

Brockport Alternative School Environment (BASE)

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The Brockport Alternative School Environment (BASE) at Brockport High School opened its doors to approximately 35 students in September 2014. A multidisciplinary committee comprised of teachers, mental health professionals and administrators developed the program last school year. BASE is a voluntary program for high school students who may face challenges attending classes in a larger high school setting or other personal challenges.

BASE aims to provide an alternative learning environment to guide and support students. This support and guidance is offered through coursework presented within a smaller learning community as students work toward accomplishing individual goals and ultimately, graduation. Reduced class size, strong teacher-student relationships, opportunities for credit recovery, and differentiated instruction are hallmarks of the program.

So far, at the halfway point in the school year, many great successes and some opportunities for improvement have been identified. We are excited that nine students earned honor roll or high honor roll distinction for the first marking period. This is quite an accomplishment for all of them, especially since only one of them had earned the same honor last year at this time. As a brand new program, it is a priority for teachers and administrators to continue collaborating and reviewing student data and individual student progress to ensure students receive high-quality alternative learning opportunities in which they will be successful.



Honor Roll and High Honor Roll recipients pictured left to right are: K.C. French, Alycia Gallo, Sydney Love, Cheyanne Weitzel, Sarah Arcarisi, Samantha Stephens. Not pictured are: Kasey Buckmann, Kaitlyn Kretschman, Edwin Miranda.

Congratulations Brockport's Best, Tracy Bush

First grade Teacher Tracy Bush recently earned National Board Certification in the area of early childhood education. Completion of National Board Certification signifies that Ms. Bush demonstrates the skills of an accomplished education professional.

In presenting the *Brockport's Best* Award in recognition of this achievement, Board President Lisa Ireland pointed out that "An unbelievable amount of work goes into becoming nationally certified, and Tracy is our first teacher to achieve this certification. Tracy exemplifies our Core Belief of Teaching and Learning and we thank her for all she does on behalf of our students and our District."

Ms. Bush was nominated by her Principal, Deb Waye.



Brockport's Best is a recognition program from the Board of Education to honor individuals or groups associated with the Brockport Central School District for outstanding achievement. Nominations will be accepted on a continual basis and must align with Brockport's Strategic Plan. Forms may be found online at www.bcs1.org/brockportsbest, in school Main offices or by calling 637-1810.