

For the last three years our graduates have been accepted to the following schools:

American University  
 Amherst College  
 University of Arizona  
 Bard College  
 Barnard College  
 Berklee College of Music  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Brandeis University  
 Brown University  
 Bryant University  
 Bucknell University  
 University of California-Berkeley  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Champlain College  
 University of Charleston  
 Clemson University  
 Colby College  
 Colgate University  
 College of the Holy Cross  
 University of Colorado  
 Columbia University  
 Connecticut College  
 University of Connecticut  
 Cornell University  
 Dartmouth College  
 University of Delaware  
 Dickinson College  
 Drexel University  
 Duke University  
 Emerson College  
 Emory University  
 Fairfield University  
 Fordham University  
 Franklin and Marshall College  
 Georgetown University  
 George Washington University  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
 Gettysburg College  
 Grinnell College  
 Hamilton College  
 Harvard College  
 Indiana University  
 Iona College  
 Ithaca College  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Johnson and Wales University  
 Lafayette College  
 Loyola College  
 Lehigh University  
 Macalester College  
 Marist College  
 University of Maryland  
 University of Massachusetts  
 University of Miami  
 Miami University of Ohio  
 University of Michigan  
 Michigan State University  
 Middlebury College  
 Mount Holyoke College  
 Muhlenberg College  
 New York University  
 University of North Carolina  
 University of Notre Dame  
 Northeastern University  
 Northwestern University  
 Oberlin College  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Pepperdine University  
 Quinnipiac University  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 University of Rhode Island  
 Rice University  
 University of Rochester  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
 Sacred Heart University  
 St. John's University  
 Saint Joseph's College  
 Sarah Lawrence College  
 School of Visual Arts  
 University of Scranton  
 Skidmore College  
 Smith College  
 University of Southern California  
 Stanford University  
 SUNY  
 Albany  
 Binghamton  
 Buffalo  
 Cortland  
 Fredonia  
 Geneseo  
 New Paltz  
 Oneonta  
 Oswego  
 Stony Brook  
 Syracuse University  
 University of Tennessee  
 University of Texas  
 Trinity College  
 Tufts University  
 Tulane University  
 Union College  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Vassar College  
 University of Vermont  
 Villanova University  
 University of Virginia  
 Waseda University  
 Washington University  
 Wellesley College  
 Wentworth Institute of Technology  
 Wesleyan University  
 Williams College  
 University of Wisconsin  
 Yale University



# BLIND BROOK HIGH SCHOOL

840 King Street  
 Rye Brook, New York 10573  
 CEEB Code: 334577

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## PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2012 38<sup>th</sup> Graduating Class

### THE HIGH SCHOOL AND ITS FACULTY

Blind Brook High School is a nationally recognized school of excellence. In 2011, 98% of our graduates entered higher education, 96% to four-year colleges. The faculty is recognized as one of the finest in Westchester County having continually demonstrated a commitment to teaching and to their academic disciplines. Ninety-nine percent of our teachers have completed their master's degrees and several possess doctoral degrees. Blind Brook High School is the home to a regional BOCES program for hearing impaired students. Teachers and students regularly participate in after-school academic and co-curricular activities. All students participate in a minimum of eighty hours of community service. Ninety-three students are enrolled in the June 2012 graduating class.

### THE COMMUNITY

The Blind Brook-Rye School District is a small suburban district with an expected enrollment of 1533 students in 2011-12. The community served by the school system has a population of approximately 8500 and is located within the Village of Rye Brook in southeastern Westchester County, about thirty miles north of New York City. The community enjoys a history of strong support for education.

