Baldwin
Upper School
Clubs
2019–2020
CLUBS 2019–2020

*These clubs are open to all students and meet either weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly.*

A.F.A.R. (Anything Fine Arts Related)
**Officers:** Ava Gessl and Alice Zehner: Senior Heads; Elina Emami and Tessa Pearlstein: Junior Heads
**Club Description:** AFAR offers a stress-free environment for Baldwin girls to express themselves through fine arts. *****Disclaimer: You do NOT have to be the artsy student!*** We serve as a supportive group behind your ideas, regardless of your artistic abilities, and anything fine arts related in the school. The club strives to inspire students’ creativity through arts and crafts, such as watercolor, DIY phone cases, marble decors, and many more. In addition, AFAR collaborates with Arts League, Maskers’ Performances Set Design, and other service clubs to advocate for Baldwin’s artistic community.

A.G.C. (Anime, Games, and Comics)
**Officers:** Maggie Song and Annie Zheng: Senior Heads
**Club Description:** The primary goal of ACG club is to gather all the Baldwin girls who are passionate about 2D and 3D animation products, providing opportunities for them to know each other, share their works and opinions on ACG. Though called Anime, Comics, and Games, our sight is not limited to animations, but in all the interests that are related to them, including computer science, art, music, dancing, literature, languages, and culture. We will encourage our club members to explore interests in those areas.

A.S.A. (Asian Students Association)
**Officers:** Sophie Feng: Senior Head; Melody Gui and Helen Li: Junior Heads
**Club Description:** A.S.A. members meet weekly to discuss current events and issues pertaining to all Asian nationalities and cultures. Club highlights include Baldwin’s annual Asian Cultural Show and Holi Festival.

Baldwin Ventures
**Officers:** Amanda Yep and Sophie Feng: Senior Heads; Anna Wang: Junior Head
**Club Description:** Baldwin Ventures is a finance and investment management club that will educate the student body about investment, finance, and the economy. Club members will analyze the stock market, read news sources such as the Investor’s Business Daily and the Financial Times, participate in discussions, and take part in basic investment simulations that will serve as fun, interactive, learning experiences and will include the use of “play money” for the investment of stocks, bonds, etc.
BETA
Officers:  Katie Kintzell and Annie Lin: Senior Heads; Bella Xia: Junior Head
Club Description:  Baldwin’s Brain Exercise and Training Association (BETA) is a club dedicated to promoting all aspects of math-related activities. Generally, our club meetings can be split into two categories: “mathematical training” and “mathematics and fun”.

B.S.U. (Black Students Union)
Officers:  Olivia Alleyne and Noor Bowman: Senior Heads; Asia Blocker and Natecia Greenidge: Junior Heads
Club Description:  The Black Students Union (BSU) meets weekly to promote healthy interaction and dialogue between BSU members, the Black community, and everyone at Baldwin; to bring awareness about Black issues at Baldwin and in society; to enrich the experience of Black students at Baldwin; and to unify the Black community.

Cradles to Crayons
Officers:  Skylar Zachian and Lila Siahatgar: Senior Heads
Club Description:  Our club at Baldwin fundraises and holds clothing drives for Cradles to Crayons. We also volunteer as a group annually at the local C2C warehouse. Additionally, during meetings we aim to discuss poverty in Philadelphia and what we can do in our position to help. Our mission as a club is to support this organization as much as possible! This club aims to bring awareness of local social issues to our fellow school mates from which they can then directly become involved in.

Creative Writing
Officers:  Lucy Bonin: Senior Head
Club Description:  Read, write, and discuss your creative writing: poems, prose, stories, and anything else you choose to write. A great opportunity to share and receive feedback on your creative writing from your peers. At each meeting, members will collaborate with each other to do various activities to strengthen their creative writing skills while also having fun.

