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Letter from the President

The design and layout of this edition of BCHS' *Impact* magazine — as I assume is true of all such publications — went through a laborious visioning process. After extensive discussion and when boiled down to one word, this year's magazine's theme is **INTERTWINED**. I am passionate about the concept of **INTERTWINED** in relation to BCHS. Specifically, I am passionate about the unmistakable **INTERTWINING** of our Christian beliefs with not only our academic product, but also our social and extracurricular activities.

We believe that the uniqueness of BCHS in relation to other schools — both public and private — can be found in this inexorable **INTERTWINING** of Christian faith into campus life. Our strong conviction is not to compartmentalize our Christian mission to chapel and Bible classes alone, but to incorporate this Christian mission into each aspect of school engagement.

Several of this magazine's articles focus upon BCHS' academic program. The intensity with which we are zeroed-in on fine-tuning our academic product to assist our students in reaching their fullest potential cannot be overstated. Taking part in the visioning and leadership for such academic honing is an enjoyable pursuit. But when done in a vacuum, such academic pursuit rings hollow. It is in the **INTERTWINING** of our Christian beliefs with the striving for academic excellence that the enduring nature of our school's mission can best be seen. It is what makes BCHS such a unique and awesome community.

The 2017-18 school year has started on an incredibly high note.

- Overall school enrollment has grown including a large freshman class and 95 percent student retention which means in total, school enrollment is rapidly approaching 500 students.
- School finances are solid.
- The academic program is being fine-tuned.
- The school's extracurricular offerings are soaring with five Valley championships in 2016-17.
- Building and grounds improvements continue with a new Outdoor Student Activity Center slated for completion in October.

As the school year began, an important new position was added, the role of Spiritual Formation Director, filled by Joe Cabalka. In a short period of time and in this new role, Mr. Cabalka is already making a positive impact on daily campus life.

We are thankful to you, our wonderful school community, for the myriad of ways you support our high school educational ministry. Know that we value the commitment you have made to BCHS and we ask that you prayerfully continue to demonstrate such support.

In Christ,

John Buetow
 BCHS President

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Intertwining God with academics, extracurricular activities ignites passion in students

Igniting a passion for learning is of primary importance for high school students. But learning at BCHS encompasses more than what is covered by the rigorous, scholastic curriculum. The learning at BCHS additionally and vitally includes developing the spirit as well as the mind.

Weekly chapel services and daily Bible classes are often seen as the two greatest catalysts for student spiritual growth at BCHS. It is unmistakable that God's Word is intentionally shared during these times. However, Christianity is not compartmentalized to only these two areas. Instead, an intertwining of a Christian worldview can be seen throughout a student's BCHS experience.

This intertwining extends beyond the classroom and enters the campus culture between bells, as well as in the arts, athletics and other extracurricular areas. In short, BCHS is committed to intentionally instilling spiritual growth in each realm of school life.

"At BCHS, seeing God through science is actually very simple. God created the elements on which science is based, therefore He is visible in every aspect of science and nature. God has given science to us as a way to improve our knowledge and understanding of how everything works and comes together perfectly."

— Jared De Jager, BCHS Class of 2018

David De Los Santos, left, and Jared De Jager examine the flame's light to determine the specific color spectrum of certain elements during one of their weekly chemistry labs. While much can be learned from any such science lab, the issues that are under investigation for students during their high school years can play a huge role in the development of their character.

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God takes center stage — linking history, the arts

All BCHS freshmen take a survey course of the Bible, examining both the Old and New Testaments. As students study the Book of Joshua, the subject of genocide arises and students begin to think about issues from the standpoint of apologetics.

Because of the teaching of such a Christian worldview, students have already learned how to see that God is still present and working, even during some of the most horrific moments of human history. Then, in the sophomore and junior years, the Holocaust is covered in both World and U.S. History classes.

This same topic came up from an additional angle last year as the theater program, under the direction of

Ann O'Neill, performed "The Diary of Anne Frank." While the 10-person cast had an opportunity to showcase their acting skills, what transpired behind the curtain during this moving production intertwined historic learning and spiritual growth.

A week before the show opened, O'Neill and her cast and crew visited The Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, where they walked through the Anne Frank exhibit and saw copies of her diary, as well as photos of the friends and family they were portraying. Perhaps most significant to the group were the first-hand accounts from those who actually knew her.

The cast and crew also visited the Holocaust exhibit, where each person received a different photo passport card with the story of a child whose life was changed by the events of the Holocaust. Throughout the tour, the passports were updated. At the conclusion of the tour, the fate of each was revealed.

The tour guide, Walter Gertz, is no stranger to the stage, having performed in movies like "The Flintstones" and "Keeping Up with the Steins," in addition to being the father of actress Jami Gertz, who was seen in iconic '80s movies such as "Lost Boys." After learning the students

were performing "The Diary of Anne Frank," Walter bonded with the group and shared his backstory — that he was Jewish and he and his family barely escaped the Holocaust.

The experience resounded with the BCHS cast, and upon the conclusion of their performance of "The Diary of Anne Frank," in lieu of the traditional curtain call, each cast member held a photo of the person they portrayed.

At the end of one of the performances, it was none other than Walter Gertz who led the standing ovation, surprising O'Neill and the cast. According to O'Neill, Gertz remarked that their performance was a great contribution to society and that it was meaningful that young people were being taught history in such a way.

"The Diary of Anne Frank" marked the first show held in BCHS' new Fine Arts Theater. However, this was not the only reason the production was a memorable experience. The manner in which the cast connected with the play surpassed merely acting out the words of the script and entered the realm of identifying with a moment in history — viewing it in the context of how God was at work through it all.

"At BCHS, I get to connect two of my strongest passions," O'Neill explains, "God and acting."

A passion for God exudes through BCHS' theatrical performances. The director has instilled in the students that God has given them the ability to act as a creative outlet.

"I have the privilege of coaching young people to become better actors while pointing them to the only One who can fill the hole in their heart," O'Neill says. "To make a difference like that is the greatest joy and calling."

"Visiting the Museum of the Holocaust was an experience I will never forget. It helped me further explore the character of Mrs. van Daan in a new light. That trip influenced my worldview of Christianity in a way I didn't expect. I am infinitely grateful for the experience and impact that 'The Diary of Anne Frank' made in my life."

— Amanda Keating,
BCHS Class of 2019



Otto Frank, played by Geoffrey Bruick, comforts his wife Edith, played by Melis Kunieda, and daughter Margot, played by Taylor Wells, in last year's performance of "The Diary of Anne Frank."

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Team environment creates opportunity for Christ-centeredness

Being on an athletic team is often one of the most rewarding experiences students remember from their time in high school. Winning a championship or advancing in the state playoffs makes the experience only more unforgettable for players and fans alike.

Beyond countless hours in practices and games, BCHS athletes meet with their team throughout the week for social gatherings, such as weekly dinners. But, just because there may be a social gathering doesn't mean there is not also a spiritual purpose. Last year, nearly 70 student-athletes from the junior varsity and the varsity football teams faithfully met during lunch on Wednesdays for Bible study. They were also encouraged to invite male athletes from other BCHS teams.

This tradition, now in its third year, gives the coaches and players an opportunity to dive into God's Word and discuss a variety of topics that challenge them as they make choices in all areas of life. Coach Darren Carr and Assistant Coach Blaine Wingle bring in a variety of guest speakers including godly businessmen, youth pastors, athletes, teachers, coaches and alumni.

"We honestly keep it 100 percent real with these guys and allow them to speak and ask questions," Carr explains. "The goal is to make God real to these young men."

The lessons learned both during practices and in Bible study build a unique character in each team member which is reflected through another tradition that has developed — praying with their opponents at the conclusion of each game ... win or lose.

"What better way to show God's love than with open arms and brotherly embracing after a hard-fought game," Carr says.

While not all opposing teams and players embrace the invitation to join the BCHS team in prayer, the majority do. Ending with the prayer's "Amen" is the perfect conclusion to Friday night lights.

Carr, like other coaches at BCHS, drives home the importance of education. Carr explains how he has witnessed young men volunteer their time to meet with teammates who may be struggling in a certain subject to tutor them before tests or quizzes.

The volunteerism for football players doesn't stop there. Last year, some from the team volunteered at the Bakersfield Rescue Mission. The players served a meal, then did the dishes and cleaned.

The idea of serving as a team will be reinforced as Spiritual Formation Director Joe Cabalka revamps the schoolwide community service program and includes opportunities for teams — as a whole — to volunteer their time to benefit others in Bakersfield and beyond.

Cabalka explains that BCHS is seeking out opportunities for genuine service in the community.

