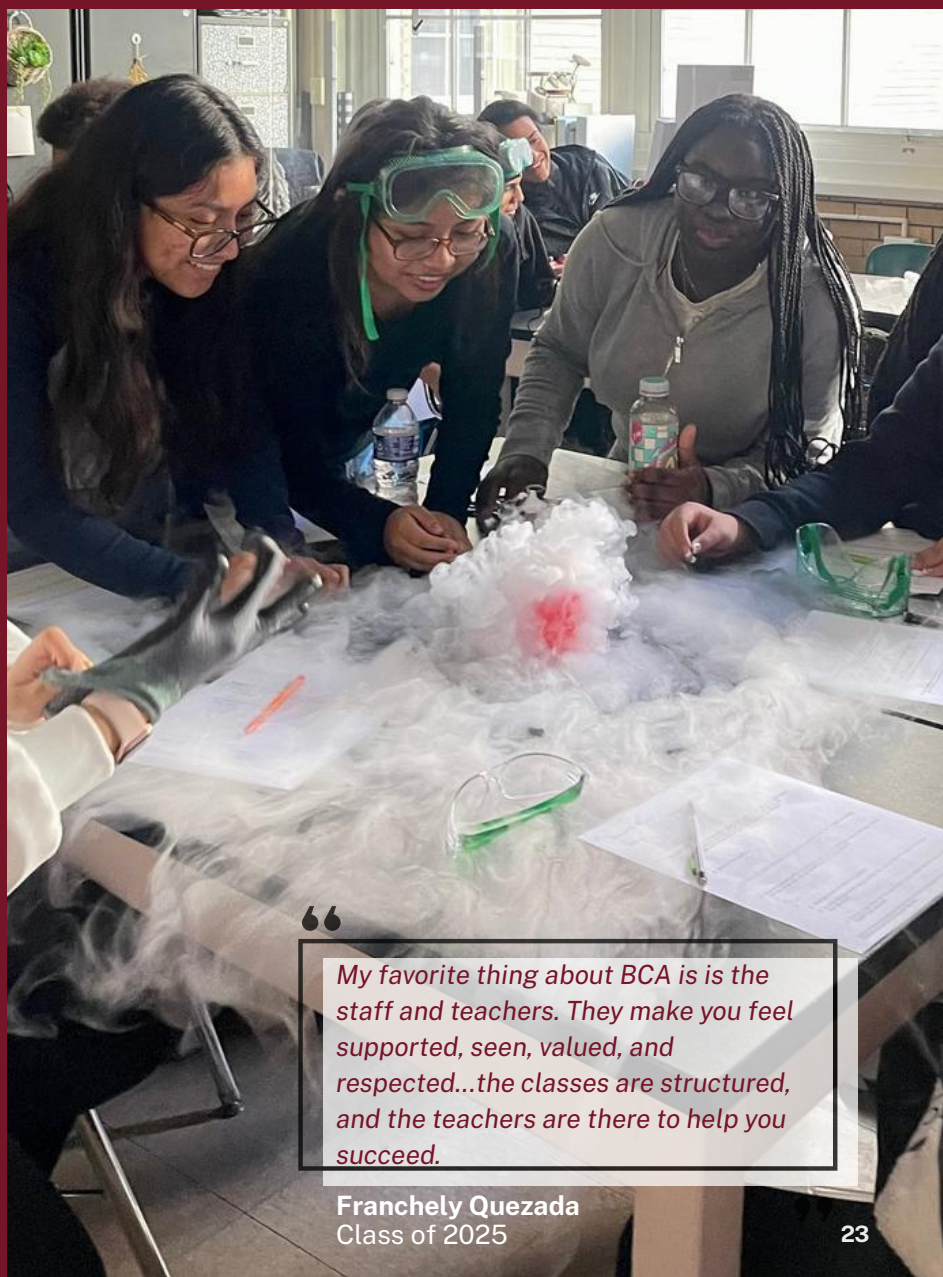
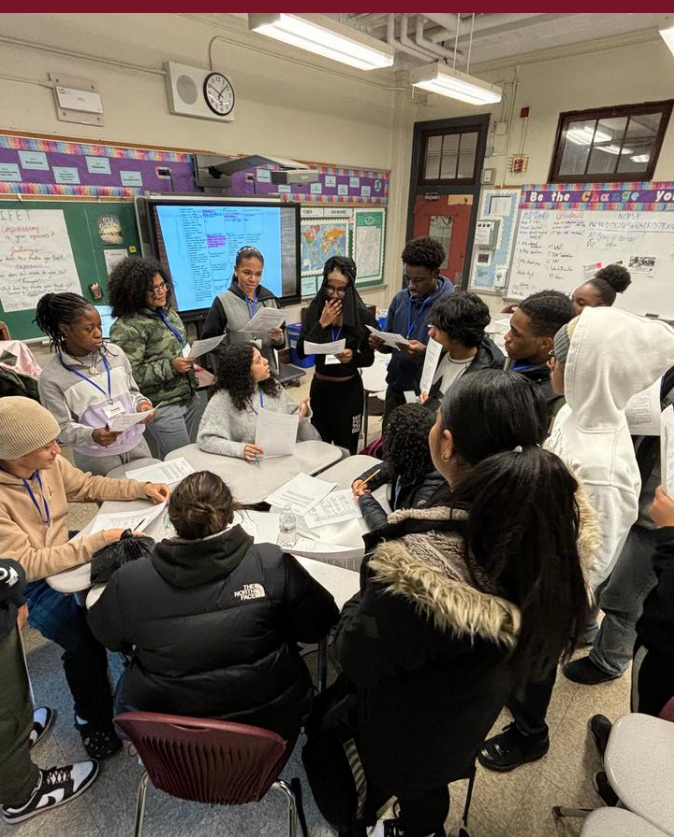


