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BALDWINSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## 2024-2025 Budget Vote

**MEET THE BOE CANDIDATES  
& PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**  
**Monday, May 13, 2024**  
**6 p.m.**

District Transportation Center  
2810 West Entry Road, Baldwinsville



**PUBLIC VOTE**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**  
**6 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

District Operations Building  
Main Campus  
29 East Oneida Street, Baldwinsville

## Superintendent's Message

*From Dr. Joseph M. DeBarbieri*



I'm proud to announce that the Baldwinsville Central School District has been honored for its commitment to music education for the 15th year in a row. The NAMM Foundation has recognized us with the 2024 Best Communities for Music Education

designation.

It's been an amazing school year so far for music education. I've had the honor to attend numerous band, orchestra and choral concerts and I'm looking forward to the shows scheduled for later this month. It's amazing to see the progression from the fall to the spring. I also attended both musicals: "Finding Nemo Jr." and "Matilda." They were incredible. Our students work hard and it shows during their performances.

Our Marching Band had a phenomenal season



in the fall and Marching Band Director Casey Vanderstouw was honored with the WCNY Classic FM Music Educator Award in January. Ray Middle School music teacher Tim Moshier and his 7th grade band performed at the NYSSMA All-State Conference in December. The Ray band was the only middle school band invited to perform at the conference.

Our Pep Band is the only high school band in America to serve as the guest house band for a Division I Basketball Program and this year they supported two colleges during their winter breaks. This was the 14th year the band played at Syracuse University



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# District News

## District hires new principals for Elden, Reynolds

Baldwinsville Central School District is pleased to announce that the Board of Education has appointed new principals at Elden and Reynolds elementary schools.

Joelle Fiorini was appointed the new principal of Elden and Kathleen “Kate” Liddle was appointed the new principal of Reynolds. They start on July 1st.

Elden Principal Thomas Coughlin announced his retirement in February. Reynolds Principal Melissa Chiodo was appointed to the position of Director of Academic Services effective July 1st.

“We are excited to welcome Joelle back to Baldwinsville as the Elden Elementary School principal,” said Superintendent Dr. Joseph DeBarbieri. “Her roots are in Baldwinsville. She’s committed to our district and our values.”

Fiorini started working for the district in 2010. She served as a teacher at Palmer Elementary School for two years and taught 6th grade at Ray Middle School for nine years. She was an administrative intern at Elden and Ray during the 2021-2022 school year. Joelle has served as the associate principal at Roxboro Road Middle School in the North Syracuse Central School District since July 2022.

“Having grown up in Baldwinsville and graduated from C.W. Baker High School, I have a deep connection to the community and its educational institutions,” Fiorini said.

Fiorini resides in Baldwinsville with her husband and their three children, who are actively engaged in the district’s schools.

Liddle is currently an administrator at East Syracuse Minoa Central High School. She has more than 20 years of experience in education. She has held roles in the Syracuse City School



District and the Liverpool Central School District as an instructional coach, and an English and reading instructor.

Liddle was born and raised in Central New York. After graduating from Jamesville-DeWitt High School, she attended SUNY Oswego where she earned a degree in K-12 Education. She earned her master’s degree in literacy from Syracuse University and returned to SUNY Oswego for her CAS in Educational Leadership.

“My many experiences throughout my career have led me to leadership, which has become my passion,” she said. “I truly enjoy working with students, teachers, and families. I am excited to share my love of learning at Reynolds Elementary within the Baldwinsville Central School District.”

DeBarbieri said Liddle’s passion and enthusiasm for education makes her the perfect candidate to be Reynolds’ next principal.

“She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the principal position and we’re excited to welcome her to our Hive,” Dr. DeBarbieri said.

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men’s and women’s basketball games.

The band also played at Le Moyne men’s and women’s basketball games during the college’s first year as a Division I program. Le Moyne loved the band’s energy so much that they invited the pep band to support the women’s basketball team in their appearance in the first round of WNIT.