Football is just one example of how intertwined the opportunities for spiritual growth and academic accountability are tied together, as students delve into areas of interest through the extracurricular activities in which they choose to take part.

"Coach Darren and the rest of the coaching staff are men of God, first and foremost. They let you know from day one that they are here to raise men of God — winning is not the goal."

— Danny Jimenez, BCHS Class of 2017



Soaring Ahead:

SAT preparation, Honors Academy program open doors for BCHS students

by Jacob Montecino, BCHS teacher

Rigorous. Inclusive. Intentional. Using this three-pronged academic strategy, BCHS administration and faculty began making impactful strides last year that are on a rapid trajectory to better prepare every student for college.

A well-developed Advanced Placement program coupled with concentrated college counselors, who support the same students through the duration of high school, have served as the long-term core of BCHS' strong academic program. Under the vision and leadership of President John Buetow, BCHS has expanded its academic focus with the new SAT/ACT preparation program and launch of the BCHS Honors Academy.

Intensified curriculum

In the 2016-17 school year, BCHS incorporated intentional days in the classroom to prepare students for the SAT. Once a week in every core class, students spent part or all of a lesson working through a series of subject specific SAT questions.

BCHS is adopting additional strategies for 2017-18 to create an even more comprehensive schoolwide approach to preparing freshman through senior students for the SAT. Intentionally preparing for elements of the SAT is not

only advantageous for students, but also makes sense when preparing for the next academic level found in the collegiate setting.

"It's not inappropriate, by any stretch, to focus on the SAT, because the benefits of being ready for the SAT extend far beyond the test. It's critical thinking — higher-order learning," Buetow said. "It gets them ready for college, but also sets them up for success in life. That's why I'm passionate about intentionally pushing it into our curriculum."

Consequently, it's not a teaching-to-the-test approach, but instead, teachers are using the time in class to encourage discussion about the complex ideas found in the SAT and to create a space for students to explore incredibly challenging ideas.

This focused mindset also bleeds into the rest of the class time when teachers are encouraged to challenge their students to engage in critical thinking in subject-related questions. Ideas that previously were reserved for the junior and senior years are now being introduced at the freshman and sophomore levels. In doing so, students are able to wrestle with critical questions earlier and be more prepared to engage in even more complex ideas as upperclassmen.

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BCHS President John Buetow meets with the 150 students who took the 30-day SAT prep seminar.



After just one year, both teachers and students are better equipped for this kind of instruction and problem solving.

Targeted SAT class

In addition to a schoolwide approach to creating a culture where daily engagement with the SAT is the new norm, BCHS also has created a targeted SAT program for the junior class. Over the course of 30 consecutive school days, all juniors and top performing sophomores are now included in specific SAT preparation. Divided into multiple groups, students are not only taught how to take the test, but also instructed in relation to actual SAT required knowledge.

BCHS' approach is unique. SAT preparation options in the Bakersfield area include either individual students working with a consultant or a web-based video series. That is what makes BCHS' hands-on program so distinctive. Every student gets targeted instruction at a key point in the year before taking the actual SAT.

While quantifiable test results based upon this coordinated school approach are only at the beginning stages of being collected, early signs are extremely promising.

"I feel the greatest service we are doing for these students is familiarizing them with the test," Director of Counseling Susan Chandler said. "So many students go and sit for the SAT cold and have never taken a test that is three and a half hours long. It would be like going out and running a marathon without any training."

BCHS' innovative Honors Academy

Launched in August, the BCHS Honors Academy supplements the college preparatory classroom experience with additional academic challenge and rigor. Augmenting a student's traditional college preparatory schedule, this unique program — with an inaugural class comprised of 34 freshmen and sophomores — features challenging higher-order reading material, thought-provoking writing assignments, leadership training, an annual national college tour, intensive SAT preparation, and additional academic opportunities.

"I want the Honors Academy to bring additional energy to our educational product, and for the learning process to be seen as dynamic and not only relegated to the traditional classroom," Buetow said.

Admission into the Honors Academy requires students to take the most challenging courses that BCHS offers,

including a minimum of 10 honors or AP classes throughout their high school careers. Additionally, students are admitted into this program based upon previous academic achievement and an application procedure.

In January 2018, the Honors Academy will travel to the southeastern section of the United States for its first national college tour, visiting top-tier institutions including Duke, the University of North Carolina, the University of Virginia, and William & Mary. The Honors Academy will be taking such national tours on an annual basis as it exposes students to subsets of top universities in the country.

"The planning of this kind of event is tricky for individual families. Often, parents don't have the time or, potentially, the resources to make such campus visits a reality," Buetow stated. "The Honors Academy makes this process more streamlined."

In focusing on the humanities, Academy students will take an annual trip to see a play or musical on high-profile stages like those in Orange County. Another avenue in which leadership training will unfold is through a monthly leadership lecture series. BCHS plans to expose students in the Academy to professionals in various fields to inspire students to be innovators and leaders. Local and regional speakers for this series will come to BCHS' campus to explain their secrets to success.

New programs produce enhanced academic culture

The benefits of BCHS' targeted approach to helping every student excel at not only the SAT, but also higher-order thinking, have already begun to appear on campus. But these initial steps mark only the beginning.

"I think three or four years down the road is when we will see the biggest growth, but it's already changing the culture of our school," Chandler said. "The SAT and ACT are no longer these mysterious right-of-passage tests. There is not the same level of fear of these tests, nor is it a 'go-and-see what happens experience.'"

These programs give BCHS students a definitive edge. Preparing for the SAT and for college is a daily event.

"We want our students to have every opportunity to excel beyond the walls of BCHS and this gives them that opportunity," Buetow said. "A poor SAT score can be a real limiter on one's future choices. On the other hand, a strong SAT score can open doors. I'm determined to see as many doors opened for our students as possible."



The BCHS Honors Academy prepares to embark on their first group endeavor — the Global Leadership Summit held at Valley Baptist Church in August.



Firsthand account:

Bakersfield Business Conference left student journalist inspired, grateful

by Jessica Stump, BCHS student



Jessica Stump poses with Magic Johnson at the Bakersfield Business Conference.

The Bakersfield Business Conference makes our community a destination for luminaries in business, politics, sports and entertainment. I was fortunate to take in the spectacle last fall as a BCHS student journalist.

The conference isn't annual, but it's been held a number of times over the years and has grown into one of the largest of its kind on the West Coast. Last year, 9,000 people attended.

The conference provides a family friendly environment with large gathering tents, book signings and entertainment.

With an all-star lineup of speakers, it was the perfect chance for me to expand my horizons. BCHS provided me all the resources I needed to take full advantage of that opportunity.

One notable speaker was Lou Holtz, a legendary college football coach. He was inspiring and showed his kind heart and wise soul. I had the chance to talk privately with Holtz, and he encouraged me to seize my opportunities.

"There are thousands of words in the English language, and only one is critical: choice. And goal setting is essential to achieve those goals," Holtz said.

Success usually takes hard work and determination. Dr. Ben Carson shared his story of overcoming a challenging childhood to rise to fame as a neurosurgeon and presidential candidate.

He encouraged the audience to use their God-given talents to honor and elevate others. Seeing how Carson fearlessly proclaimed his faith was truly inspiring. Recognizing the opposition he faced in his lifetime made me realize how blessed I am to attend BCHS and have the opportunity to live out my faith without fear of judgment.

Another crowd-pleaser was Lakers legend Magic Johnson. The five-time NBA champion is also an accomplished businessman with a passion for helping people living in impoverished areas.

Johnson made a point to reach out to me, a student journalist, among the throng of professional journalists vying for an interview. He invited me up on the stage with him for a photo and gave me a hug, telling me never to stop pursuing my dreams.

"The most important thing for the youth of today to remember is that they have worth," Johnson said. "They have to believe in themselves before anyone else does. That's how you get far in life."

Not all of the hard work for the Bakersfield Business Conference is

seen under the spotlight on the big stage. Attorney George Martin and his family coordinate the event, with Brandon Martin taking the behind-the-scenes lead.

Brandon Martin has been involved from the beginning of the event. He was in charge of the media tent and provided an exclusive look into the inner workings of the conference for interested student journalists.

He said hosting the event is rewarding and emphasized how amazing it is to see the effect on the community.

The Bakersfield Business Conference allows for once-in-a-lifetime connections. By attending this conference, I had the opportunity to conduct interviews with people whose words have helped me grow as a person and recognize how blessed I am to go to BCHS. I was able to witness how their faith motivated them to change their communities with the help of God.



Julianna Morton, left, and Lexi Scanlon meet Herman Cain at the Bakersfield Business Conference. The two girls were part of the BCHS media team who interviewed event speakers such as Cain.

