

April 20, 2020
FTU Town Hall

Last Week's Recap

- The BCPSS FaceBook Live Q&A did not give any clarification regarding grading and what the 4th quarter will look like
- School buildings will remain closed thru May 15th
- Tech Day was successful. As of today a combination of chromebooks and hotspots have been loaned to our families. Dr. Gamber is still collecting information on additional tech needs of our families. Remember that you may also contact BCPSS for additional support via their hotline: 443-984-2001

Guidance for Y2s

- City Schools have postponed all proms, commencements, farewells, and other events for the moment. The state has waived standardized testing and service learning hour requirements for graduation; senior exams have also been cancelled. We will issue some guidance around the grading of college courses next week, so please stay tuned. Otherwise, Year 2s are continuing to report their college acceptances (over 160 at the moment) on a class Instagram page so we can still celebrate!
[instagram.com/bhsecbaltimore_classof2020](https://www.instagram.com/bhsecbaltimore_classof2020)
- Dr. Gamber and Mr. Bond are surveying the Y2s for suggestions on how to celebrate the Class of 2020 while following the guidelines given by the State and BCPSS
- It has not been determined whether the seniors' last day will be different from the originally announced date of May 15.
- Seniors will not be doing the senior projects assigned by BCPSS. They do not align with our curriculum. Stay tuned for additional information.
- Bard College Annandale NOW ACCEPTING APPLICANTS!

The coronavirus pandemic is raising unprecedented challenges for many students across the Bard network. In acknowledgement of this, and of the incredible achievements of our Early Colleges, we are offering a COVID response scholarship to accepted Bard Early College students. Recipients will receive **\$20,000/year in addition to their regular financial aid packages, which range from partial to full aid**, to continue their intellectual and social experience at Bard College in Annandale as full time undergraduates.

Apply Now! Applications Accepted through May 1st. www.bard.edu/admission
Questions: admissions@bard.edu

Counseling Department

- Bard families should have received an email from the counseling team with some helpful information. You may also connect with them via email and you or your student can reach out to them via their IG account. Ms. Melchior @mzmelchior, Mrs. Bubb @counselor_bubb, and Mrs. Hoyt @counselorhoyt.

Bard News

Bard High School Early College Social Distancing WRITING CONTEST

Prompts to Consider: DUE DATE MAY 5th, 2020
(but are not limited to)

How are you handling these conditions of Social Distancing enacted due to the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic? What are you thinking about? What are you creating in response? Write a process piece explaining the inspiration and creation of your work. How do you hope this event will be remembered and recorded? What do we need to learn from it? In what ways will our world change as a result?

Submissions should be at least 1000 words, and emailed to contest@bhsec.bard.edu

9th & 10th Grade Essay or Creative Writing Prizes: \$100 each

Year 1 Essay or Creative Writing Prizes: \$250 each

Year 2 Essay or Creative Writing Prize: \$1200 each

9th/10th: 3 prizes per category; Y1: 2 prizes per category; Y2: 1 prize per category

Year 1 and Year 2 Prizes provide books, technology, and school supplies to support your next college experience. All forms of writing relevant to the topic are welcome including poetry, fiction, memoir, journalism, social commentary, and academic expository essays. Should you choose to submit poetry or other genre, please send an accompanying Process Piece reflecting upon your inspiration and thought process to help reach the 1000 word count.

All submissions will be considered for publication in a network-wide online and print journal, and so we invite your art and photography submissions, but it is the Process writing portion that is eligible for these prizes.

Entries will be judged anonymously by network faculty.

Please include your contact info: Name, Campus, Mailing Address, Phone Number, and email address in the body of your email and send your work without any identifying information as an attachment. Mention which category you are entering in the subject line.

Resources

- Faculty contact and class information: tinyurl.com/onlinebard
- Listing of Faculty and Staff can also be found here: baltimore.bard.edu/our-people/faculty/
- Remote Learning Resource: baltimore.bard.edu/remote-learning-resources/
- Parent Guide: <https://baltimore.bard.edu/parents-guide/>
- Teachers Democracy Project: "Every Monday and Thursday we host a discussion online. Mondays are a Parent Power Podcast where we have special guests on a wide variety of topics. Some upcoming topics include a 3 city comparison of how parents and teachers are navigating life and learning during COVID-19. People can listen live through facebook (check <https://www.facebook.com/tdpbaltimore/> for the latest link) and Thursdays are a phone or video call on Zoom for anyone to join.

Next FTU Town Hall meeting will be Monday April 27th at 7pm via Google Hangout Meets. Look for the link from Dr. Gamber.

Be you. Be challenged. Be ready for life.

Bard High School Early College Baltimore