

BHA Board Report (April Highlights)

5/13/25

Senior Exit Interviews

Our graduating class of 2025 recently completed their senior exit interviews at BHA. The goal of the BHA Senior Exit Interview is for each student to be able to tell the story of their academic careers, and the obstacles they've overcome to be successful. In order to help students convey this, BHA staff interviewers ask relevant, guiding questions to facilitate the discussion. In addition to completing 4th quarter classes, these interviews serve as the final major academic requirement for our graduates. Though they were all nervous, our crew did a fantastic job – and we had 100% senior-attendance for these interviews!

More often than not, these interviews tend to be extremely emotional moments for our kids, and us as we hear more about their journeys! Plenty of tissues are on hand because we all inevitably shed a few tears.

St. Mary Career Day



Mr. Klauk recently took BHA and BHS students to St. Mary to meet with National Park Service employees for a special Career Day. The purpose of the trip is to demonstrate to our students the career potential and viability of working in Glacier Park as a seasonal or year-round employee. NPS workers provide our students with interactive presentations that highlights their departments, and they strongly encourage our kids to start applying for jobs. These trips also cement our partnership with NPS and create pathways for future collaboration and support when it comes to fillings out job applications, conducting interviews, etc.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Workshop @ BHA



Amber Williamson of the Tribal Culture and Hope program recently facilitated a YMHFA workshop at BHA for all students and staff. Jerry Girard, a professor at MSU-Billings, provided the training. Jerry turned out to be an incredible presenter, and conveyed useful and relevant information regarding mental health issues that our kids can actually utilize in life. Our kids had a great time, and we offered credit recovery points for their participation. All in all it was a great day, and we take a lot of pride in providing safety and protection from all forms of distress!

Suicide Assessment and Intervention Coursework @ BHA

We hosted another **Strengths-based Suicide Assessment and Intervention** class for BHA and BCC students in April. These classes focus on strengths-based counseling principles to depathologize the stigma associated with suicide in Indian Country while increasing student safety and protection from suicidal distress. A special emphasis of this class is placed on long term interventions by offering coping mechanisms and protective factors within our counseling framework.

This class ties into the goals and hopeful outcomes of our collaborative class with BHS, the Heavy Music Symposium Class. The SAIC course and the HMS class both have larger goals to offer protection and safety in the form increased coping mechanisms, connectivity with a caring community, and opportunities to experience catharsis.