The Class of 2017 graduated 116 students. Caleb Pollema, Jessica Dell'Acqua, Paige Abril and Lexi Scanlon sat down with *Impact* to share some of their experiences at BCHS.

Paige Abril

College Acceptances: Baylor, Cal Poly SLO, CSUB, UC Davis, UC Irvine, University of Oregon

College Attending: UC Davis

Intended Major: biochemistry and molecular biology

Career Goals: medical school to be a physician, hopefully a pediatrician

High School Achievements: Eagle of the Year, National Honor Society (vice president), California Scholarship Federation Life Member, Scholars Program, Eagle Scholar, Distinguished Young Woman of Bakersfield, First Place BCHS Science Fair in Behavioral Sciences, Senior Plaque for Most Outstanding Overall in Science, Performing Arts Outstanding Effort, Kern County Honor Orchestra, Kern County Honor Choir, Regional Honor Choir, homecoming queen

High School Involvement: water polo, cheer, theater productions (seven fall plays and spring musicals), strings, choir, forensics, chapel worship team

How has BCHS most impacted you?

The people, the students as well as the staff, have most impacted me. I don't think I've seen anywhere else where I've gotten so much love and compassion, plus so much advice from people because everyone here genuinely cares about

your success. They aren't doing it because it's their job, they're doing it because they want to see you succeed. That's a big part of what I've always seen BCHS strive for — that extra mile that every single teacher and staff member goes. For example, Mrs. Reed would meet our AP Chemistry class at Starbucks for a study group. I don't think you'd get that same level of teacher investment anywhere else.



Jessica Dell'Acqua

College Acceptances: Biola, Cal Poly Pomona, CSUB, UC Davis, UC San Diego, University of the Pacific



College Attending: UC Davis

Intended Major: biomedical engineering

Career Goals: work with prosthetics or chemical cancer treatments

High School Achievements: Salutatorian, AP Scholar, National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation Life Member, Scholars Program, Eagle Scholar, Artist of the Month (multiple times), Senior Plaque for Most Outstanding Overall in Visual Arts, President's Award for Educational Excellence

High School Involvement: played keyboard for the chapel worship team, track, fine arts

How has BCHS helped you grow academically?

When I entered high school, I was actually slightly behind in my math and sciences. BCHS worked with me and helped me test into higher classes. Then, with the smaller class sizes, teachers greatly assisted me, and I graduated almost at the top of my class. I owe so much of that accomplishment to my teachers.

How has BCHS helped you grow spiritually?

BCHS helped me grow spiritually by being so open and supportive. It's a small environment and it's caring and safe. But at the same time, we were taught how to act the same way in a different environment where it's not safe and where it's not always inviting to admit that you are a Christian. It's just so unique how we are raised in this safety and taught how to live outside of it.

Caleb Pollema

College Acceptances: Cal Poly SLO, CSUB, Dordt College, UCLA, University of Nebraska

College Attending: Dordt College

Intended Major: business administration and actuarial science

Career Goals: work in business and data analytics, working for or owning a Major League Baseball team

High School Achievements: Valedictorian, AP Scholar, National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation Life Member, Scholars Program, Eagle Scholar, Jim Burke Ford Dimension Program, 23rd Congressional Merit Award, Bakersfield Optimist Club Glendon Rogers Award, signed to play baseball in college

High School Involvement: ASB (student body president), baseball, student academic senate committee

What is the most important thing you learned during your time at BCHS?

I've learned not to settle for average. BCHS definitely sets up its students to be whatever they want to be in life through being bold and courageous, and to do that while keeping the main goal and purpose in mind of seeking the truth and finding life's purpose and what God wants you to do.

How do you think your experience at BCHS will affect your journey in college?

I was humbled to be accepted into UCLA, which is an outstanding college and one of the top schools in the nation, but there were many things about Dordt College that attracted me. While Dordt is kind of an off the map school, it has great academics and is ranked highly by the Wall Street Journal. But even more important, what I've learned at BCHS moved me in the direction of picking a school where I knew I could get to know everyone and get to build long-lasting relationships. I think I'm going to be able to do that at Dordt. Also, the academics at BCHS prepared me to do well, and I'd say the same about being prepared in my faith.



Lexi Scanlon

College Acceptances: CSU Long Beach, Loyola Marymount, Pepperdine University, San Diego State, UC Irvine, University of Oregon

College Attending: Pepperdine University

Intended Major: media production

Career Goals: work in the media department for a company like Apple or Google, make documentaries abroad or possibly attend law school

High School Achievements: National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation Life Member, Scholars Program, Eagle Scholar, Optimist Award for Scholarship, Central Section Title in girls soccer, Kern County Science Fair, Youth Leadership Bakersfield participant, Brown University Online Summer Program, Harvard University On-campus Summer Program

High School Involvement: ASB (class president for two years), soccer, volleyball, Blue Crew, BCHS Fiji mission trip, played cajon for the chapel worship team, student academic senate committee

In what ways has BCHS met your expectations?

I think BCHS has exceeded every expectation. I'm someone who definitely learns better in a smaller environment, so that has been a plus with this school. I don't

think I ever could have expected to build the relationships that I have with teachers. I've very much enjoyed learning from the people who work here and pour into the students. The BCHS faculty truly cares about us, as students, and not just how we are doing in their class, but about our spiritual well-being. The core factor of Jesus in everything has exceeded what I expected to get out of my school experience. Christ is the focus in sports, in academics and in everything on campus. BCHS has definitely instilled a heart of service, a passion for truth and a desire to pursue Christ daily. That's a pretty big life impact.



Class of 2017 College Acceptances



Abilene Christian University
 Anderson University * #
 Arizona State University * +
 Auburn University
 Azusa Pacific University * #
 Bakersfield College * +
 Baylor University * +
 Biola University * +
 Boise State University
 California Baptist University * +
 California Lutheran University * #
 California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo * +
 California State Polytechnic University, Pomona * #
 California State University Maritime Academy #
 California State University, Bakersfield * +
 California State University, Channel Islands *
 California State University, Chico *
 California State University, East Bay *
 California State University, Fresno * +
 California State University, Fullerton #
 California State University, Long Beach * +
 California State University, Monterey Bay *
 California State University, Northridge
 California State University, Sacramento #
 California State University, San Marcos *
 Case Western Reserve University
 Chapman University
 Charleston Southern University
 Colorado State University * #
 Concordia University Irvine * #
 Concordia University, St. Paul #
 Cuesta College * +
 Dordt College * #
 George Fox University
 Grand Canyon University *
 Indiana University Bloomington
 Kansas State University
 Le Moyne College
 Lee University
 Liberty University
 Long Beach City College #
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola Marymount University *
 Loyola University Maryland
 Mercer University
 Mercyhurst University
 Montreat College
 New Mexico Highlands University #
 Northern Arizona University *
 Norwich University
 Occidental College

Oklahoma State University
 Orange Coast College #
 Oregon State University *
 Pennsylvania State University *
 Pepperdine University * #
 Point Loma Nazarene University * +
 Pratt Institute #
 Royal Holloway, University of London #
 Saint Martin's University
 Saint Mary's College of California
 San Diego State University * #
 San Francisco State University * #
 San Jose State University * +
 Santa Barbara City College
 Santa Clara University * #
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 Seattle University
 Taft College * #
 Texas A&M University
 Texas Christian University * #
 Texas State University
 The Master's University #
 The University of Alabama * +
 The University of Arizona * #
 The University of Mississippi * #
 The University of Oklahoma #
 The University of Tennessee, Knoxville *
 The University of Utah * #
 Tulane University
 Union College #
 Union University
 University of California, Berkeley
 University of California, Davis * +
 University of California, Irvine * #
 University of California, Los Angeles
 University of California, Merced
 University of California, Riverside
 University of California, San Diego * +
 University of California, Santa Barbara * #
 University of California, Santa Cruz
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Colorado at Boulder *
 University of Colorado Colorado Springs
 University of Denver
 University of Florida #
 University of Illinois at Chicago
 University of Mobile
 University of Montana, Missoula * #
 University of Nebraska - Lincoln
 University of Oregon *
 University of Portland #
 University of San Diego *
 University of San Francisco

University of South Carolina
 University of Southern California
 University of the Pacific
 Virginia Tech
 Washington State University
 Westmont College * +
 Whittier College * #

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California Baptist University
 California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo * #
 Royal Holloway, University of London #
 San Diego State University
 San Jose State University * #
 Union College #
 University of California, Davis
 University of California, Santa Cruz
 University of Florida #
 University of Illinois at Chicago

* Multiple Acceptances # College Attendance + Multiple Attendances

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2016-17 College Graduates

Graduate Degrees

- **Charlotte Gibson (2011):** Durham University, United Kingdom; Master of Science in developmental psychopathology; Distinction Degree. She is currently a clinical supervisor at an applied behavioral analysis company serving children with autism spectrum disorder.
- **Jake Hansen (2011):** University of Antelope Valley; Master of Education. He is currently the assistant baseball coach at West Hills College in Coalinga. His future plans include pursuing a position as an athletic director.
- **Daisy Hu (2013):** University of Southern California; Bachelor and Master of Accounting; cum laude, dean's list all four years. She is on the assurance staff at Ernst & Young, Los Angeles office.
- **Matthew Huckaby (2012):** Pepperdine University; Bachelor and Master of Business Administration. He is currently working as an associate financial analyst with E & J Gallo Winery in Modesto and hopes to pursue a career in finance.
- **Danielle Lippert (2007):** California State University, Northridge; Doctor of

Physical Therapy; award for Outstanding Performance in the Clinical Setting. She is currently seeking career opportunities in Ventura County in either outpatient orthopedics or pediatrics.