Diversity Club
Officers:  Juliana Charles and Bella Aldrete: Senior Head; Hana Ahanger: Junior Head
Club Description:  Working in conjunction with A.S.A., B.S.U., H.S.A., and SPECTRUM, we gather to discuss various subjects of diversity.

Enviro Club
Officers:  Stephanie Hulme: Senior Head; Anya Mostek and Sarah Ying: Junior Heads
Club Description:  The purpose of this club is to spread awareness of our impact on the Environment. Through education, we hope to influence policy changes at Baldwin that will make it a sustainable campus.
G.L.I. (Girls Learn International)
Officers: Campbell Marr and Meghna Sreedhar: Senior Heads
Club Description: G.L.I. partners Baldwin with the Khanote School, a girl’s school in Pakistan. Throughout the year, members make cultural exchange projects and raise money to send to their partner school. The chapter also learns about human rights issues and participates in several trips to New York City for the national G.L.I. events.

H.S.A. (Hispanic Students Association)
Officers: Talia Viroslav: Senior Head
Club Description: The purpose of the Hispanic Students Association is to increase awareness about the Hispanic culture and promotes fellowship among Hispanic students at Baldwin. It will also serve to promote Baldwin as a truly diverse community and draw more interest among potential Hispanic students.

Interact Club
Officers: Avalon Rosenberger and Kathleen Kintzell: Senior Heads
Club Description: The Interact Club provides Baldwin girls with the opportunity to perform hands on service-projects that they are passionate about on a monthly basis. The members of the club work together to brainstorm service ideas and schedule volunteering and fundraising projects. Last school year we created and delivered Blessing Bags to the Bucks County Homeless Shelter, raised $300 for an underfunded music program at a public school in North Philly, volunteered at Cathedral Soup Kitchen in Camden, and worked in a community garden. If you join Interact, we guarantee that you will have gratifying and fun experiences doing service that is meaningful to you!

JCA (Jewish Cultural Alliance)
Officers: Sammy Baron and Lindsey Brodsky: Senior Heads

KIVA
Officers: Anna Danowitz and Lexi Smith: Junior Heads
Club Description: KIVA is a microfinance organization that uses micro lending to help alleviate poverty. The club raises money through donut bobbing at Homecoming and various sales throughout the year. At each club meeting, we loan money to various women entrepreneurs around the world who are looking to start or continue their own business in order to achieve self-independence, financial stability, or earn enough money to send their children to school. We also learn about microeconomics and discuss its role in alleviating poverty.
Korean Language and Culture Club

**Officers:** Elisa McKinley and Mary Wu: Senior Heads; Sophie Cai: Junior Head  
**Club Description:** The purpose of KCC is to help immerse students in Korea’s vibrant history, traditions, and culture. Korean holidays, cuisine, language and lifestyle will be topics of our meetings, while also branching out into more casual topics, such as Korean music and trends. By forming this club, we hope to immerse others into Korean culture and help them gain an actual understanding of different people, one gains wisdom and open mindedness that will help them interact and understand others in the future.

Maskers

**Officers:** Jattu Fahnbulleh: Senior Head; Lucy Bonin: Junior Head  
**Club Description:** Members of Maskers help produce the two Upper School plays including the lighting, PR, set design, ticket sales, and more!

Melting Pot

**Officers:** Sophie Feng and Lisa Wang  
**Club Description:** Melting pot provides a platform for cultural exchange among the diverse student body at Baldwin through a mutual love of food. The experiences of cooking, sharing food and discussing stories behind them will help promote a better understanding of different cultures and religions. Like the club’s name, we seek to serve as a melting pot for cross-cultural appreciation. Throughout the school year, we plan to work closely with other cultural affinity clubs in events to support the diversity in our community. We will explore the world’s cuisine by cooking at the Lower School kitchen every other week, so feel free to stop by to grab a snack and learn something new.

