

## **BHA Board Report**

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### **BHA 2026 Graduation**



This year marked a historic milestone for our program as we celebrated the graduation of 48 seniors—the largest graduating class in our school's history. While the number itself is significant, what stands out most is the determination, resilience, and hard work demonstrated by this exceptional group of students. Each graduate's journey was unique, and together they represent what can be accomplished through perseverance, support, and a commitment to reaching their goals.

This senior class faced and overcame a wide range of challenges on their path to graduation. Many balanced academic responsibilities with work, family obligations, personal hardships, and other obstacles that could have easily derailed their progress. Instead, they showed grit, maturity, and an unwavering commitment to completing their education. They supported one another, embraced opportunities for growth, and consistently rose to meet expectations.

We could not be more proud of this group of graduates. They leave our school having achieved something meaningful and lasting, and they have set a new standard for future classes to follow. Their success is a testament not only to their individual efforts but also to the strong partnerships among students, families, staff, and the broader community. We congratulate each of our 48 graduates and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make in the years ahead.

## Senior Banquet



## FITM Festival Internship Experience



We are excited to share that 65 students will be participating as interns at the upcoming Fire in the Mountains Festival this summer—an increase of 35 students from last year. This remarkable growth reflects both the success of the program and the enthusiasm students have for being part of an event that showcases our community, culture, and work ethic on an international stage.

Last year's interns were nothing short of outstanding. Throughout the festival, they represented themselves, their families, our schools, and the Blackfeet Nation with professionalism, pride, and maturity. Thousands of visitors from across the country and around the world had the opportunity to interact with our students, who served as welcoming ambassadors for the Blackfeet community. Their contributions did not go unnoticed, and they earned widespread praise from festival organizers, artists, vendors, and attendees alike.

One of the most memorable aspects of last year's festival was seeing our students fully embraced as part of the experience. Several interns even had the opportunity to join performers on stage during festival sets, creating unforgettable moments that highlighted the connection between the event and the community that hosts it. We are incredibly proud of our students and look forward to seeing this year's expanded group continue to build on that success while gaining valuable work experience, leadership skills, and confidence.

### **Summer School Video Project**

This summer, eight BHA/BHS students will have the unique opportunity to participate in a special creative media project as part of our summer school program. Working alongside experienced artists and mentors, students will help develop and produce a student-led music video for the legendary band Neurosis. This project will provide hands-on experience in storytelling, acting, video production, creative design, and collaborative project management while giving students a chance to showcase their talents in a real-world artistic setting.

What makes this opportunity especially exciting is that students will take an active leadership role throughout the creative process. From developing concepts and visual themes to participating in filming and production, they will have the chance to see how a professional creative project comes together from start to finish. This experience represents the type of innovative, student-centered learning opportunities we strive to provide—connecting education, creativity, and career exploration in meaningful ways. We are thrilled for these students and look forward to seeing the final product come to life.