Undergraduate Degrees

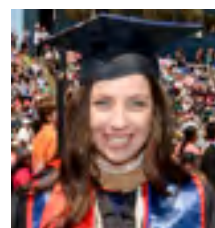
- **Andrea Bauer (2013):** California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; Bachelor of Science in civil engineering; member of Chi Epsilon Civil and Environmental Engineering Honor Society.
- **Mary Blackburn (2013):** Saint Mary's College of California; Bachelor of Science in business administration. She is staying at Saint Mary's to pursue her master's degree in business administration and working as an executive assistant in Walnut Creek.
- **Gregory Bruick (2011):** Belmont University; Bachelor of Science in audio engineering with a minor in music business. He is starting his career in Nashville playing drums, running live sound and doing work at various studios.
- **Victoria Bruick (2013):** Valparaiso University; Bachelor of Arts in English

and music honors; summa cum laude, Christ Honors College, associate of Pi Kappa Lambda (National Music Honor Society). She has a CAPS Fellowship through the Institute of Leadership and Service at Valparaiso University and will be interning with Ingenuity, an organization that supports and advocates for the arts in Chicago public schools.

- **Jenna Buoni (2013):** Grand Canyon University; Bachelor of Science in biology with an emphasis in pre-pharmacy. She plans to attend graduate school and become a pharmacist.
- **Megan Cho (2012):** University of San Diego; Bachelor of Business Administration with a minor in chemistry. She is currently attending St. George University School of Medicine.



Andrea Bauer



Mary Blackburn

- **Gabriella Cipolletti (2013):** University of California, Irvine; Bachelor of Arts in journalism, emphasis in sports with a minor in humanities and law. She is currently working with UC Irvine athletics and hoping to pursue a career with another collegiate athletics program or professional sports team.
- **Kenton Crabtree (2013):** University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Bachelor of Science in geology. He is returning to Bakersfield and plans to pursue work in the oil and gas industry.
- **Nicollette Davis (2013):** Arizona State University; Bachelor of Science in exercise and wellness with a minor in nutrition and healthy living; alumna of Alpha Chi Omega. She will be attending Yo San University in Marina Del Rey to pursue her master's degree in acupuncture and oriental medicine.



Erin Koehler



Danielle Lippert

- **Alex DeHoog (2011):** Texas Tech University; Bachelor of Science in wind energy.
- **Jake Fortnum (2013):** California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; Bachelor of Science in kinesiology. He is going to continue at Cal Poly pursuing a master's degree as well as a credential in special education and then wants to begin teaching.
- **Alexandra Gomez (2013):** University of California, Davis; Bachelor of Science in clinical nutrition. She is attending Golden Gate Dietetic Internship in the fall and then taking the exam to become a registered dietician.
- **Emily Guerard (2013):** University of California, Irvine; Bachelor of Fine Arts in dance performance and choreography. She will teach and perform with a professional dance company called Heidi Duckler Dance Theatre in Los Angeles.
- **Jordyn Hansen (2013):** California Lutheran University; Bachelor of Science in exercise science. She plans to be a physical therapist.
- **Tanner Howard (2013):** Colorado School of Mines; Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering. He is pursuing a

job in the power industry and wants to earn a full professional engineer title.

- **Connor Kingsbury (2013):** California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering; cum laude, Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, Tau Pi Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honor Society, Cal Poly Racing Leadership Award. He is currently working in Paso Robles for Scientific Drilling Inc. as a manufacturing engineer and will be living in Templeton after he gets married to Andrea Bauer in October.
- **Erin Koehler (2013):** Grove City College; Bachelor of Science in exercise science; cum laude. She is currently working as an aide at Central Valley Physical Therapy in Bakersfield.
- **Rachel Maragoni (2013):** California State University, Long Beach; Bachelor of Arts in speech-language pathology.
- **Natalie Annette Messick (2012):** University of La Verne; Bachelor of Science in psychology; cum laude, departmental honors. She plans to attend graduate school and get her Marriage and Family Therapy license to become a therapist.

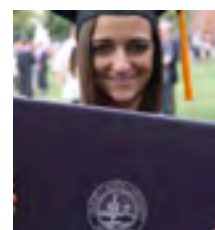
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Gregory Bruick



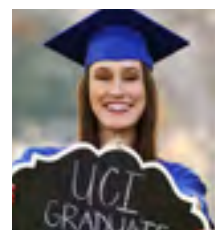
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Jenna Buoni



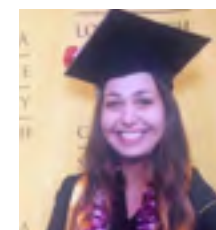
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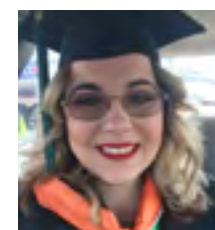
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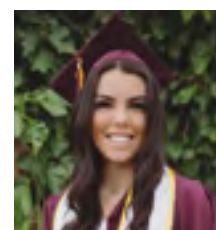
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Brandon Parks



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Alex DeHoog



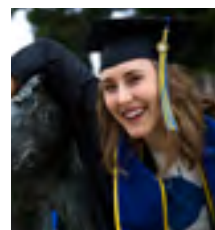
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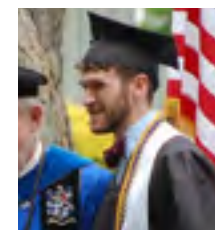
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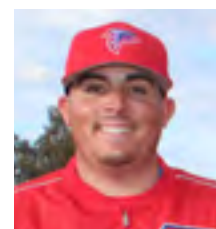
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Bethany Spiva



Gabrielle Tkac



Darren Vanden Berge



Bryson Wind



Jiahui Zhang

2016-17 College Graduates, continued

- **Morgan Mize (2013):** California State University, Fresno; Bachelor of Arts in communicative disorders; summa cum laude, member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She will be attending Fresno State's speech-language pathology master's program in fall 2018.
- **Zack Murillo (2013):** California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; Bachelor of Science in agricultural systems management. He is participating in the finance and accounting rotational mentorship program with The Wonderful Company.
- **Jennifer (Powell) Newton (2013):** Grand Canyon University; Bachelor of Science in elementary education and special education; magna cum laude. She plans to pursue her master's degree in educational leadership concentrating on the politics of education. She is currently working full time as an administrative assistant at a church in Scottsdale, Arizona. She has also been adventuring life with her husband, John Newton, enjoying every minute and looking forward to starting a family within the next few years, beginning with a St. Bernard.
- **Sarah Norville (2013):** California State University, Fullerton; Bachelor of Science in child and adolescent studies; sorority president of Zeta Tau Alpha for two years, most valuable member award from sorority alumni board, dean's list for three semesters. She will be attending Sacramento State University to get her multiple subject teaching credential and plans to teach in an elementary school.
- **James O'Rourke (2013):** Hillsdale College; Bachelor of Arts in economics with a minor in history; magna cum laude, Departmental Honors in economics, Economics Honorary (Omicron Delta Epsilon), Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. He is pursuing a career with a liberty-oriented nonprofit organization or in information technology technical support. He completed a summer internship in Atlanta, Georgia with the Foundation for Economic Education.
- **Brandon Parks (2013):** University of Miami; Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering, electrical engineering concentration. He will be starting his Ph.D. in electrical engineering at the University of Florida in the fall.
- **Caitlyn Reeves (2013):** Azusa Pacific University; Bachelor of Arts in psychology. She is now pursuing nursing school to receive her Bachelor of Science in nursing.
- **Ana Salinas (2013):** Pepperdine University; Bachelor of Science in accounting; magna cum laude. She plans to pursue a career in forensic accounting.
- **Harman Sidhu (2013):** University of California, Santa Barbara; Bachelor of Science in biochemistry.
- **Paige Spalinger (2012):** Clemson University; Bachelor of Science in animal and veterinary science with a minor in business administration. She is currently working at Skyline Cabinet and Millworks.
- **Sarah Sperling (2013):** Fresno Pacific University; Bachelor of Arts in biology; summa cum laude; member of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, member of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society; junior and senior biology highest honors.
- **Bethany Spiva (2013):** Lynchburg College; Bachelor of Arts in communication studies with an emphasis in social influence; cum laude, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society. She is currently working at a large format graphics production studio as a project manager and continues to look forward to new opportunities that will help her grow in her career.
- **Gabrielle Tkac (2013):** Pepperdine University; Bachelor of Science in business administration; member of the Delta Gamma Sorority and honor member chair, participated in the student council as the social chair. She is planning to work in the music and fashion industry in Los Angeles.
- **Darren Vanden Berge (2013):** California State University, Fresno; Bachelor of Science in agricultural business. He is currently employed as assistant manager at Tule River Cattle Company.
- **Bryson Wind (2013):** California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; Bachelor of Science in dairy science with a minor in agricultural business. He plans to work at T & W Farms.
- **Jiahui Zhang (2013):** University of Wisconsin-Madison; Bachelor of Business Administration.