This was also the first year of our musical instrument program, which provides instruments free of charge to elementary students in orchestra and band. With this program, the cost associated with being part of our band or orchestra will not be an issue for our students. The program is helping to prepare more students to join our Marching Band, Pep Band and other upper level music programs in the future. Go Bees!

# Around Our Schools

## C.W. Baker High School students receive 20 Scholastic Writing Awards

Thirteen C.W. Baker High School students have received a total of 20 awards in the 2024 Scholastic Writing Awards competition. Gold Key works are automatically advanced to the national level of adjudication in New York City, and National Medalists will be announced on June 12th.

### Gold Key:

*The very best works submitted to regional programs.*

Ciara Brezee, 12th Grade, "Grandma's House"  
Colin Haab, 11th Grade, "The Father's Aftermath"  
Zoe Howroyd, 12th Grade, "The Art Kid"

### Silver Key:

*Stand-out works submitted to regional programs that demonstrate exceptional ability.*

Miranda Barnard, 11th Grade, "The Banshee"  
Miranda Barnard, 11th Grade, "Chlorine"  
Ella Holtman, 12th Grade, "Ruff Reunion"  
Sophia Kaubisch, 11th Grade, "Eloise"  
Sophia Kaubisch, 11th Grade, "The Box"  
Isabella Mitts, 11th Grade, "Liminal"  
Lilly Rogers, 12th Grade, "10 Years Have Passed"  
Erin Seitzer, 11th Grade, "To Remember a River"  
Jessica Witz, 12th Grade, "I Wish I Was Blonde"



### Honorable Mention:

*Accomplished works submitted to regional programs showing great skill.*

Miranda Barnard, 11th Grade, "The Great Love Story"  
Miranda Barnard, 11th Grade, "Lethe"  
Maddison DiStasi, 11th Grade, "My Husband Came Home Last Night."  
Daniel Fenzl, 12th Grade, "One Last Smoke"  
Daniel Fenzl, 12th Grade, "Going Out"  
Sophia Kaubisch, 11th Grade, "Kaitlynn Is Dead"  
Isabella Mitts, 11th Grade, "The Witch"  
Sadie Ward, 11th Grade, "Rollercoaster"

## 2024 Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Samuel "Sam" Meriwether, a 6th grader at Ray Middle School, and Salvatore "Sam" Massa, a 5th grader at Palmer Elementary, for competing in the final oral round of the Syracuse.com | Post-Standard Spelling Bee in March.



Sam and Sam both made it to Round 5 of the bee, which ended in Round 6.



We are very proud of both of you! Great job!

Please Join Us...  
to celebrate the best of  
**Baldwinsville Athletics!**



Thursday, June 6th at 6 p.m.  
C.W. Baker High School Auditorium

2024 Baldwinsville Community Athletic  
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Dedication of main gymnasium at  
Baker High School to Coach Leo Johnson

2024 Athletic Awards

# 2024-2025 Budget

## Budget Summary

The table provides a comparison of the three major components: program, administrative, and capital of the 2024–25 proposed budget.

