



Staff Anniversaries

July

Brandon Straub – 2 years

August

Renita Adams – 15 years

September

Vera Gutierrez – 2 years

Nicole Wallace-Wright – 9 years

From the Desk of Regional Director, Karinda Shanes

We have exciting news to share!

Please join me in congratulating Elizabeth Nolan, Chief Operating Officer, who was recently honored with the dedication of the Elizabeth Nolan Enrichment Classroom at the Phoenix Center. This recognition was made possible through a generous gift from her sister and brother-in-law, Dr. Mary Hall and Dr. David Hall, in honor of Elizabeth's longstanding commitment to Hillside's mission. We are grateful for their generosity and for Elizabeth's exceptional leadership, which helps keep #HillsideStrong every day.

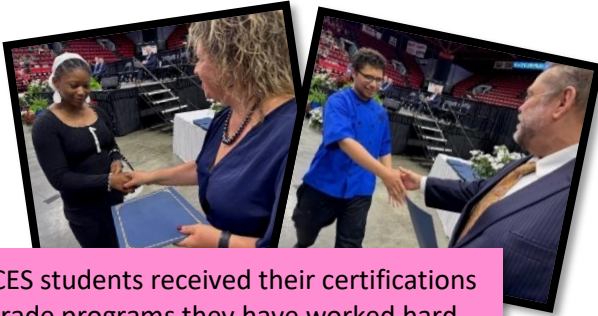
We are also excited to announce the expansion of our high school programming from five to six Syracuse City School District high schools. Beginning this year, we will serve students at STEAM High School, allowing us to reach even more young people and further strengthen our impact across the community.



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Binghamton



Our BOCES students received their certifications for the trade programs they have worked hard in over the past two years. We can't wait to hear about their achievements moving forward with the knowledge and skills they have gained from these programs.



We are proud of the students who made Honor Roll and High Honor Roll for Marking Period Four. This achievement reflects their hard work, dedication, and commitment to academic success.



Senior Jaida won the Hillside laptop raffle and was extremely grateful. She will be taking it with her to Orange Coast College in California!



We held our yearly Senior Celebration to recognize our Class of 2026 seniors before they head off to their next adventure. We are so proud of their hard work and resilience. We will miss them, but we wish them all the best on their journey!



High Schools



Tatyana Spears and Yanielis Disla-Mercado enjoyed Senior Skip Day as they celebrated their final weeks of high school with friends and classmates.

Ta'Kai Baker has committed to St. Thomas University to play flag football!



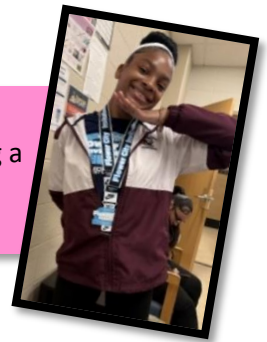
Da'Jour Robinson gave our incoming 9th graders some advice and a tour as they prepare for their transition to high school.



Henninger and Corcoran seniors participated in Decision Day, celebrating their post-graduation plans and sharing their next steps after high school. Students proudly announced their commitments to colleges, careers, military service, and other pathways as staff and peers cheered them on. The event highlighted the hard work and accomplishments of the senior class as they prepared for their next chapter.



Congratulations to Z. Davis for winning a medal at the sectionals for track.



Several Puerto Rican Hillside students participated in PSMA's Multicultural Festival.



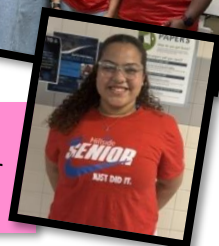
K. Cooper is our Hillside 2026 Equitable Scholarship winner!



