

Bard Early College

A Year In Review

2022

Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, District of Columbia Public Schools Chancellor Lewis Ferebee, and Bard students and colleagues cut the ribbon on a new facility for Bard Early College DC.



Photo by Khalid Naji-Allah, photographer for Mayor Muriel Bowser

BEC Student Success

QuestBridge is a national nonprofit working to match exceptional students with the nation's best colleges.

The **Posse Foundation** partners with leading colleges and universities to provide full tuition scholarships and pre-collegiate training to young, standout leaders.



Natalie Keyssar, BHSEC Manhattan

Questbridge Scholarships Bard Early College Students

Aude Djifanou | **Boston College**
BHSEC Newark Class of '22

Andy Asante | **Boston University**
BHSEC Manhattan Class of '22

Courtney Marshall | **University of Chicago**
BHSEC Baltimore Class of '22

Sarah Allen | **Duke University**
BEC New Orleans Class of '22

Juan'Shalyn Ward | **University of Chicago**
BEC New Orleans Class of '22

Posse Scholarships Bard Early College Students

Noe Garcia-Bravo | **Wheaton College**
BHSEC Manhattan Class of '22

Luna Garces | **Lafayette College**
BHSEC Manhattan Class of '23

Isabella Villanueva | **University Wisconsin Madison**
BHSEC Manhattan Class of '23

Melvin Barroso | **Connecticut College**
BHSEC Manhattan Class of '23

Yuleisy Aguirre De Jesus | **Rhodes College**
BHSEC Cleveland Class of '23

Student Work in National Publications

The stories of Bard Early College students were shared nationally in journals and publications, highlighting their work both in and out of the classroom.

Aarsha Joshi, BHSEC Queens '23, spoke to the strengths of early college education in an op-ed for the Gotham Gazette.

BHSEC Cleveland student **Yuleisy Aguirre De Jesus** '23 in her op-ed for Chalkbeat, describes recovering – academically and personally – from the pandemic.

BHSEC Queens student **Ymorah Blakeney** '22 was featured in Forbes, spotlighting her work with the organization she founded, Black Girls Talk, a social enterprise she founded in 2018 that provides a safe space and youth development resources for Black girls ages 14 through 18.



Aarsha Joshi
BHSEC Queens



Yuleisy Aguirre De Jesus
BHSEC Cleveland



Ymorah Blakeney
BHSEC Queens

New Fellowship Program Connects Students with Real-World Opportunities.

The Bard Early College Student Fellowship Program was launched this year. Fellows are supervised and mentored by members of the Early College Network Team, engaging students in advocacy work, marketing, research, and other initiatives.

2022 – 2023

Student Fellowship Cohort

Kiani Arroyo | **Communications and Writing Fellow**
BHSEC Cleveland

Peyton Weeks | **Alumni Outreach & Communications Fellow**
BEC New Orleans

Danezell Bigby | **Sequence Public Relations Fellow**
Bard Sequence DC

Isabel Marks | **NY Policy and Advocacy Fellow**
BHSEC Queens

Alexzandra Medina | **External Relations Fellow**
BHSEC Manhattan

Jaleah Depron | **Grants Fellow**
BEC New Orleans

BEC Faculty Expertise

Early College Faculty Lead in Their Fields

Bard Early College supports opportunities for faculty to conduct research and scholarship in their fields in and beyond the classroom. BHSEC Queens Literature professor **Dr. Maria Khan** recently published a paper in the Oxford Journal of Literature and Theology. The paper, *Religious Experience, Storytelling, and Ethical Action in Muhammad Iqbal's Javid Nama and Gotthold Ephraim Lessing's Nathan*, was co-authored by Dr. Khan's colleague at Bard College Berlin, Ulrike Wagner, Director of German Studies.

Dr. Victoria Bampoh (BHSEC DC), received a 2022 Society for Science STEM Research Grant, one of 95 exceptional teachers recognized for advancing STEM learning in the U.S. and abroad.

Dr. Steven Mazie (BHSEC Manhattan), Professor of Political Studies, published an article in the Atlantic entitled "The Supreme Court Justices Do Not Seem to Be Getting Along". Dr. Mazie also covers the Supreme Court for The Economist.