Is it time for your class reunion?
Go to BakersfieldChristian.com/Alumni
for the latest news. Don't miss out on the fun!

From the Alumni Coordinator

As the Alumni Coordinator, I'm here to be your link to the school. I look forward to the events that reconnect us like Alumni Chapel and Homecoming, as well as your class reunions, which I'm delighted to help plan and promote. The Alumni Facebook group is a great way for all alumni to stay informed and connected to one another. Check out the LinkedIn page if you're interested in communicating with other alumni via that media.



Tarilyn Crabtree

An exciting addition this year is the launch of our Alumni Association, which will meet quarterly to maintain relationships in a plethora of ways including, but not limited to, social and academic events. These relationships pertain to both those enjoyed between alumni, as well as their relationships with BCHS. Information on how to join the Alumni

Association, along with meeting times and details on upcoming reunions, are posted on BakersfieldChristian.com/Alumni. Developing strong ties is what we are striving to do. That was true during your four years at BCHS, but it is also true now that you have graduated. I want to encourage you to reach out to me with any questions regarding BCHS. Come by for a visit or tour, and acquaint yourself with our campus — or see it for the first time. I would love to reconnect or meet you!

I'm here to support, encourage and pray for you as your lives continue to unfold. BCHS is where it is today because of each of you who have come before and paved the way. God has been faithful and it is exciting to see what the future holds.

We desire to have a strong alumni base and value your participation, as well as the role alumni play in the ongoing success of our school. Once an Eagle, always an Eagle!



Dear Parents and Friends of BCHS,

I am pleased to report that the BCHS Board of Directors is very satisfied with the progress that continues to be made on all fronts and — together with the school leadership and staff — looking for ways to continually improve upon our mission of “Honoring God ... Helping Students Soar!”

John Buetow, completing his first year as president, has met and exceeded our expectations. Every aspect of the school was in good shape due to the leadership of Stephen Dinger. We are very grateful for the continued communication and support Mr. Buetow has received from Mr. Dinger to ease the transition. Mr. Buetow hasn't let the dust settle this first year. He has taken several important steps including building upon the strong spiritual foundation, pouring into our teaching staff to improve their skills, and adding programs that will challenge our students academically and prepare them more than ever to soar past their high school years in every aspect of life.

Your Board of Directors is extremely pleased with the incredible generosity of all who donate to the school and to the staff who are so careful with every expenditure. The result is that we are debt free once again, including paying off the final balance for the recently completed Student Union and Fine Arts Center.

The board recently approved construction of the Outdoor Student Activity Center — scheduled for completion this fall. It will include two sand volleyball courts with accompanying landscaping and be located adjacent to the Sports Center and Student Union.

As we look at the school's present and future, we believe it is strategically important to direct greater attention to the building of the Endowment Fund. Please prayerfully consider ways that you can participate.

I, together with the BCHS Board of Directors, are thankful to God for everything that has been accomplished in the lives of students who have attended BCHS. We are grateful for your continued prayerful support and financial generosity that is so vital to achieve our mission.



Jack Pandol
BCHS Board Chair



STUDENT LIFE

Nate Thiessen, BCHS Vice President of Student Life

One thing that stands out to me about the 2016-17 school year was our experience at Hume Lake. Always impactful, the experience at Hume Lake unites the student body, breaks down barriers, and provides a time of enjoyment for students with both teachers and staff. Last year's impact, though, was even more significant. Our speaker, Chris Hilken, a senior high pastor from North Coast Church near San Diego, challenged the students in ways I had not before witnessed. The impact lasted throughout the school year and, I believe, will continue.

Pastor Hilken "took off the gloves" and pushed our students to desire letting go of pride, insecurity, and the other things that hinder us as Christians. He utilized examples from his own life, as well as from Scripture, of the hypocrisy produced when we cling to what the world offers instead of pursuing what

is better — namely, living the way in which God has called us. In my 12 years at BCHS, I have never come back from our all-school retreat with more students feeling a deep emotional connection to what they heard. Our students were questioning their choices and the impact those choices have on their eternity, as well as on the eternity of those around them. This questioning is where true growth is rooted. The Lord's hand could so clearly be seen through the message heard and the students' responses.

On high school campuses across the country, character and student choices are discussed. There are great teachers and mentors in these schools to guide students in such conversations. At BCHS, though, when these core developmental issues are taught, they stem from a deep conviction in God's saving grace shown to us through



Christ. This Christian, biblical foundation is the common thread which makes such conversations at BCHS unquestionably different. In short, it is this aspect of our school which makes us unique, and that is why I work here.



ACADEMICS

J. Gregory Root, BCHS Vice President of Academic Growth

Last school year held many tangible academic successes. One of the programs yielding such positive results focused on PSAT/SAT preparation. This program is highlighted on page 8 of *Impact*. Another successful academic implementation was our Response to Intervention (RTI) program. RTI contributed to cutting our student failure rate in half during its first year of existence.



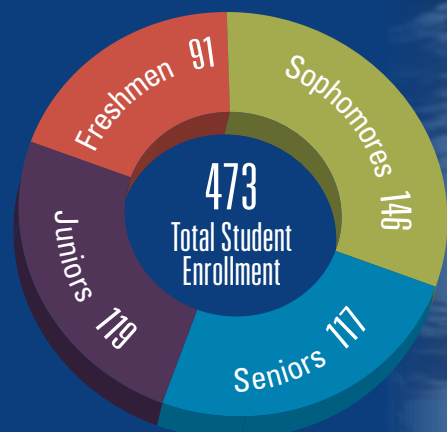
Teacher collaboration is an important element of the BCHS educational climate which provides numerous benefits for our students. As a result, students receive the collective support of each specific department (the English department, for example) and not only the classroom instruction of their assigned teacher. The result of such collaboration also yields positive educational results from year to year, as faculty are increasingly aware of specific student skill sets gained in prior courses or set to be learned in the future. It is our goal for every BCHS student to be surrounded and educated by the collective efforts and wisdom of the entirety of our faculty each year, working in a collaborative manner to educate students' minds, bodies and souls.

At BCHS, we hire teachers who not only possess a depth of content knowledge, but who also retain a strong understanding of the God who created this same content. As highlighted in the cover story, it is this intertwining of academics and Christian faith that distinguishes the BCHS educational experience.

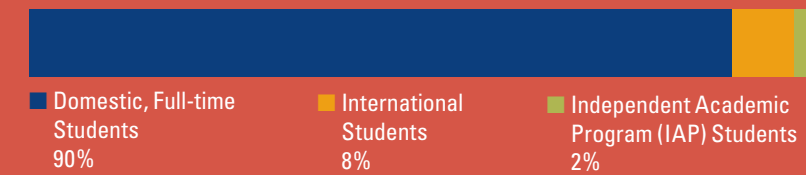
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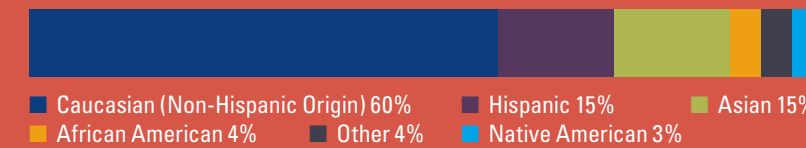
2016-17 STUDENT BODY



DEMOGRAPHICS



ETHNICITY



Percentages are based on families who chose to participate.