Student Testimonial



Lilian Kormey
Class of 2027

"For me, taking AP classes meant that I was challenging myself and proving to myself that I was just as smart. I think that although the idea of taking a 'college class' might be intimidating at first, you'll learn really quickly that like every good experience, the outcome is what you make it; and I can promise that with APs you'll almost always come out on top with a great feeling of satisfaction and contentment if you put in the work. Taking APs gave me insight into what to expect when I later decide to further my education. These classes taught me responsibility, commitment and I guess the value of dedication and hard work."



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My favorite thing about BCA is the staff and teachers. They make you feel supported, seen, valued, and respected...the classes are structured, and the teachers are there to help you succeed.”

Franchely Quezada
Class of 2025



FUTURE >>>
READY NYC



BCA: Building for the Future



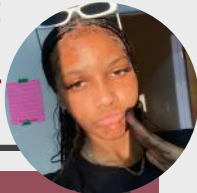
College Courses Taken by BCA Students:

- Psychology
- First Year Seminar
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Introduction to Healthcare Professions
- Interpersonal Relations and Teamwork

College-Level Coursework

Through the **CUNY College Now** program and our **dual-enrollment** partnerships with **Hostos Community College** and **St. John's University**, you can take real college classes taught by actual college professors. These amazing programs let you earn real college credits while you are still in high school!

Jahfeyah Oliver
Class of 2028



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10th grade has helped me a lot by allowing me to explore my future, find my voice, and become more confident in myself. Career Discovery Day and my first AP/College Now class showed me many different opportunities and also challenged me to work extremely hard. Because nothing in life comes easy. Getting involved in school activities helped me meet new people, become more responsible, and feel more connected to my school community.

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Vocational Programming: Future Ready NYC and the Trades

Through our hands-on job training programs, BCA students learn valuable skills in popular, high-paying trades. Plus, because we are a proud **FutureReadyNYC** partner school, our special **Healthcare** and **Business Management** programs give you the chance to get real-world work experience and earn professional career certificates before you even graduate!

Vocational Program Opportunities:

- HVAC
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Construction
- Business Management *
- EKG Technician Certification *

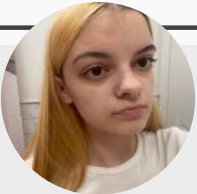
* **FutureReadyNYC Program**



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Being part of the EKG program was a rewarding experience. Not only did it deepen my passion for healthcare but I also earned my certification which opens new exciting opportunities in the future.

Taylor Ruzzo
Class of 2027



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The Portrait of a BCA Graduate

You will take a personalized journey to graduation, building the skills you need to thrive in college, your career, and your adult life.