### ACCREDITATION

Blind Brook High School is accredited by the University of the State of New York and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

### GRADING POLICY AND CLASS RANK

Blind Brook High School does not rank students but provides grade point average (GPA) information that includes all courses using a four point scale. Honors courses are weighted +.25 and Advanced Placement courses are weighted +.50. Juniors and seniors are permitted to enroll in one course for graduation as pass/fail.

| Grade | Range    | Unweighted | Honors | AP   |
|-------|----------|------------|--------|------|
| A+    | 97 - 100 | 4.33       | 4.58   | 4.83 |
| A     | 93 - 96  | 4.00       | 4.25   | 4.50 |
| A-    | 90 - 92  | 3.67       | 3.92   | 4.17 |
| B+    | 87 - 89  | 3.33       | 3.58   | 3.83 |
| B     | 83 - 86  | 3.00       | 3.25   | 3.50 |
| B-    | 80 - 82  | 2.67       | 2.92   | 3.17 |
| C+    | 77 - 79  | 2.33       | 2.58   | 2.83 |
| C     | 73 - 76  | 2.00       | 2.25   | 2.50 |
| C-    | 70 - 72  | 1.50       | 1.75   | 2.00 |
| D     | 65 - 69  | 1.00       | 1.25   | 1.50 |

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to complete a New York State minimum of 22 credits, including:

- 4.0 Credits of English
- 4.0 Credits of Social Studies
- 3.0 Credits of Math
- 3.0 Credits of Science
- 1.0 Credit of World Language
- 2.0 Credits of Physical Education
- 1.0 Credit of Fine or Performing Arts
- 0.5 Credit of Health

All students at Blind Brook are required to complete two years of World Language.

Blind Brook students graduate having earned an average of *thirty-one* credits.

All students must complete eighty hours of community service prior to graduation.

This year's class was double accelerated earning high school credit for level one World Language in grade 7, which is not calculated into the grade point average.

### Admissions Testing Profile

| Year | Class | SAT I Mean Scores |      |         |
|------|-------|-------------------|------|---------|
|      |       | Critical Reading  | Math | Writing |
| 2010 | 97    | 585               | 605  | 613     |
| 2011 | 93    | 598               | 614  | 630     |

ACT  
 65 students took the ACT examination with a mean composite score of 29.

### SAT II Subject Tests

| Test               | Mean |
|--------------------|------|
| Biology - M        | 738  |
| Chemistry          | 720  |
| English Literature | 674  |
| Math IC            | 659  |
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| US History         | 710  |
| World History      | 762  |

\* Three or more students reported scores for all SAT means indicated above.

### GRADUATING CLASS OF 2012 DISTRIBUTION OF 3 YEAR GPA

| GPA       | Number of Students | Percentage |
|-----------|--------------------|------------|
| 3.94 +    | 18                 | 19.4       |
| 3.61-3.91 | 19                 | 20.4       |
| 3.26-3.59 | 19                 | 20.4       |
| 2.79-3.25 | 18                 | 19.4       |
| 1.71-2.73 | 19                 | 20.4       |

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

| Year | Class | Semi-Finalists | Commended |
|------|-------|----------------|-----------|
| 2010 | 89    | 1              | 8         |
| 2011 | 97    | 5              | 5         |
| 2012 | 93    | 1              | 4         |



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### CLASS OF 2012

#### Advanced Placement

Blind Brook students may enroll in Advanced Placement courses commencing in grade 11. Advanced Placement courses offered in the 2011-12 school year include:

Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, English Language, English Literature, European History, French Language, Italian Language, Macroeconomics, Physics B, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, Studio Art: 2D Design, Studio Art: Drawing, United States Government and Politics, and United States History.

In May of 2011, 126 students wrote 280 examinations. The following represents the percentage of students receiving a score of 3 or higher:

|                    |      |                  |      |                            |      |
|--------------------|------|------------------|------|----------------------------|------|
| Biology            | 95%  | European History | 94%  | Statistics                 | 100% |
| Calculus AB        | 88%  | French Language  | 100% | Studio Art: 2D Design      | 100% |
| Calculus BC        | 100% | Macroeconomics   | 88%  | Studio Art: Drawing        | 0%   |
| Computer Science   | 100% | Physics B        | 74%  | U.S. Government & Politics | 89%  |
| English Language   | 100% | Psychology       | 100% | United States History      | 100% |
| English Literature | 77%  | Spanish Language | 100% |                            |      |

60 students have earned AP Scholar Awards - 27 AP Scholars with Distinction, 13 AP Scholars with Honor and 20 AP Scholars. Of these students, 4 have been named National AP Scholars.