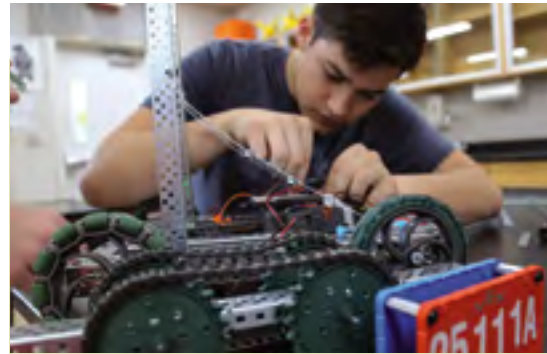
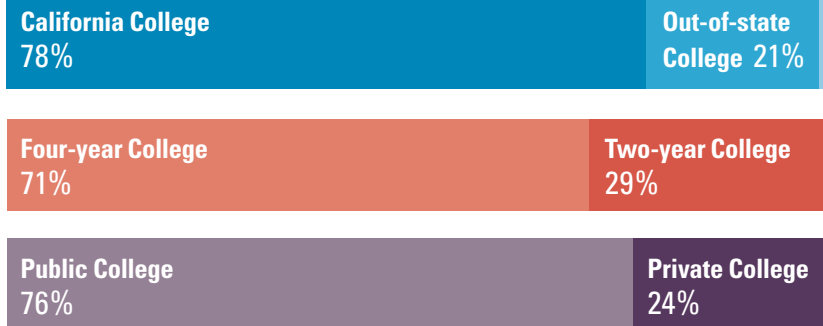


Class of 2017

College Acceptance Rate	97%
Number of Graduates	116
Number of Universities & Colleges Accepted	111

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE

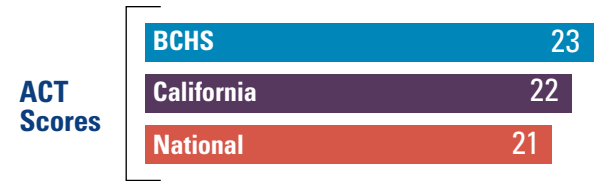
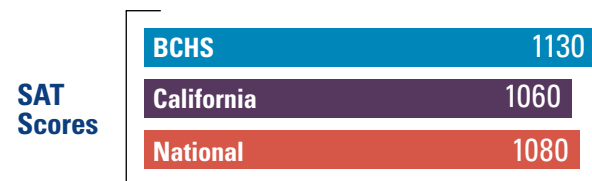
Outside the U.S. 1%



2016-17 Courses

Honors Classes	12
Advanced Placement	13
Eagle University (dual enrollment at CUI)	2

SAT/ACT ANALYSIS*



(SAT maximum composite score was 1600)
BCHS top SAT score from the Class of 2017 was 1420

(ACT maximum score is 36)
BCHS top ACT score from the Class of 2017 was 30

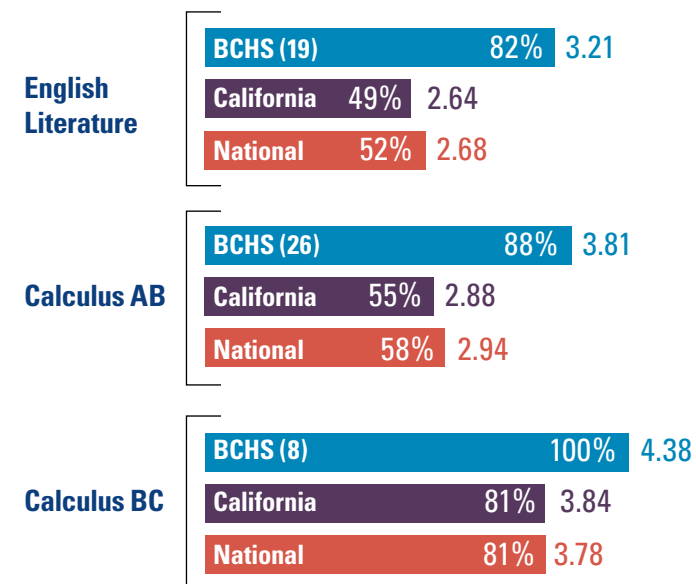
*California and National Averages were not available before Impact went to print. The numbers are indicative of averages from 2016. The BCHS averages are from the Class of 2017.

Advanced Placement

Students took AP tests	202
AP tests taken	321
Average of students enrolled in AP classes who took the corresponding AP test	97%

AP TEST PASS RATES AND MEAN SCORES IN SELECTED COURSES

(#) = Number of BCHS students who took the AP test



The pass rates above reflect the percentage of test takers who scored a 3 or above on a 5-point scale.

Fine Arts Summary

Number of Fine Arts Classes	15
Entry Level Fine Arts Classes	7
Advanced Level Fine Arts Classes	8

ART TYPES

Music Classes	7
Visual Arts Classes	4
Theater Classes	3
Technical Arts Classes	1

Central California Regional Honor Choir
Paige Abril

Bakersfield Youth Symphony Orchestra
Sydney Hanley
Kaylee Whitson

Kern County Honor Choir
Christina Gough
Ashleigh Janzen
Savannah Koop

Kern County Honor Band
Blair Abril
Geoffrey Bruick
Kaylee Curless
Breanna Duncan
Carson Ezell
Rachel Lwin

Kern County Honor Orchestra
Paige Abril
Josh Mohamed
Kaylee Whitson

Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association's Festival
Wind Ensemble earned a unanimous superior rating

Average Core Class Size 20



48% student participation in Visual & Performing Arts

PERCENTAGE OF VPA STUDENTS IN...

Visual Arts Classes	42%
Music Classes	26%
Theater Classes	26%
Technical Arts Classes	15%

See BCHS theater productions at BakersfieldChristian.com/Theater and band and choir performances at BakersfieldChristian.com/Music.



See the Artist of the Month Gallery at BakersfieldChristian.com/Art.



ATHLETICS

Blake Van Der Schaaf, BCHS Athletic Director

Athletics Summary

Number of Sports	21
Boys Sports	11
Girls Sports	10
Total Teams	34
Varsity Teams	21
Junior Varsity or Frosh/Soph Teams	13
CIF Championships	5
League Titles	9
First Team League Selections	29
First Team All-Area Selections	12
Individual League Titles	5
Individual Section Titles	1

The BCHS community does an amazing job of supporting our students in their extracurricular endeavors, including filling the stands for athletics events. Without such enthusiastic and intense support, our athletic programs would not be enjoying their current positive momentum.

We are coming off an extremely successful year in which five teams won Valley Championships. Additionally, several of these teams enjoyed state playoff experiences, including our football program which returned to the state championship game for the second time in the last four years. That was an exciting feat in its own right, but not just for BCHS, as it marked the first time in nearly a century that a school in our community hosted a state championship football game.

Sometimes certain coaches, who are continually successful, can almost be forgotten because it is an assumption that their team will win. We have a legend in our midst in Coach Frank Thiessen, who has



been instructing athletes for five decades. He racked up two more Valley titles with both the girls' and boys' tennis teams last year, plus led the girls' basketball team to the Valley finals. He does not want accolades for himself, but is an example of a coach who loves his sports, is highly knowledgeable, and is able to translate that passion and drive to his athletes.

We are looking forward to the many exciting moments of BCHS Eagles' sports in the coming year, and we hope to see you on our campus for one or more of the many athletic events we will be hosting throughout the upcoming seasons.