Character of a Graduate



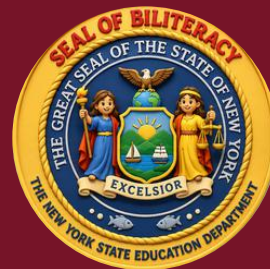
You will acquire **skills and qualities** necessary for graduation through:

- College-level courses (AP & College Now)
- FutureReadyNYC
- Vocational Training
- Community Trips & Real-World Experiences
- Work-Based Learning
- Community Service Projects

NYS Endorsements, Seals, and Credentials

During your four years at BCA, you will have the opportunity to earn **additional endorsements, seals, and credentials** for your diploma, including:

- The Seal of Biliteracy
- The Seal of Civic Readiness
- Basic Cardiac Life Support *
- Certified Medical Assistant





“What makes BCA so special is the fact that it does feel like a family... I met people who are essential to my life now... who have given me opportunities that I otherwise would not have gotten had I not gone to BCA.”

Kenneth Koko Class of 2022 ”

Life After BCA

Whether you dream of going to **college**, **trade school**, the **military** or stepping right into the **workforce**, BCA is here to help you achieve your goals. Starting your freshman year, you have the opportunity to attend college campus tours, ask advice from alumni currently in the workforce, and participate in vocational programs. As an upper classmen, you will receive individualized support to aid in finding a job or applying to college.

BCA College Acceptances

Private Schools

- Cornell University
- Dominican University
- Fordham University
- George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Howard University
- Ithaca College
- Manhattan University
- Marist University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Monroe University
- New York University (NYU)
- Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
- St. Bonaventure University
- St. John's University
- Syracuse University
- University of Chicago
- University of Mount Saint Vincent

SUNY

- Binghamton University
- Buffalo State University
- Farmingdale State College
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Purchase College
- Stony Brook University
- SUNY Brockport
- SUNY Cortland
- SUNY Geneseo
- SUNY Morrisville
- SUNY New Paltz
- SUNY Old Westbury
- SUNY Oneonta
- SUNY Oswego
- SUNY Plattsburgh
- SUNY Potsdam
- University at Albany
- University at Buffalo

CUNY

- Baruch College
- BMCC
- Bronx Community College
- Brooklyn College
- College of Staten Island
- Hunter College
- John Jay
- LaGuardia Community College
- Lehman College
- Medgar Evers College
- City Tech
- Queens College
- The City College of New York
- York College

Out of State Public Universities

- Penn State
- University of Connecticut
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Wisconsin–Madison





Shaped by Four Years, Connected for Life

The Lasting Impact of the BCA Family

❖ Hear From Our Alumni



Iden Amoako
Class of 2021,
Software Engineer
at Salesforce

"I believe that [AP Courses] taught me grit and resilience... you're surrounded by educators who are going out of their way to ensure the best possible outcome for you."



Shanyce Long
Class of 2022,
Technology
Coordinator

"BCA told me there's a lot that I can do- all I have to do is believe in myself to do it, and if I don't believe in myself, somebody in that building does."



Fiona Sampney
Class of 2019,
Registered Nurse

"The staff really cares about the progress and education of the students, and they find every resource available to help students reach their goals and attain their dreams."



Nataly Mendez
Class of 2025,
Envi & Sustainability Major
at Cornell University

"I entered BCA with little confidence and left feeling much more comfortable embracing who I am and taking on new challenges."



Hayko Reyes
Class of 2020,
Graphic Designer

"[The club, A Few Good Men] played a part in me getting a job..and being able to live on my own... BCA played a big part in where I am today, and I'm very grateful that I went there."



Jean De La Rosa
Class of 2020,
Engineer

“[BCA becomes] your family even before you know it. Little things like remembering your name when you just got to the school or checking up on you every time they can.”



Yaritza Castillo
Class of 2024,
Education Major at
New York University

“Events like field day.. allowed us to connect outside of the classroom. [Which showed] me the importance of community and building relationships, which is something I carry with me today.”



Aziz Nurudeen
Class of 2023,
Biology Major at
Lehman College

“They make a student want to learn more because they make it fun.”



Tasmina Rahman
Class of 2025,
Medical Science Major at
Hunter College

“Being able to sit in surgery during my senior year gave me an even greater understanding of what working in the medical field looks like and allowed me to see the importance of teamwork, percision and especially attention to detail.”

Listen to more alumni stories