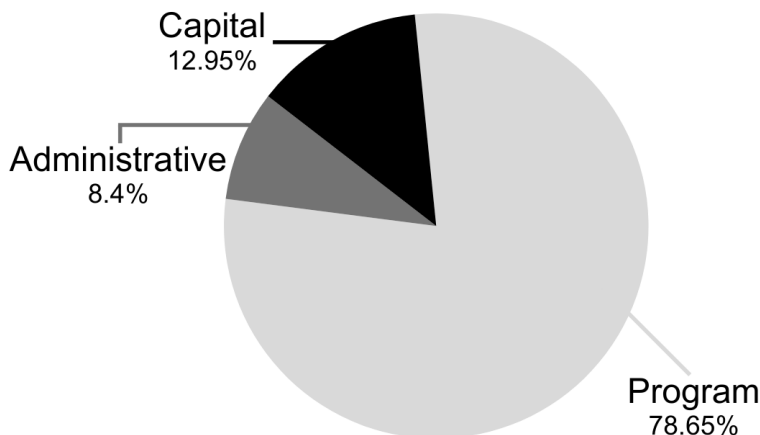
Baldwinsville CSD Three-Part Budget	2023–24	2024-25	Variance
<b>Administrative Budget</b>			
BOE/District Meetings	\$57,508	\$60,626	\$3,118
Central Administration Services	\$3,706,583	\$3,935,867	\$229,284
Supervision — Regular School	\$3,856,614	\$3,927,564	\$70,950
Property/Liability/Student Accident Insurance	\$294,455	\$313,159	\$18,704
BOCES Administration Charge	\$576,575	\$571,488	-\$5,087
Employee Benefits	\$2,616,083	\$2,545,388	-\$70,695
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$11,107,818</b>	<b>\$11,354,092</b>	<b>\$246,274</b>
Percent of Budget	8.60%	8.41%	-0.19%

<b>Program Budget</b>			
Regular School	\$42,293,423	\$43,142,544	\$849,121
Technology/AV/Library	\$2,767,307	\$2,788,331	\$21,024
Students with Disabilities	\$14,269,330	\$16,755,639	\$2,486,309
Athletics	\$1,692,181	\$1,798,164	\$105,983
Staff Development	Moved to Admin.		
Pupil Transportation	\$7,538,324	\$7,880,679	\$342,355
Students with Disabilities Summer Program	\$100,249	\$225,180	\$124,931
Employee Benefits	\$32,387,709	\$33,628,978	\$1,241,269
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>\$101,048,523</b>	<b>\$106,219,515</b>	<b>\$5,170,992</b>
Percent of Budget	78.24%	78.65%	0.41%

<b>Capital Budget</b>			
Facilities Expense	\$6,918,089	\$6,783,528	-\$134,561
Debt Service	\$8,085,284	\$8,601,989	\$516,705
Refund of Property Tax	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$1,988,408	\$2,084,450	\$96,042
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$16,997,781</b>	<b>\$17,475,967</b>	<b>\$478,186</b>
Percent of Budget	13.16%	12.94%	-0.22%

<b>Grand Total of Budget</b>	<b>\$129,154,122</b>	<b>\$135,049,574</b>	<b>4.56%</b>
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## EXPENSES



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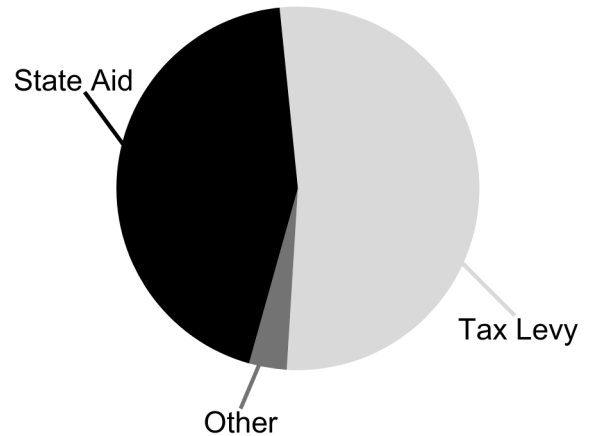


# 2024-2025 Budget

## District Revenue Sources

Estimated Revenues	2023-24	2024-25
Payment in lieu of tax (Pilot)	\$2,668,819	\$2,804,482
Other Revenues	\$1,398,500	\$1,398,500
Estimated state aid (inc. BOCES)	\$53,695,334	\$55,086,800
Building aid	\$5,356,883	\$5,627,452
Appropriation from fund balance	\$1,662,003	\$2,456,011
Appropriation from reserves*	\$1,058,596	\$1,902,222
<b>Total non-tax revenue</b>	<b>\$65,840,135</b>	<b>\$69,275,467</b>
Tax levy	\$63,313,987	\$65,774,107
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$129,154,122</b>	<b>\$135,049,574</b>

A major source of revenue to operate our school program comes in aid from New York State. The chart reflects estimated revenues and revenue sources to complete the proposed financial plan.



