

April 27th FTU Community Meeting

Last Week's Recap

- 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.
- 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)
- Bard College Annandale NOW ACCEPTING APPLICANTS! Apply Now! Applications Accepted through May 1st. www.bard.edu/admission Questions: admissions@bard.edu
- Bard High School Early College Social Distancing WRITING CONTEST: DUE DATE MAY 5th, 2020. All submissions will be considered for publication in a network-wide online and print journal

Updated Grading Policy

- **For High School grading**, Bard has submitted a proposal for an alternative grading rubric for the 4th quarter. We are waiting for approval and when the final word is received, there will be a meeting for the Y2's to fully explain how this may impact their grade.
- **For Y1s or Y2s: Incomplete (INC)**
Instructors may give a student a grade of INC if the student was unable to complete the requirements of a course, pending Dean of Studies approval. In all cases, including those due to a psychological or medical condition documented by a medical professional, students will have up to but no longer than the last day of classes of the following semester to complete the work for the course. If no new grade is submitted by that time, the INC will automatically revert to an F. With or without a doctor's note, the incomplete work is due on the last day of the fall semester in January 2021. Students opting for an incomplete must provide, no later than their last day of classes, documentation to the Dean of Studies that they understand the due date for work and that they and their parent/guardian agree with the arrangement.
- **For Y1s or Y2s: Pass/D/Fail (P/D/F)**
Students may elect to take a course on a Pass/D/Fail basis, subject to approval by the instructor and the Dean of Studies. This option applies only to the individual student and not to the course as a whole.

Pass/Fail courses will not count against a student's GPA if the student passes with a C or higher (i.e. earns a 70 or higher), and the Pass/Fail course will earn credit toward the AA degree. However, the Pass/Fail course will count toward GPA should the student make a D or F in the course. Faculty will continue to grade incoming work on the letter grade scale, to determine the P/D/F grade.

- This option is designed for high performing students who have found that they are not able to produce their best work under the current circumstances, and would like to protect their GPA against a lower letter grade (B or C) than they would have earned in regular classwork. In this situation, we have implemented Pass/D/Fail to give students who are experiencing hardship the flexibility necessary to complete their coursework. Students opting for Pass/D/Fail must provide documentation to the Dean of Studies that they and their parent/guardian agree with the arrangement no later than their last day of classes.

- **(W)Withdrawal**

Year 2 students who do not need a credit for their high school diploma and/or are not pursuing the Associate's degree have the option to withdraw from a course. After the Add/Drop period (2 full weeks after the start of the semester) the course will be listed on the student's Bard transcript with W as the letter grade, which does not impact GPA. However, the course cannot earn credit for college. Students opting for withdrawal must provide documentation to the Dean of Studies that they and their parent/guardian agree with the arrangement no later than their last day of classes.

Students will not be permitted to withdraw from college courses that also meet Maryland high school graduation requirements (e.g., Seminar 201, College Algebra, etc.).

Please note: Bard Early College alumni and their advisors have found that the Pass/D/Fail courses on Bard College transcripts may not transfer at the student's next university. Grades of P (Pass) are interpreted by some registrars as a grade of C or higher.

- Dean Croson has created the form for Y1 and Y2s to use <https://forms.gle/6tycWgVAcCbi5ARGA>. Be advised, it is recommended to wait and discuss your options with your family and counselor before submitting the document. Y2's have until May 14th to submit their forms for approval-seniors and the last day is scheduled for May 15th.
- College Decision Day is June 1st

“Crafting policies that support our students and encourage their learning.”

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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/>
- Y2's IG for college reporting: [instagram.com/bhsecbaltimore_classof2020](https://www.instagram.com/bhsecbaltimore_classof2020)
- 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 May 4th at 7pm via Google Hangout Meets. Look for the link from Dr. Gamber.

Be you. Be challenged. Be ready for life.

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