



ART

APPRECIATION

Barrington High School students showcase their talents and training in the fine, visual, and performing arts





Shanzeey Durrani

South Barrington, Ceramics

As a senior at Barrington High School and with college fast approaching, I like to look back and reflect on my experience with the fine arts. During my first year of high school, I most looked forward to my ceramics and drawing/painting classes, and I continued that passion throughout all four years. If there is one thing ceramics and the arts have taught me, it is patience and the ability to apply my creativity to execute my vision. Ceramics is a form of art that involves molding, firing, and decorating clay objects. It has been practiced for thousands of years and is still popular today. The process is still long and enduring, but always has a satisfying end. My art training has helped me become a better problem solver and to look for more creative perspectives in life. I plan to continue my passion for art by joining ceramic studios and art clubs at university. I will post on my art account @art.by.shanzeey.

Maya Lunt

Barrington Hills, Dance

I am currently a senior at BHS, an Artistic Director with Orchesis, and a company member with Barrington Dance Ensemble. I have been involved in dance since age 3, and have trained in a wide variety of styles, including ballet, jazz, contemporary, lyrical, tap, musical theatre, and hip hop. Dance is one of my biggest passions and has taught me that you have to work hard to reach your goals. It's been a constant presence where I can fill up my personal reserves of energy to help me manage the responsibilities and challenges in my life. I plan on continuing dancing in college, either as a minor or double major. My training has taught me so much about myself, how to properly manage my time, and has given me some of my closest friends. I truly am so grateful for all the experiences and teachers I've had in my dance career and can't wait to continue dancing in the future.



Bryan Nevarez

Carpentersville, *Musician/* *Latin Dancers*

Two of my biggest inspirations in life are my culture and music. They are something that has taken over my day-to-day life. I have involved myself in multiple activities inside and outside of school to continue my passion and aspirations of sharing and letting other people enjoy my culture. My involvement with the Barrington String Orchestra, Mariachi Caballos Salvajes, and Latin American New Roots Dance Club has helped me hone my skills and given me a hobby in which I have been able to produce a form of both education and entertainment of my culture. Being something that I'm very proud of, and making it stand out, is of the upmost importance to me. One of my biggest concerns that has come with the decision on which institution I will attend after my graduation from Barrington High School has always been pursuing music. Playing, listening, and composing music has become a hobby of mine. And it's a good way to relieve stress in a healthy way—which is why I wish to continue music at the collegiate level.



Sahil Mittal

South Barrington, *BHS-TV*

I'm a leader in the BHS-TV program. I host Sports Desk, the sports show that is viewed by the entire school in our weekly news episodes, along with creating other sports focused news segments. I also help plan, film, and edit many hype videos and content for all of the athletic teams at BHS. What I love about BHS-TV is that it has given me a passion for broadcast journalism and video production. Dr. Doles, our teacher, has taught me how to excel at reporting and hosting on camera as well as being a videographer and editor behind the scenes.

The communication, camera, and editing skills I've learned in BHS-TV allowed me to get a job with the Windy City Bulls, the minor league affiliate of the Chicago Bulls, as a PR and Digital Media Associate. Walking into the BHS-TV studio as a freshman, I never would've imagined that I would end up working in professional sports, so I will always be grateful for Dr. Doles and what he's taught me.



Alicia Miller

Lake Barrington, Musician

I am currently a senior at BHS and while I have not yet decided on where I will be going to college, my plan is to double major in music performance and international relations. I am one of the drum majors of the BHS Bronco Marching Band, I play in the BHS Symphonic Band and Symphony Orchestra, and I am also a member of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra. Music has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember, and learning to make music with others has taught me the importance of patience, responsibility, and compassion. Getting to play the trombone is often one of the best parts of my day. I am constantly inspired by my teachers, peers, and family who have supported me ever since I started getting involved in music. I would encourage anyone to learn to play an instrument if you haven't already. It's never too late to start!

Olivia Sims

Barrington, Multi-Media Painter

Although I'm not fully sure as a current sophomore of what I'm choosing to do in the future career-wise, I'm most certain it will involve my greatest passion—art. To any artist their work gives them some sort of feeling, whether that be relief, coping, happiness, or emotional release. For me it's a sense of coping, to tell a story in my art that not everyone will understand, but not everyone has to understand. I love art because I can take what some people call “ugly” emotions and turn it into something pleasing to the eye. BHS's Fine Arts Department has given me access to a workplace outside of home. It also provides new techniques I had never learned before, and the prompts for an art piece have pushed me conceptually with my art. Although there's much progress ahead, my development so far as an artist is only something I could've dreamed of as a little kid who struggled to be confident in her work.