### What Happens If the Budget is Defeated?

The Board of Education has 3 options:

1. Put the same budget back before voters
2. Reduce the budget and ask voters to approve budget
3. Go directly to a contingent budget with no re-vote



If the budget is defeated twice, the board must adopt a contingent budget, which may not increase the current tax levy by any amount.

### How will a contingent budget affect the school district?

Under a contingent budget, there will be no instructional or non-instructional equipment purchases and no community use of facilities unless groups or organizations pay all associated costs. Further cuts from programs and administration would be required to conform to spending caps.

### Who Can Vote?

To be eligible to vote, you must be the following:

1. 18 years of age or older,
2. A citizen of the United States, and
3. A resident of the Baldwinsville Central School District for 30 days prior to the vote



# 2024-2025 Budget

## Capital Outlay Project

State law provides that a district may receive building aid in the following school year for one project each year, not to exceed \$100,000. These projects must be paid by budget appropriation (no borrowing) and require full voter authorization. This year the Board of Education has decided to include a capital outlay project for Palmer Elementary communications systems, stair tread replacement and bottle filler water cooler updates.



## Tax Impact

The proposed tax levy increase of 3.89% will likely result in a lower tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed value. The overall assessed property values, taking equalization rates into account, continues to increase. The increased assessed property values provides a larger base to divide the levy over which results in the tax rate per \$1,000 being lower. This has occurred over the past 4 years, though your tax bill may increase due to an increase in the assessed value of your home.

## Estimated Tax Rate Increase for 2024-2025

**Lysander, Van Buren and Clay**  
**Our Tax Cap is 3.89%**

The budget-to-budget increase is 4.56%

Change in Consumer Price Index was 4.1% for the last quarter of 2023

**SAVE THE DATE**

### **PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING & MEET THE BOE CANDIDATES**

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Visit our Website for  
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Early Voting  
Applications, and  
more information.

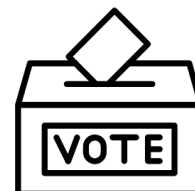


**Scan  
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### **WHERE TO VOTE?**

Voting will be held again this year at the District Operations Building located on main campus. The building is located next to the District Office in the former Transportation Center at 29 East Oneida Street. Voters can enter the parking lot on Albert Palmer Lane.



# Propositions

## PROPOSITION I -- 2024-2025 Budget

Shall the proposed budget of One Hundred Thirty-Five Million, Forty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$135,049,574) for the Baldwinsville Central School District as recommended by the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, be adopted and shall the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary taxes therefor?

## PROPOSITION II -- Internal Combustion Engine Student Transport Vehicles

Shall the Board of Education of the Baldwinsville Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance fourteen (14) diesel powered student transport vehicles, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$2,600,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$2,600,000, shall be issued?

## PROPOSITION III -- Zero Emission Student Transport Vehicle

Shall the Board of Education of the Baldwinsville Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance one (1) zero emission student transport vehicle, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$575,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$575,000, shall be issued?



# Board of Education Elections

## Meet the Board of Education Candidates

Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6 p.m.

District Transportation Center  
2810 West Entry Road, Baldwinsville



The community will have the opportunity to vote for four board members. Two board positions are for three-year terms commencing May 22, 2024 through June 30, 2027. One board position is for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. The fourth board position fills a vacancy from May 22, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The seats are presently held by Thomas Bull, Jeremy Cali, Donald Miller, and Christina Pavetto. Below and on the next page are the photos and biographies that each candidate submitted. The candidates are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot.



