HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2015-2016

BACKGROUND & MISSION
Boca Raton Christian School (BRCS) is committed to offering the highest caliber of college preparatory Christian education and academic excellence. Located in downtown Boca Raton, Florida, BRCS is a PreK3-12th grade independent school that was established in 1973 as a ministry of Boca Raton Community Church, an independent evangelical church.

The school's mission is to encourage students to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ and to provide for academic excellence. The school’s vision is to develop Christian leaders of influence for tomorrow. BRCS has developed a nurturing, family-oriented environment where each student is educated to his or her utmost potential. With a demanding academic climate and a commitment to serving the community, BRCS has an outstanding record in college placement, athletics, and the arts.

ACCREDITATION
BRCS is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS), AdvancED/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and Florida Kindergarten Council (FKC).

AWARDS
BRCS was selected as a Palm Beach County Green School of Quality in 2013, 2014, and 2015. The school's literary magazine, Illuminate, received superior ratings in 2013 and 2014 from the National Council for Teachers of English. BRCS received a $500 grant in 2014 from Florida Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc. and $2,800 in grants in 2013 from Whole Foods Kids, Slow Foods, and the Green Seed Money Program to plant gardens on campus. In 2013, BRCS received an $8,000 grant from the American Academy of Dermatology to build a shade structure over a portion of the main playground. In 2010, 28 document cameras and wireless tablets were donated for use in classrooms by Elmo USA Corp. BRCS was awarded the 23rd Annual Admissions Advertising Award for its website in 2008. BRCS received a $17,500 Best Buy Grant as part of a national competition in 2007, enabling the purchase of GPS devices, digital cameras, video projectors, and a document camera to enhance the school’s geography instruction. In 2002, BRCS was selected as an Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) Exemplary School for its use of technology in its educational programs. The school received a National Technology Grant in 2001. BRCS (K5-8) received the National Blue Ribbon School Award from the U.S. Department of Education in 1997 and 1990.

ADMISSIONS
BRCS seeks to be an extension of the Christian home. Students are considered for admission on the basis of the family's commitment to Christian education and the student's academic/conduct history and performance on standardized achievement tests. Non-Discriminatory Statement: BRCS admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in administration or its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

STUDENT BODY
BRCS provides classes for students in PreK3 through grade 12. The average high school class size is 15 students. Total enrollment for the 2015/2016 school year is 615 students. The school community represents over 100 local churches. The student body ethnic makeup for the 2015/2016 school year is as follows: African American 6%, Asian American 2%, Caucasian 51%, Latino Hispanic 32%, Native American 1%, and other minorities 8%.
FACULTY
BRCS has a caring, energetic, and diverse faculty. Administrators and teachers, PreK4 through high school, must have a bachelor's degree and obtain teacher certification. BRCS currently has twenty-eight administrators and teachers with bachelor’s degrees, twenty-three with master's degrees, and one with a doctorate; 63% of full-time faculty have worked at Boca Christian for ten or more years; and 74% of full-time faculty have taught in a school for ten or more years. Several faculty members have been included in either Who’s Who in American Education or Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers. In addition, the William Dwyer Excellence in Education Award given by the Economic Council of Palm Beach County has recognized two teachers as semifinalists. Other awards given to teachers include the Deaver Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching, Target’s Teacher Scholarship Award, and the Florida ACSI Secondary Teacher of the Year.

FACILITIES
BRCS' facilities include a gymnasium, computer labs, middle and high school science labs, media center, art room, music room, band room, 500-seat chapel, 360-seat dining room, early childhood and elementary playgrounds, weight room, batting cage, and a 3-in-1 athletic field: football, soccer, and baseball.

GRADING SCALE & CLASS RANK
The high school academic grading scale is as follows:

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<th>Percentage Range</th>
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Weighted Courses - All honors courses are weighted as 1.125; all AP and dual enrollment courses are weighted as 1.25. BRCS does not provide class rank, as it would not be an accurate predictor of success in college due to the relatively small class sizes; however, the school does select a valedictorian and salutatorian based on the weighted GPA.

TESTING
The College Board SAT averages for the students who pursued an advanced diploma in the classes of 2011-2015 are as follows:

The critical reading average is 630. The math average is 632. The writing average is 593.

The College Board SAT averages for the classes of 2011-2015 are as follows:

The critical reading average is 541. The math average is 525. The writing average is 510.