Modern Science

**Officers:** Grace Yun: Senior Head; Abby Dubinski and Devon Shatzman: Junior Heads  
**Club Description:** Modern Science is a club for those who are fascinated by the wonders of science and love to have fun. We perform cool experiments, dealing with a range of interesting topics, including fire, color and fun! We will also learn the actual science behind the magic. Modern Science is the club for anyone who loves to be amazed.

PAW (Promotion of Animal Welfare)

**Officers:** Rhea Jain and Jessica Zhu  
**Club Description:** The main purpose of our club is to make a positive impact in shelter animals’ lives. We will do so by coming up with fun ways to raise money for local shelters, and by volunteering at the local ACCT a few times throughout the year.
Spectrum
**Officers:** Juliana Charles and Sydney Zilch: Senior Heads; Lucy Bonin: Junior Head
**Club Description:** Spectrum is Baldwin’s affinity group for LGBTQ+ students and their allies. The goal of Spectrum is to educate the Baldwin Upper School on the LGBTQ+ community and act as a promoter of equal rights for the community. At our meetings, Spectrum either discusses certain aspects of the LGBTQ+ community, or read up on current events pertaining to the community. By the end of this school year, we hope to instill in our club members and other peers the idea of “different but equal”, and encourage everybody to recognize and respect the identities of LGBTQ+ individuals. Spectrum also plans the Day of Silence every year.

Technology Students Association
**Officers:** Megan Cooper, Hana Ahanger and Elina Emami: Sophomore Heads
**Club Description:** The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a national organization of students engaged in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Open to students enrolled in or who have completed technology education courses. Members learn through exciting competitive events, leadership opportunities and much more. The diversity of activities makes TSA a positive experience for every student.

T.A.C. (Teens Aware of Cancer)
**Officers:** Rhea Jain and Berlyn Squillaro: Senior Heads
**Club Description:** The purpose of TAC is to educate students about cancer and current research being done and to participate in events that support foundations like the Susan G. Komen Walk for a Cure and local relay races sponsored by the American Cancer Society. We will investigate volunteer opportunities for cancer research in our area.

Young Democrats Club
**Officers:** Carly Brechner and Bella Aldrete: Senior Heads; Hana Ahanger and Ava Olson: Junior Heads
**Club Description:** To be informed leaders of tomorrow, members will learn how the US government and the Democratic Party work. Members will discuss new legislature and write letters and petitions to officials regarding new legislature.

Young Republicans Club
**Officers:** Meghan Mahoney: Senior Head; Elise Kait: Junior Head
**Club Description:** The purpose of the Young Republicans club is to provide a space for the Baldwin Community to learn about and express conservative ideas. We also hope to promote intellectual tolerance in our community.
Publications

These clubs meet as needed to make deadlines

El Pimiento (Spanish Literary Magazine)
Officers: Saachi Singh and Meghna Sreedhar: Senior Heads
Club Description: In “El Pimiento,” we explore the Spanish language, culture and food! At the end of the year, we put together the Spanish literary magazine to share what we have learned and our passion for the Spanish language.
Expectations of Club Members: Attend meetings, submit poems, help compile the magazine

Florilège (French Literary Magazine)
Officers: Olivia Alleyne and Alexa May Richards: Senior Heads; Anna Danovitz and Lexi Smith: Junior Heads; Anna Raffaelli and Anna Wetzel: Sophomore Heads
Club Description: The purpose of Florilège is to expose the Baldwin community to French language, culture, and art. Each member will write an article or essay in French, ranging from a review of a French film to a personal essay about an experience on the French exchange. The anthology will be distributed throughout Baldwin so the entire community can share what we have learned and our passion for the French language.
Expectations of Club Members: Attend meetings, submit articles for the literary magazine publication.

Hourglass (School Newspaper)
Officers: Sammy Baron and Sasha Wayman
Club Description: Hourglass is the school newspaper. We come together during meetings to discuss what articles will be in the next issues. Club members decide what they want to write about, write the articles on their own - the editors complete the monthly issues.
Expectations of Club Members: Attend meetings, write articles on time, and generate enthusiasm for the newspaper amongst the student body.