### Jennifer Geiger

I'm a lifetime resident of Central New York and proud resident of Baldwinsville since 2014. I graduated from Le Moyne College (BA) and SUNY Oswego (MS). With more than 20 years teaching (English grades 7-12), I've witnessed the shifts in education firsthand. Now, I'm stepping up to ensure our local school board prioritizes research-based decisions for our students' future readiness.

As a mother of five, three of whom are current students in this district, I'm deeply invested in our schools. I am committed to fostering inclusive environments and meeting students needs. Mental health concerns are rising, and I believe in empowering students with self-awareness and advocacy skills. I advocate for a balanced approach, supporting both technology and the arts to prepare our students for a rapidly changing world.



### Thomas Bull

I am running for school board because I believe I possess the necessary skills and experience that can help support and strengthen the district as we collectively move towards the future. I was appointed to the Board of Education in January 2024 and since that time have had the opportunity and privilege to engage directly with Baldwinsville parents, teachers, administrators, and most importantly students.

Professionally, I have 38 years of experience as an educator, at all levels. I taught as an inclusive elementary school teacher for 20 years and have spent the past 18 years in higher education as a school improvement consultant, administrator, and professor at the Syracuse University School of Education.

My personal philosophy, experience and educational pedagogy are directly aligned to the Board of Education/District goals, which focus on creating optimal educational experiences for students and teachers, creating safe and healthy learning environments, being fiscally responsible and promoting collaboration, cooperation, and communication. My primary goal as a Baldwinsville Board of Education member, if elected, will be to continue my direct involvement with the school community, to be accessible to all stakeholders and to actively uphold the mission of the district.

My wife, Nicki (a retired teacher) and I have been proud residents of Baldwinsville for 28 years. We have one child, Samuel, who is a 2016 C.W. Baker High School graduate, a 2020 Syracuse University graduate and is currently a television news producer in Pittsburgh, PA.





### **Don Miller**

Husband, Dad  
Teacher (MA Teaching)  
Principal (MA Enhancement, Education Administration)  
Minister (MA Theological Studies)

Friends, last year you elected me to return integrity and stability to a School Board that was hopelessly adrift. Over this past year, the Board has reclaimed a student-focused mission, and intentionally pursued an education vision incompatible with the self-interested, narrow political agendas that took us so far off-course.

This year's Board Report Card includes:

- Re-establishing a student-centered culture
- 96% graduation rate, 2nd highest in Central NY
- 2nd lowest cost per student in Central NY
- Added school safety equipment
- Emphasizing student and family relationships
- Close cooperation with Dr. DeBarbieri to strengthen core academics

I think this is the re-set you were hoping for last year – and we're just getting started. In the coming 1-3 years, this Board will put into action academic program and facilities improvements to deepen and advance learning and teaching, already approved this year in our long-term strategic plan. We will plan for Universal Pre-K. And we will focus on higher achievement for special needs students.

To lock in gains and maintain stability, we must stop politics at the school's edge and maintain our student focus. You trusted me to begin this work last year, and I hope I have earned your support to continue serving our students and families. There is much work to do. Let's do it together.

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### **Jeremy Cali**

I'm a criminal, civil, and corporate lawyer who has been litigating cases for more than 17 years. I have spent 12 years as a prosecutor and six of those years as Chief of the Special Victims Bureau. While at the District Attorney's Office, I specialized in the investigation and prosecution of homicides, child abuse cases, sexual assaults against adults, sex trafficking, and domestic violence. I have spent 5 years as in-house counsel for a large fintech company in Downtown Syracuse. I supervised litigation for their family of companies across the country. I currently have my own practice and have been doing criminal defense for five years at all levels.

I am a proud graduate of Baldwinsville Central Schools. My wife Patricia and I have four children. Sophia and Aidan are C.W. Baker High School graduates, Nathan is a 10th grader at Baker High School and Gracie is a 1st grader at Palmer Elementary School.

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### **Christy Pavetto**

It has been my privilege to serve our community on the school board and I would be honored to have your vote on May 21.