Note: Averages were compiled using the highest score for each student in the critical reading, math, and writing tests.

One National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist was named from each of the classes of 2014, 2011, 2009, 2005, and 2003. In the past seven years, various BRCS students have achieved a perfect score of 800 on the Ecological Biology SAT subject test, the Math Level 2 SAT subject test, the critical reading section of the SAT, and the math section of the SAT. In 2015, three students received the Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor Award. Sixty-six percent of Advanced Placement students at BRCS were determined to be proficient in their area of study by earning a 3 or higher on Advanced Placement tests administered over the past five years. Based on the 2015 Terra Nova 3 standardized testing, over 89% of BRCS K5-11th grade students are at or above grade level in math and language arts.

TECHNOLOGY
Students in grades 10-12 are issued a laptop computer, which is connected to a wireless network with Internet access. Students in grade 9 have access to desktop computers. All high school students are required to take at least one online course to satisfy graduation requirements.
HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The high school curriculum offers three diplomas: standard, college preparatory, and advanced. The primary difference in the three diplomas lies in the amount of math, science, social studies, and world language required (see chart under Graduation Requirements for specific requirements). The college preparatory diploma requires Algebra II and world language credits. Because the advanced diploma is designed for students considering a more rigorous college program, physics or an AP science, pre-calculus or DE college algebra, world language, a minimum of six honors courses, and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 are required. Curriculum offerings for all diplomas may include dual enrollment with Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBAU), Florida Atlantic University (FAU), and/or Palm Beach State College (PBSC). One credit is equivalent to 36 weeks of instruction with 47-minute periods daily.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

BIBLE
Exploring the Bible
Jewish History
Marriage and Family
New Testament Survey
Philosophy/Comparative Worldview
Phil. Hon./Evangelism & Apologetics
Practical Ministry/Discipleship
Principles of Leadership

LANGUAGE ARTS
AP English Language & Composition
AP English Literature & Composition
American Literature (Regular & Honors)
British Literature (Regular & Honors)
World Literature I (Regular & Honors)
World Literature II (Regular & Honors)

MATHEMATICS
AP Calculus AB & BC
Algebra I (Regular & Honors)
Algebra II
Algebra II/Trigonometry Honors
Adv. Algebra w/ Financial Applications
College Algebra
Geometry (Regular & Honors)
Pre-Calculus Honors
Statistics
Trigonometry & Analytical Geometry

SCIENCE
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
Anatomy & Physiology Honors
Biology (Regular & Honors)
Chemistry (Regular & Honors)
Earth Science (Regular & Honors)
Environmental Science
Marine Science
Physics (Regular & Honors)

SOCIAL STUDIES
AP Microeconomics
AP Psychology
AP World History
AP U.S. Government & Politics
AP United States History
American Govt. (Regular & Honors)
American Hist. (Regular & Honors)
Economics (Regular & Honors)
World History (Regular & Honors)

TECHNOLOGY
Applied Computer Technology
Computer Applications I
Computing for College and Careers
Foundations of Web Design
Production Engineering

PERFORMING/FINE ARTS
AP Music Theory
AP Studio Art: 2-D Design
Art Appreciation
Art I
Band
Chorus
Creative Photography
Debate
Drama
Public Speaking

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
HOPE (Health Opportunities through Phys. Ed.)
Individual and Dual Sports
Weight Training

LIFE MANAGEMENT SKILLS
Contemporary Living
Health

WORLD LANGUAGE
French I, II, & III
Latin I, II, & III
Mandarin Chinese I, II, & III
Spanish I, II, & III

ELECTIVES
Driver Education/Traffic Safety
Principles of Entrepreneurship
Sports & Recreation Marketing
Honors Journalism (Yearbook)

1Dual enrollment option is offered in cooperation with Palm Beach Atlantic University on the campus of BRCS.
2Florida Virtual School (online) courses
Note: Dual enrollment courses are also available in cooperation with FAU and PBSC upon approval by guidance department; students must travel to FAU and/or PBSC to take these courses.
**STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM**