Prism (Yearbook)
Officers: Rucha Tank: Senior Head
Club Description: Prism creates Baldwin’s yearbook by taking pictures, editing pages, and more.
Expectations of Club Members: Attend meetings.

Roman Candle
Officers: Abby Dubinski and Jessica Zhu: Senior Heads
Club Description: The Roman Candle is a literary magazine that comes out at the end of every year. During meetings, we discuss and choose the submissions that will comprise the booklet. We plan advertising and provide encouragement for photos, drawings, poetry, prose, and college essays.
Expectations of Club Members: Attend all meetings, have a love of writing, collect a range of submissions for the magazine.
DECA (Business Club)

**Officers:** Saachi Singh: Senior Head  
**Club Description:** DECA gives students the opportunity to learn about business. We do research, presentations, and listen to speakers.  
**Expectations of Club Members:** DECA will participate in local competitions and will prepare for the district competition. Members will be expected to attend all the meetings and prepare for the competitions.

Lamplighters

**Officers:** Lilly Siderowf, Torrie Smith and Melody Yu: Senior Heads  
Lily Altman, Melissa Hans, and Stephanie Hulme: Junior Heads  
**Club Description:** Lamplighters tour prospective families, students, and Alumni around Baldwin. They also host prospective students for a day.  
**Expectations of Club Members:** Attend every meeting, be available for tours during the day, participate in Open Houses. Lamplighters are expected to have a thorough knowledge of Baldwin’s academic programs and the community. They are expected to represent Baldwin in a friendly and positive manner.

Mock Trial

**Officers:** Carly Brechner and Kit Conklin: Senior Heads  
**Club Description:** The Mock Trial team works to bring together the worlds of national and out-of-the-box thinking. After receiving a nationally distributed case, we work to learn, analyze, and dissect it. We are split into two teams consisting of the prosecution and the defense and make a plausible case for each side. We then compete against various schools, advancing after every win.  
**Expectations of Club Members:** Attend all meetings and complete weekly assignments.

Model Congress

**Officers:** Alexa May Richards and Jada Williams: Senior Heads; Sophia Tavangar: Junior Head  
**Club Description:** Through active, political dialogue every week, we prepare for our conference in February. Every member is assigned a role in either, Congress, House of Representatives, Supreme Court, or the Press.  
**Expectations of Club Members:** Attend every meeting, complete required outside research, write position papers, attend Model Congress.
Model U.N.
**Officers:** Amanda Yep and Melody Yu: Senior Heads; Mimi Salgado: Junior Head
**Club Description:** The Model U.N. club meets twice a week to prepare for the North American Individual Model United Nations in Washington, D.C. Members, representing a specific country, research an assigned current world issue and compose a position paper. At meetings, we discuss parliamentary procedure and current events.
**Expectations of Club Members:** Attend all meetings (you may not miss more than two meetings to remain in the club), complete required position paper on time, and be available to attend the NAIMUN.

Moot Court
**Officers:** Samantha Eill, Mimi Selgado, Bella Xia: Senior Heads
**Club Description:** The purpose of the club is to give students the opportunity to learn about the Supreme Court and appeals court law, improve their public speaking skills, and have fun.
**Expectations of Club Members:** Attend all meetings, complete required outside research, and be available to attend the Moot Court competition in Princeton.

Peer Counseling
**Club Description:** Peer Counselors are juniors and seniors who are dedicated to being strong role models to middle and lower school students at Baldwin. They attend a four hour training session and participate in other workshops throughout the year to prepare them to be effective Peer Counselors. They meet monthly with Middle School or Lower School students, and they all attend de-briefing sessions with the PC Leaders and the Faculty Advisors.
**Expectations of Club Members:** Attend all workshops and meetings, serve as a positive example for younger students in and out of the school.