I believe an excellent school system is vital to a thriving community. In partnership with members of our community, teachers and staff, we can continue to support our students with the highest quality academic programming and a variety of experiences to interest every student. This requires board members who can work collaboratively, listen to constituents, and make thoughtful decisions. I will work hard to do all these things.

During my tenure on the board, I have gained a great deal of experience by serving as President and Vice President. I have also served on the Strategic Planning, Communications, Human Resources, Technology and Audit committees. My professional background includes degrees in education and business, allowing me to understand both the core work and business of a school district. As a healthcare administrator for 30 years, I have experience leading diverse teams and managing large budgets.

On a personal note, I am the proud mom of 2 wonderful boys. My younger son participated in our special education system and graduated with honors from LeMoyne College. I understand what all families do to support the education of their children. I would like to partner with you to help B'ville continue to help all students achieve their full potential.

# Baker's Dozen: The Top 13 in Baker High School's Class of 2024



**Kelsey Dwyer**

Class Rank: 1

**Honors:** National Honor Society, Rensselaer Medal Winner, National Merit Scholarship Commendation, Section

III Pole Vault Champion

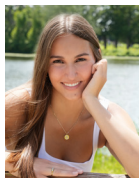
**School activities:** Soccer, Indoor Track and Field, Lacrosse, National Honor Society

**Activities outside of school:** Student Advisor to the Baldwinsville Community Scholarship Foundation, Club soccer

**College you plan to attend and major:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology; mechanical engineering

**Career plans:** I would like a career that allows me to travel.

**How has Baldwinsville prepared you for your future:** Baldwinsville has prepared me for my future by providing me with the opportunity to participate in both unique and challenging classes, as well as excellent sports programs.



**Emma Huhtala**

Class Rank: 2

**Honors:** National Honor Society, NYSPHAA Scholar Athlete, OCC President's List, AP Scholar with Honor

Award, National Merit Scholarship Commendation, Rotary Student of the Month

**School activities:** Crew, National Honor Society, Interact Club, Student Council

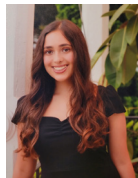
**Activities outside of school:** Rowing, babysitting my two younger sisters, volunteer work

**College you plan to attend and major:** Undecided; majoring in English

**Career plans:** I hope to find a career in which I can make a difference through writing.

**How has Baldwinsville prepared you for your future:** Baldwinsville has taught me valuable lessons that

I will carry with me throughout my life. It has also allowed me to develop lasting friendships and connect with teachers, counselors, and coaches who truly care about their students. I would especially like to thank Mrs. Lori Arigo for supporting me through my high school career.



**Jessica Witz**

Class Rank: 3

**Honors:** Scholastic Gold Key In Editorial Cartoon, Scholastic Silver Key in Poetry, Scholastic Honorable Mention in

D&I, RIT Business and Leadership Scholarship, Wells College 21st Century Leader Award, Rotary Project Leader Award, Rotary Student of the Month, AP Scholar, 10x Scholar Athlete, Various regional Science Olympiad medals, National Honor Society, OCC Dean's List

**School activities:** P2 member, SAC representative for P2, Science Olympiad, Rotary Interact Club, National Honor Society, Cross Country, Indoor track

**Activities outside of school:** Creative Writing Intern at a mental health nonprofit, co-founder of a musical content curation business

**College you plan to attend and major:** Deciding between University at Buffalo and Villanova; I plan to major in chemical engineering

**Career plans:** I hope to be involved in the synthesis of new forms of cost-effective energy to help rural communities, especially those in India, since my family immigrated from there.

**How has Baldwinsville prepared you for your future:** Baldwinsville has allowed me to make very many great friends, who have always been a support system for me. I am grateful to Baldwinsville for facilitating the process of gaining any relationship, positive or negative, as they have taught me important lessons about myself.