THE SCOREBOARD

California Interscholastic Federation SoCal Regional Title

Football (D-IV) coached by Darren Carr

California Interscholastic Federation Central Section Titles

Girls Cross Country* (D-V) coached by Jordan Points
Football* (D-III) coached by Darren Carr
Boys Tennis (D-II) coached by Frank Thiessen
Girls Tennis (D-II) coached by Frank Thiessen
Volleyball* (D-III) coached by Mystie Goodban

* = Each of these teams, along with Girls Basketball, coached by Frank Thiessen, also made the state playoffs

South Sequoia League Titles

Girls Cross Country coached by Jordan Points
Football coached by Darren Carr
Boys Golf coached by John Balfanz
Girls Golf coached by Danny Hoff (also South Area Champions)
Girls Soccer coached by Derik Watson
Boys Swimming & Diving coached by Jacob Montecino
Boys Tennis coached by Frank Thiessen
Girls Tennis coached by Frank Thiessen
Volleyball coached by Matt Touchstone

Coach Awards

Kyle Shiloh, Boys Basketball Coach

Nevada Hall of Fame Class of 2016 (along with his 2003-04 men's basketball teammates for being the first NCAA Sweet Sixteen team from the University of Nevada)

Frank Thiessen, Boys Tennis Coach of the Year

Central Section Distinguished Service Award
BVarsity All-Area Coach of the Year

Nikki (Peacock) Hoff, Athletic Trainer

Newell Award for Regional Athletic Trainer of the Year

Individual State Recognition

Baseball
Cal-Hi Sports All-State Baseball First Team for infield – Jack Williams

Basketball
Cal-Hi Sports All-State Girls Basketball First Team – Kameron Taylor

Football
Cal-Hi Sports All-State Small Schools First Team Defense – Jeremiah Foster

Volleyball
MaxPreps All-State Team – Bella Bouma

Individual Section Titles

Wrestling
Brett Schuler (heavyweight)

Individual League Titles

Boys Tennis
Erik Buetow (singles)
Caleb Bloemhof and Lukas Grimberg (doubles)

Girls Tennis
Delaney Roche (singles)
Annabella McGilvray and Abigail Stevens (doubles)

Wrestling
Brett Schuler (heavyweight)

League First Team Selections

* = All-Area First Team
= Competed at the state level
+ = League selections were not made for this sport
MVP = Most Valuable Player
POY = Player of the Year
ROY = Rookie of the Year

Baseball
Kaidin Conrad
Dallas Jones
Garet Hough
Milo Villalobos ROY
Jack Williams #

Boys Basketball
Jeremiah Foster

Girls Basketball
Kameron Taylor * MVP

Cross Country+
Joseph Mikhail #

Football
Elyjah Chester (defense) MVP
Stephen Figures (defense)
Jeremiah Foster * (offense) POY
Jason Gauthier (defense)
Taeber Nylander (defense and offense)
Braden Wingle * (offense)

Boys Golf
Carson Balfanz
Titus Goodmon

Girls Golf
Madi Daniel * MVP
Holly Drake

Boys Soccer
Chase Crider

Girls Soccer
Alexis Cano
Lorryn Carter
Ariana Castillo
Lexi Scanlon
Eszter Toth * MVP

Softball
Kylie Osburn
Meghan Webb

Boys Tennis +
Erik Buetow *
Lukas Grimberg *
Nathan Kwon *

Girls Tennis +
Delaney Roche *
Liberty Roche *

Volleyball
Bella Bouma * MVP
Brianna Leiblie
Lacey Reynish
Kathea Schamblin

Wrestling +
Brett Schuler *#

79% student participation in Athletics



Class of 2017 Athletes Playing in College

College Signings

Jeremiah Foster, football at California State University, Sacramento
Caleb Pollema, baseball at Dordt College
Delaney Roche, tennis at Westmont College
Kameron Taylor, basketball at Whittier College
Eszter Toth, soccer at California State University, Bakersfield



EAGLES CLUB

by Derek Yurosek, BCHS Eagles Club President

Sports has always been an avenue that expanded my experience and taught me throughout my life about how to manage and process things. Both my wife and I played high school and collegiate sports and each of our five kids are involved in athletics as well.

When we came to BCHS last year, we were very impressed by how many students were involved in athletics and by the parent involvement through the Eagles Club. While academics is first, athletics is also an integral part of high school life and giving back to programs that influence my children, but also impact so many other students as well as the school, is a way I can be involved.

Some other exciting things this year are the return of the Barn Dance and the new online spiritwear store — Fieldhouse.com/Bakersfield-Christian.

One main goal of the Eagles Club this year is to continue the great work of the past while also increasing the number of parents who are active members. That can be membership in a number of different ways. We've been blessed by the upper level sponsors, but every sponsor and member is significant regardless of the dollar amount.

I think the Eagles Club is a meaningful way for parents to be involved at BCHS and we want to engage the full parent body. As our parents get involved, our school continues to grow.

[Learn more or sign up online at BCHSeaglesclub.com.](http://BCHSeaglesclub.com)

2016-17 Purchases to Enhance the Athletic Program

SPORT	EQUIPMENT	AMOUNT
All Sports	Weight Room	\$26,296
All Sports (in rotation)	Uniforms	\$18,843
All Sports	Spirit Kit Costs	\$21,274
All Sports	Banners	\$7,281
All Sports	Coaches Video, Replay It	\$2,943
Baseball	Racks & Radar Guns	\$2,098
Basketball	Shooting Machine & Camp	\$4,675
Football	Pads & Hudl	\$2,516
Soccer	Equipment & Travel Accommodations	\$1,096
Softball	Concrete & Bats	\$4,279
Swimming & Diving	Swim Parkas & Equipment	\$2,497
Tennis	Court Maintenance, Tennis Ball Machine	\$14,355
Track & Field	High Jump Pit & Travel Accommodations	\$5,348
Volleyball	Precision Trainer & Travel Accommodations	\$1,212
Water Polo	Jackets	\$2,533
Wrestling	Equipment & Travel Accommodations	\$1,380

Total Enhancement Expense \$118,626

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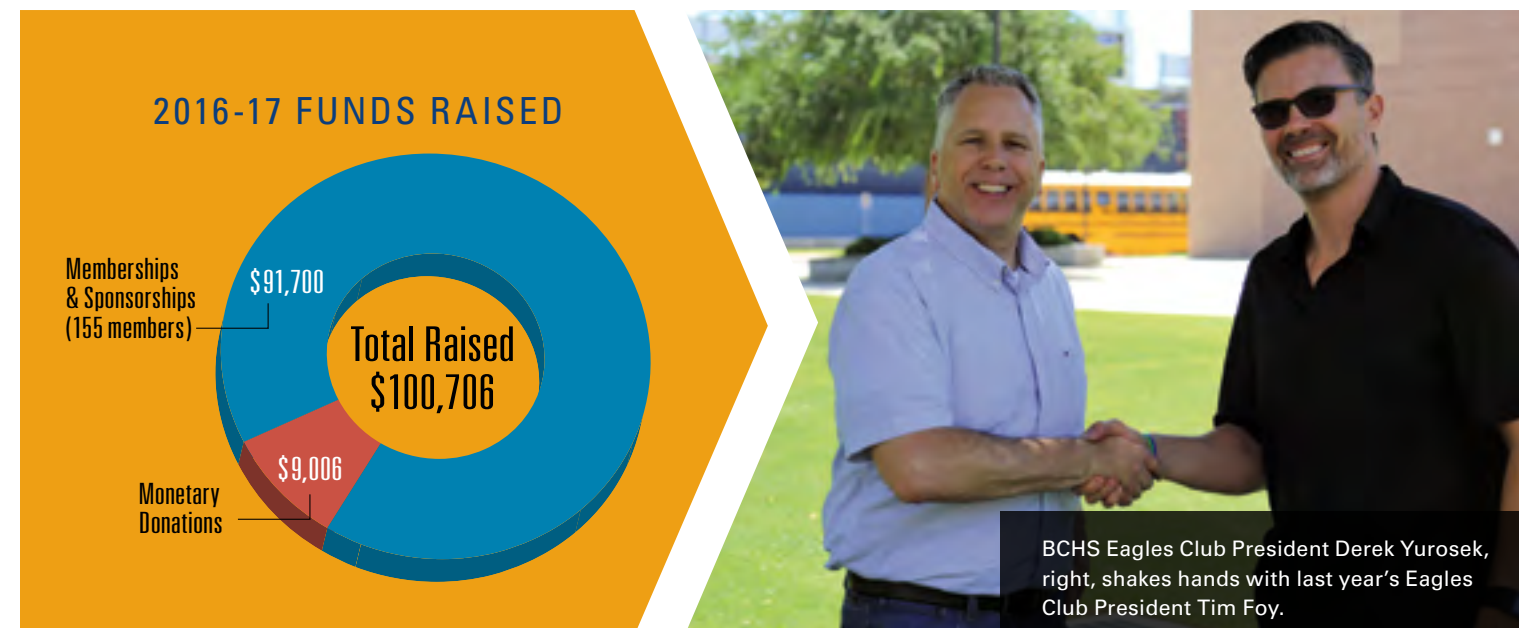
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ADVANCEMENT

Karen Dierks, BCCHS Vice President of Advancement

I'm convinced that excitement is contagious. Being on campus every day, the love our students have for our school is evident. But, it doesn't stop there. Last year, as I watched our President John Buetow, in his first year at BCCHS, I loved to see his excitement as he got to know our generous community. I know he's no stranger to the world of philanthropy, but I'm certain he would agree with me — there is something very unique and special about the giving community at our school. There is a climate here that's not duplicated at many other organizations. Our community, our families and our donors are some of the most bighearted servants to be found!