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<th>Boys’ Athletics</th>
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<td>Baseball</td>
<td>Basketball</td>
<td>9th grade Lake Wales missions trip</td>
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<td>Homecoming</td>
<td>Basketball</td>
<td>Cheerleading</td>
<td>10th grade Tennessee missions trip</td>
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<td>Ignite (worship band)</td>
<td>Cross-Country</td>
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<td>Jr./Sr. Banquet</td>
<td>Football</td>
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<td>12th grade Costa Rica missions trip</td>
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<td>LLL Reading Club</td>
<td>Golf</td>
<td>Soccer</td>
<td>Local community service project</td>
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<td>Marching Band</td>
<td>Soccer</td>
<td>Softball</td>
<td>100 community service hours for graduation</td>
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<td>Musical Theater</td>
<td>Tennis</td>
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<td>National Honor Society</td>
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**COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE**

One hundred percent of the graduates of the class of 2015 attend college; 58% attend a four-year college and 42% attend a two-year college. Students of the BRCS graduating classes of 2007-2015 were accepted to the following colleges and universities: Amherst College, Arizona State Univ., Asbury Univ., Auburn Univ. (including Honors Program), Aurora Univ., Ave Maria Univ., Babson College, Barry Univ., Belhaven College, Belmont Univ., Berkley College of Music, Berkley College, Bethel Univ., Briar Cliff Univ., Cedarville Univ., Charleston Southern Univ., Chestnut Hill College, Clemson Univ. (including Honors program), Colorado Christian Univ., Colorado State Univ., Columbia College, Concordia College, Cornell Univ., Cornerstone Univ., Covenant College, Dartmouth College, Digital Media Arts College, Drexel Univ., Fairleigh Dickinson Univ., Flagler Univ., Florida Atlantic Univ. (including Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College), Florida Gulf Coast Univ., Florida Institute of Technology, Florida Southern Univ., Florida State Univ. (including Honors Program), Fort Lewis College, Franklin College, Gardner-Webb Univ., Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Southern Univ., Grove City College, Houghton College, Jacksonville Univ., Johns Hopkins Univ., Johnson & Wales Univ., Keiser Univ., Lambuth Univ., Lee Univ., Lehigh Univ., LeTourneau Univ., Liberty Univ. (including Honors program), Louisiana State Univ. (including Honors program), Lynn Univ., Mercer Univ., Messiah College, Methodist Univ., Midland Univ., Mississippi College, Missouri State Univ., Montreat College, Moody Bible Institute, North Carolina State Univ., Northeastern Univ., North Greenville Univ., Norwich Univ., Nova Southeastern Univ., Oglethorpe Univ., Ohio Northern Univ., Oxford College, Pace Univ., Palm Beach Atlantic Univ. (including Honors Program), Palm Beach State College, Patrick Henry College, Pensacola Christian College, Pepperdine Univ., Purdue Univ., Rhodes College, Rice Univ., Roanoke College, Rollins College, Samford Univ., Savannah College of Art and Design, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Shorter Univ., Southeastern Univ., Southern Methodist Univ., Southern Wesleyan Univ., Spring Hill College, St. John’s Univ., St. Leo Univ., Stetson Univ., Tennessee Temple Univ., Tufts Univ., Tulane Univ., Univ. of Alabama, Univ. of Central Florida, Univ. of Florida (including Honors Program), Univ. of Hartford, Univ. of Kansas, Univ. of Louisville, Univ. of Miami, Univ. of Mississippi, Univ. of Missouri, Univ. of Mobile, Univ. of Montana, Univ. of Nevada-Reno, Univ. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Univ. of North Florida, Univ. of Northwestern St. Paul, Univ. of South Carolina, Univ. of South Florida (including Honors Program), Univ. of South Florida-St. Petersburg, Univ. of Tampa, Univ. of Tennessee, Univ. of West Florida, Valencia College, Vanderbilt Univ., Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Webber International Univ., West Virginia Wesleyan College, Western State College of Colorado, Wheaton College, Wichita State Univ., and Wilbur Wright College.

**LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Virginia Braga, Early Childhood Supervisor; Greg Calder, M.S., Chaplain; Eric deWeber, M.A., Director of Fine Arts; Clint Erickson, M.A., Middle School Supervisor; William D. Hood II, M.A., Director of Development; Janelle Pughe, Assistant Middle School Supervisor; Eileen Travasos, M.A., Admissions Director; Len Visser, M.A., Director of Technology; Ruth Weil, M.Ed., Grades 3-5 Supervisor; John White, M.S., Athletic Director; Kim Woodford, M.A., Grades K-2 Supervisor; Beverly Zielske, Student Services Supervisor

12/15/2015