**Ryan Wilson**

Class Rank: 4

**Honors:** National Honor Society, Commended student, OCC Dean's List, AP Scholar Award

**School activities:**

Varsity cross country, varsity indoor track, varsity outdoor track, National Honor Society

**Activities outside of school:** Syracuse Chargers Volunteer, HumaneCNY cat socializer, recreational ping pong, lifeguard

**College you plan to attend and major:** Colgate University; general biology.

**Career plans:** I would like to travel the world working on environmental/ animal conservation.

**How has Baldwinsville prepared you for your future:** BCSD has granted me more opportunities than I can say yes to and placed me in the right classes that set me up for an inevitable success.



**Angelee Overbey**

Class Rank: 5

**Honors:** National Honors Society, Scholastic Gold Key Art, Elks Lodge Student of the Month

**School activities:**

Student Council, Key Club, Ski Club, Art Club, National Honor Society

**Activities outside of school:** Infinity Dance Academy Competition Team, Life Youth

**College you plan to attend and major:** Binghamton; majoring in biomedical engineering

**Career plans:** I hope to work in the biomedical field to help improve technology in medicine.

**How has Baldwinsville prepared you for your future:** Baldwinsville has helped prepare me for my future by providing me with teachers and friends who support me unconditionally. I am thankful for everyone who has made a positive impact on my life.



**Andrew Jung**

Class Rank: 6

**Honors:** National Merit Scholarship Commendation, Byrne Dairy & Deli NewsChannel 9 Athlete

of The Week, AP Scholar, National Honor Society

**School activities:** Key Club President, Varsity Soccer and Tennis, Honor Society, Math League

**Activities outside of school:** Vintage Clothing Reseller, CNY Korean School Teaching Assistant, Elden Elementary School Student Mentorship Program

**College you plan to attend**

**and major:** Undecided; Applied Mathematics/Economics

**Career Plans:** Corporate job, data analyst, Quantitative analyst

**How has Baldwinsville prepared you for your future:** Teaching staff and peers were very supportive throughout my 12 years, and the district always provided me with the resources needed to thrive. I've also built valuable connections with many people in Baldwinsville that I hope to carry forward after graduation.



**Sofia Beck**

Class Rank: 7

**Honors:** 4 BCSD Certificates of Excellence, USFSA Gold Medal in Partnered Pattern Ice Dance, Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards, and Liverpool Elks Lodge Student of the Month

**School activities:** Student Council, Senior Council, Student Advisory Council and National Honor Society

**Activities outside of school:** Figure Skating (solo, ice dance, and synchronized), Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute, Volunteering and Girl Scouts

**College you plan to attend and**

**major:** I plan to attend Yale University and major in Political Science.

**Career plans:** I hope to become a political analyst, as it would allow me to promote civic engagement and help others stay informed.

**How has Baldwinsville prepared**

**you for your future:** Baldwinsville has provided me with a variety of opportunities, classes, and resources that have allowed me to become a more well-rounded individual. Moreover, my supportive teachers and guidance counselors have encouraged my creativity, passions, and thirst for knowledge.



**Jack Forman**

Class Rank: 8

**Honors:** National Honor Society, RIT Computing Medal, George Eastman Young Leaders Award, and 3X Tennis captain

**School activities:** I am one of the Senior Class Co-Presidents, as well as a member of the Key Club, Rotary Interact Club, Student Council, and Varsity Tennis

**Activities outside of school:** I work at a restaurant, I tutor several subjects, and I often volunteer for different community events.

**College you plan to attend and major:** University of Massachusetts Amherst; Computer Science

**Career plans:** I am pursuing a career in computer sciences and quantum computing and hope to work for a big technology company in the future.

**How has Baldwinsville prepared you for your future:** Baldwinsville has provided me with a high quality education through teachers who care about their subjects and me, spanning from kindergarten through my senior year (shout out to Mrs. Resseguie and Mrs. James!).