Dr. Maria Khan
BHSEC Queens



Dr. Victoria Bampoh
BHSEC DC



Dr. Steven Mazie
BHSEC Manhattan

Celebrating Excellence in Research and Practice Among Early College Faculty

The Early College Research Fund awards institutional support to faculty members' scholarly and artistic projects across the early college network. Recipients of this year's grants were Dr. Ursula Embola (Manhattan), Dr. Bruce Matthews (Manhattan), Dr. Jazmín Puicón (Newark), Tongi Philip Qian (DC), Dr. Betsy Wood (Newark), and Dr. Yining You (DC).

BEC Student Life

Over 3,000 students are enrolled across the BEC Network

BHSEC Student Recognized For Commitment to Civic Engagement

Civic engagement is at the heart of Bard Early College's pedagogy and our campus life. Tiffany Nieto, BHSEC Queens '25, was selected by the NYC Campaign Finance Board for the 2022 NYC Votes Youth Ambassadors program. This program designated young New York City Students to serve as voting experts in their communities and to organize voter mobilization events during the 2022 election season.



BHSEC students from across the network attended the 2022 Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities Conference at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, focused on modern civil discourse.



Natalie Keyssar, BHSEC Manhattan

Student Voices in Leadership

Expanding Opportunities for Early Colleges

As part of its mission, BEC is leading a national movement of early college programs and places equity and expanding access at the heart of this work. BEC students have strong voices to advocate on behalf of the programs that changed their lives. In 2022 students from across the BEC Network wrote op-eds, hosted legislators and policymakers for site visits, and spoke up about their experiences, working to open more opportunities for more students to experience early college in the future.

BEC Partnerships

New Partnership with Harvard Medical School

BEC partners with leading institutions that deepen learning across the curriculum. In 2022 BEC partnered with Harvard Medical School to offer a new summer course in neuroscience, co-taught by a BEC faculty member and by a member of the Harvard Medical School faculty.

Summer Learning Initiatives

BEC partnered with PEN America's Free Speech Advocacy Institute to provide a summer 2022 program for BEC students from New York City and Washington, DC where students explored the concept of free expression as a civil right.

Enrichment Opportunities



The Cleveland Music Settlement program, led by professor Daniel Kenworthy, will bring together BHSEC Cleveland orchestra students with virtuoso teachers.

A new partnership with the Columbia University Data Science Institute, initiated in 2022, will offer immersive courses in Data Science for BHSEC Manhattan students.



Alumni/ae **Achievements**

Baltimore to **Berlin**

Violet Smith (BHSEC Baltimore '22) is a current first year student at Bard College Berlin (Germany), studying politics and economics. Violet writes, “BHSEC Baltimore prepared me well for college. I didn't even fully realize it until I was at Bard Berlin and successfully navigating the college environment, my courses, and my schedule.” Bard College Berlin students earn both a US and German BA degree.

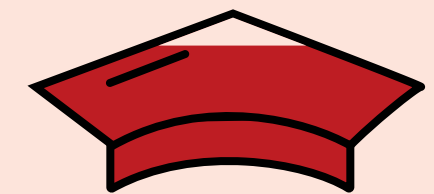


Bard College Berlin

Bard Early College Alumni/ae Excel in Journalism

Many BHSEC alumni/ae have gone on to pursue careers in journalism, including Eliza Fawcett, BHSEC Manhattan '15, a New York Times Reporting Fellow who published a front page story this year on learning loss for postsecondary students in the U.S. during the COVID-19 pandemic. In early 2022, Nika Sabasteanski, BHSEC Manhattan '12, became Editor-in-Chief of the NYU Law Review. Madison Fernandez BHSEC Manhattan '17, a POLITICO reporter who has also worked for Forbes and CBS News, extensively covered public policy, elections, and voting rights in 2022.

92%



is the rate of 6-year bachelors degree completion for BEC graduates who obtained their AA.

Access, Affordability, and Equity

Ensuring Early College Access for Generations

BEC is grounded in the belief that access to college should be determined by a student's ambitions – not limited by their age, zip code, or the price of admission. Through participation in the Open Society Foundation's challenge grant of \$500 million to Bard College's endowment, gifts received to create an endowment for BEC campuses were eligible to be matched dollar-for-dollar. This extraordinary opportunity made it possible for BEC to begin building an endowment, securing the future of our work and ensuring its lasting impact for young people.



Class of 2022 Cleveland

300,000 credits

have been obtained by our 5,000+ graduates. The transfer of Bard credits offset nearly \$13,000,000 in tuition costs for the Bard Early College Class of 2022.