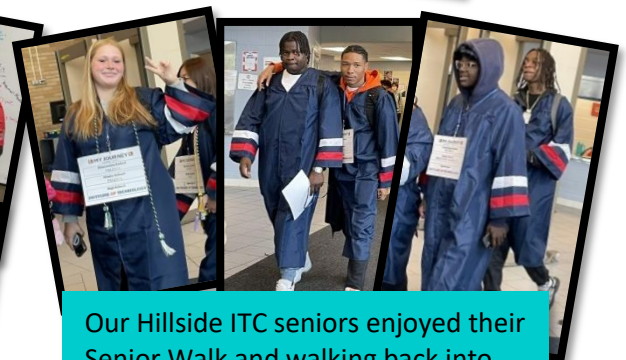
Congratulations to our Nottingham Hillside YA Mrs. Wright on expecting her new baby boy to join the Ham Fam this summer!



Hillside Senior Shirt Day! The students loved this year's Hillside senior shirt design and enjoyed showing off their stylish look as they ended their last few days at ITC.



Our Hillside ITC seniors enjoyed their Senior Walk and walking back into some of their middle schools in June.



PROM NIGHT

2026



Middle Schools



On June 12, Clary students came dressed to impress! We held our annual Semi-Formal Dance, an opportunity to celebrate our 8 Go 9 students as they prepare to transition to high school with style and grace. Our students had a fun-filled night of food, fun, and good music. They danced the night away at a fire-and-ice-themed party. Everyone had a great time, and we created lasting memories.



Congratulations to our Hillside Clary 8th graders on moving up to high school! We wish you all the best, and we can't wait to see all you will achieve next.



Advocate Vic Sayers-Hope celebrates Brighton's 8th graders at their moving-up ceremony!



At the Brighton Academy Multicultural Festival, students proudly showcased the dances they worked hard to prepare. Students and staff came together to cook food from different cultures, and students created posters so everyone could learn about different cultures. It was a fun learning experience for everyone involved.



As the school year came to a close, Grant Middle School students celebrated their hard work with a multicultural celebration honoring the diverse cultures that make their school community so special. Hillside students Angel, Paw, Sophia, and Aria showcased their talents and cultural pride through dance performances, including a Puerto Rican dance, a traditional Asian dance, and KATSEYE's "Touch" routine. The celebration highlighted the strength, diversity, and community spirit of Grant Middle School as students looked ahead to a well-deserved summer.

After School at Phoenix Center

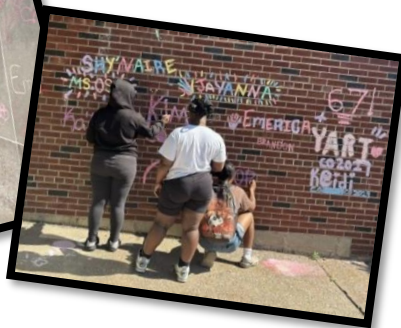


Brighton Academy scholars and other middle school Hillside students participated in a Salt City cooking activity where they made tacos. Students Robert Elliott, Dupree Orr, and Maddison Terwilliger were taught how to prep, cut, season, and cook the ingredients. They even got some to take home and share with their families. The students were happy with how the session turned out and were excited to brush up on and learn new techniques in the kitchen.

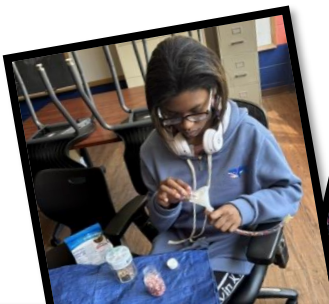


HUEBER BREUER

Students toured a Hueber Breuer construction site to learn about the different jobs in the field, including project management, safety coordination, and even internships.



Mrs. Wright and her students enjoyed a beautiful after-school day being creative with sidewalk chalk and paint at our Phoenix Student Center.



Students added a little sparkle to their June after-school programming by creating colorful glitter tube bracelets. The fun, hands-on activity encouraged creativity and gave students the opportunity to design unique accessories while spending time with friends.

(Photo shown on the right is an example of glitter tube bracelets and was not taken during the June after-school program.)



Students worked hard during our Hillside Earth Day campus clean-up, helping care for and beautify the campus. Their teamwork, dedication, and pride made a positive impact while demonstrating the importance of caring for the environment and the community.

Class of 2026 Congrats