**Nela Loftin**

Class Rank: 9

**Honors:** National Honor Society, Volleyball SCAC Class AAA Honorable Mention, RIT Science and Math Award, Seal of

Biliteracy

**School activities:** Volleyball, Basketball, Outdoor Track & Field, Student Council, Class Council, Environmental Club, Math League

**Activities outside of school:** Part-time job at Sardos Mangia Bene

**College you plan to attend and**

**major:** Undecided; Environmental Engineering

**Career plans:** I hope to become an environmental engineer and help economically disadvantaged communities combat the climate crisis.

**How has Baldwinsville prepared you for your future:** I am leaving Baldwinsville with an amazing support system and many life-long relationships! I am honored to have met some lovely people throughout my time here, and I am grateful for their support of my future endeavors. I am confident that my time at Baker has prepared me well for the next chapter of my life!



**Emily Giocondo**

Class Rank: 10

**Honors:** National Honor Society, OCC Dean's List, AP Scholar, RIT Women in STEM, Elk's Student of the Month

**School activities:** FCCLA, Student Council, Class of 2024 Council, Student Advisory Council, Honors Society

**Activities outside of school:** Helping Hounds Volunteer, work at Sal's Pizza and Buffalo Pharmacies at St Camillus

**College you plan to attend and major:** Cornell University; Human Biology, Health, and Society

**Career plans:** I plan to work in the medical field as a pharmacist and help make a positive impact on people's health.

**How has Baldwinsville prepared you for your future:** Baldwinsville has prepared me through the amazing staff and endless opportunities. I will carry with me the knowledge I have learned as well as life skills that I have gained over the years at Baker.



**Raegyn Wells**

Class Rank: 11

**Honors:** National Honor Society, NYSPHSAA Section 3 Field Hockey All-Star, NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team

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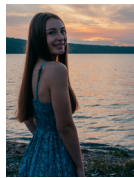
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**School activities:** Field Hockey, National Honors Society  
**Activities outside of school:** Volunteer Junior Coach at Girls on the Run, Hostess/Server at Canal Side Cafe and Bistro  
**College you plan to attend and major:** Undecided; majoring in biomedical engineering with a minor in electrical engineering  
**Career plans:** Research and/or development of medical technology  
**How has Baldwinsville prepared you for your future:** The Baldwinsville community has supported my goals and success in every aspect. I am excited to take everything I've learned into the next stage of my education!



**Leah VerSchneider**  
 Class Rank: 12  
**Honors:** National Honor Society, St. Lawrence University Book Award Scholarship, All CNY Large School Top Softball Player

of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Third Team All State Softball Team, Scholar Athlete, Team Captain.  
**School activities:** Student Council, FCCLA, Honors Society, Class Council, Softball, Unified Bowling  
**Activities outside of school:** Softball, Volunteer Work  
**College you plan to attend and major:** St. Lawrence University; Major Environmental Science and Chemistry  
**Career plans:** I plan to become an environmental scientist and work to protect our environment and address environmental changes.  
**How has Baldwinsville prepared you for your future:** Baldwinsville has prepared me by giving me

countless opportunities, resources, and connections to expand my knowledge and prepare me for my future. It has also created friendships that have given me beautiful memories and that will last a lifetime.



**Ava Wickes**  
 Class Rank: 13  
**Honors:** National Honor Society, NYSPHSAA Individual Scholar Athlete  
**School activities:** Volleyball, Flag Football, Youth Alive,

Rotary Interact  
**Activities outside school:** Club Volleyball, Faith Formation teacher, Beach Volleyball  
**College you plan to attend and major:** SUNY Alfred State for Sports Management and volleyball.  
**Career plans:** College Coach, Entrepreneur  
**How has Baldwinsville prepared you for your future:** The staff at Baldwinsville have encouraged me throughout the years to be my best, even in each of my assignments. I am able to use the work ethic I have developed in the future towards my career path and working for others around me.

**Class of 2024 Graduation**  
**Saturday, June 22**  
**1 p.m.**  
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**Expo Center**  
**No tickets needed**  
**No guest limits**  
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