| PROGRAM                         | COURSES   | HONORS   | ADVANCED PLACEMENT  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| ENGLISH                         | ENGLISH 9, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION, ENGLISH 10, ENGLISH 11, COMPARATIVE LITERATURE I, COMPARATIVE LITERATURE II, CREATIVE WRITING, JOURNALISM, THEATER ARTS I, THEATER ARTS II  | HONORS SHAPERS OF THE WORLD  | AP ENGLISH LITERATURE, AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE  |
| MATHEMATICS                     | ALGEBRA I, MATH 1, GEOMETRY B, GEOMETRY, ALGEBRA II/TRIGONOMETRY B, ALGEBRA II/TRIGONOMETRY, PRE-CALCULUS, CALCULUS   | HONORS ALGEBRA II/TRIGONOMETRY, HONORS PRE-CALCULUS  | AP CALCULUS AB, AP CALCULUS BC, AP STATISTICS   |
| SCIENCE                         | EARTH SCIENCE, LIVING ENVIRONMENT 1B, BIOLOGY (LIVING ENVIRONMENT), INTRODUCTION TO SCIENCE RESEARCH, APPLIED CHEMISTRY, CHEMISTRY, APPLIED PHYSICS, PHYSICS, FORENSIC SCIENCE, SCIENCE AND SOCIETY   | HONORS CHEMISTRY, HONORS SCIENCE RESEARCH  | AP BIOLOGY, AP PHYSICS B, AP PSYCHOLOGY   |
| SOCIAL STUDIES                  | GLOBAL HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 9, GLOBAL HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 10, UNITED STATES HISTORY, CRIMINAL & CIVIL LAW, ECONOMICS, ETHICAL ISSUES, INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY   |  | AP UNITED STATES HISTORY, AP EUROPEAN HISTORY, AP MACROECONOMICS, AP PSYCHOLOGY, AP UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT & POLITICS |
| WORLD LANGUAGES                 | FRENCH 1, FRENCH 2, FRENCH 3, FRENCH 4, FRENCH 5<br>LATIN 1, LATIN 2, LATIN 3<br>ITALIAN 1, ITALIAN 2, ITALIAN 3, ITALIAN 4, ITALIAN 5, ITALIAN 6<br>SPANISH 1, SPANISH 2, SPANISH 3, SPANISH 4, SPANISH 5, SPANISH 6                                   | HONORS FRENCH 5<br>HONORS FRENCH 6<br>HONORS ITALIAN 6<br>HONORS SPANISH 4<br>HONORS SPANISH 5<br>HONORS SPANISH 6 | AP FRENCH<br>AP ITALIAN<br>AP SPANISH   |
| ART                             | ADVANCED ART, CRAFTS, PRINTMAKING & CERAMICS, DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, FOUNDATIONS OF ART, INTERMEDIATE STUDIO ART, MIXED MEDIA, PHOTOGRAPHY I, PHOTOGRAPHY II, PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIO, PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT, STUDIO ART, STUDIO IN ART I, STUDIO IN ART II |  | AP STUDIO ART: 2D DESIGN<br>AP STUDIO ART: DRAWING  |
| BUSINESS                        | ACCOUNTING  | HONORS COLLEGE ACCOUNTING, HONORS COLLEGE MARKETING TRENDS & ISSUES  |   |
| COMPUTER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | CREATING DIGITAL MEDIA, ESSENTIALS OF COMPUTING, PRE-ENGINEERING, PRE-ENGINEERING II, VIDEO PRODUCTION B  |  |   |
| FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE     | AMERICAN CUISINE, INTERNATIONAL CUISINE   |  |   |
| LEADERSHIP                      |   | HONORS STUDENT LEADERSHIP SEMINAR  |   |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH       | ADAPTIVE PE, HEALTH, PERSONAL FITNESS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION 9, PHYSICAL EDUCATION 9/10, PHYSICAL EDUCATION 10-12, PROJECT ADVENTURE   |  |   |
| MUSIC                           | CHAMBER ENSEMBLE, CHORUS, CONCERT BAND, INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, JAZZ ENSEMBLE   |  |   |