It was amazing to witness how God unveiled His plan to incorporate people in giving throughout the year. One of the most memorable of these moments came at The Key Event annual dinner auction last April.

In the weeks leading up to the event and in planning the program for the evening, we were looking for a student who received

financial aid and who would be willing to share from his or her heart with our guests. One student jumped out to me almost immediately because of how I'd seen him throughout the year shining in multiple areas, including praying with and for the football team. This student readily agreed to speak. Further confirmation of God's hand in this process was evidenced through talking with his mom at a basketball game. She relayed how her family had just been discussing the manner in which God had orchestrated a way for her son to attend BCCHS. With tears in her eyes, she thanked me for the opportunity for her son to express his gratitude.

Although I had heard his speech during practice sessions for the event, I was still not prepared for what God



had planned and how He used this young man that evening. After dinner, when it came time for him to speak, he told the story of how generations in his family had experienced a limit in their hopes for their

futures. He then related how this changed when his immediate family moved to Bakersfield and close to BCCHS. It was at that point that a transformation occurred. When he shared that he was the first in his family who would go to college, one could have heard a pin drop. Every individual in the crowd was glued to his every word.

As employees at this school, we can ask people to give, and assist in maximizing the impact of each gift. Yet having our community hear, firsthand, a testimony from someone who is truly grateful and humble for such giving is incredibly moving and powerful.

It is truly a privilege to be a part of what God is doing at BCCHS and to witness how He is working in the lives of our students. It is an honor to be a vehicle used by God to fulfill His plan in a young person's life.

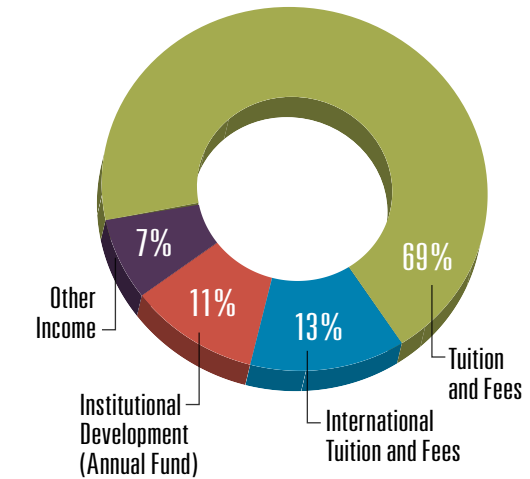
FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

In 2016-17, BCCHS enjoyed extremely solid fiscal results. Capital debt was significantly reduced, with the goal of eliminating such debt set to be met in 2017-18. Operating income outpaced operating expenses, allowing for positive cash flow. Such annual positive operating cash flow has been a reality at BCCHS for numerous consecutive years. Additionally, the annual fiscal audit showed that BCCHS' finances were fairly represented as delivered to the auditing firm.

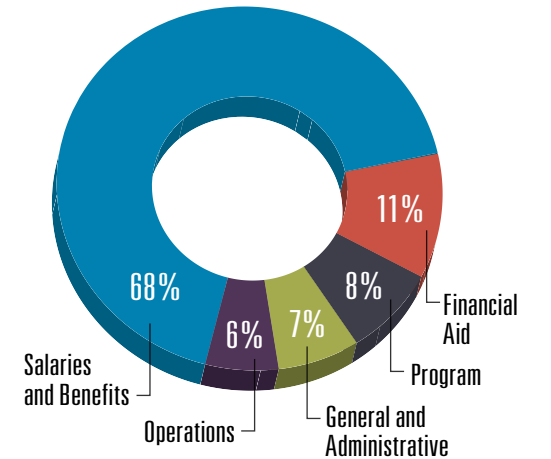
In looking forward, a balloon payment on the solar panels installed in 2014 looms on the horizon. Plans for meeting this expense have been implemented. Once paid for, the annual costs BCCHS currently pays for electricity will be significantly reduced.

The BCCHS endowment currently stands at approximately \$750,000 and is invested through the Kern Community Foundation. As BCCHS looks to the future, the principal growth of this endowment fund is a stated school objective.

2016-17 REVENUE

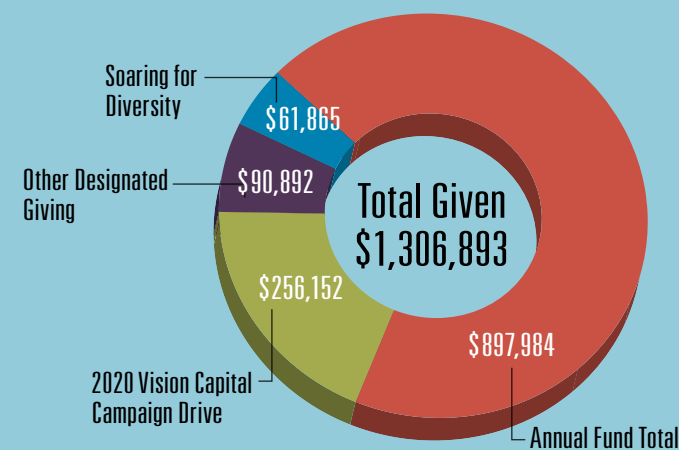


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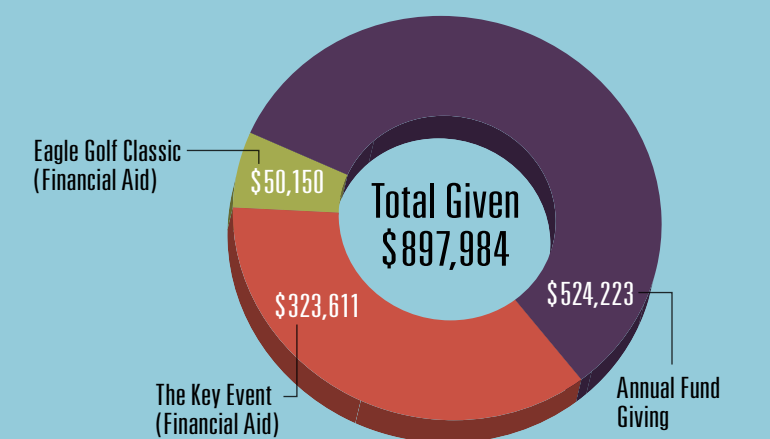


Marci Wattenbarger celebrates her card being drawn as the winner of a car at The Key Event annual dinner auction.

2016-17 FISCAL YEAR GIVING



2016-17 ANNUAL FUND GIVING



Thank You Donors (Individuals and Families)

The following list of donors is reflective of our giving records from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. We have made every effort to be accurate in this listing. However, if we have made a mistake or omission, please bring it to our attention and accept our apology.

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P BCHS Parent for 2016-17
G BCHS Grandparent for 2016-17
B Board Member for 2016-17
E Employee for 2016-17
A Alumni followed by Year Graduated

5+ 10+ 15+

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Lonn and Dianne Fisher **G**
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 Nathan Thiessen **E**

up to \$500

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 Jerry and Mandi Evans **P**
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 Gabe Gamez
 Ben and Lucy Gough **P**
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 Poso Creek Family Dairy **5+**
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Soaring for DIVERSITY

The same week Oakland Raiders star quarterback, Derek Carr, BCBS Class of 2009, signed a history-making NFL contract, he headlined a new fundraiser for BCBS. The Carr family was featured at "Soaring for Diversity," which was held at the Petroleum Club on June 23. Derek and his brother David signed autographs prior to leading a Chalk Talk which showed an inside look at the NFL. Then, President John Buetow led a Q&A session with all three brothers (Derek, David and Darren) as well as their father Rodger. A one-of-a-kind football signed by five Raiders – Derek Carr, Amari Cooper, Michael Crabtree, Marshawn Lynch and Khalil Mack – was auctioned to help raise money for the cause of the night.

The title, "Soaring for Diversity," only hints at the full purpose for the gathering. While the primary purpose of the event was to provide funding to increase the amount of student diversity found on BCBS' campus, it will also serve to augment the funding for both our athletic program in general, and for our football program, specifically.

Increasing student diversity has become a stated goal at BCBS. Certainly, increasing socio-economic and racial diversity falls squarely within this goal. Yet diversity also includes providing the opportunity of a BCBS education for students with special physical and learning accommodations who have college as a future goal.

From the generosity of the event sponsors to the giving spirits of the Carr family, BCBS was truly blessed by all who supported the event. More importantly, there will be Eagles on campus who wouldn't be able to attend the school without the support from this night.

