

Buffalo Hide Academy Board Report 6/3/25

Troy Atchison Retires after 25 Years!



With heavy hearts, we need to acknowledge and celebrate our brother Troy Atchison as he marches off into the sunset and into the next phase of life. Troy has been teaching in the alternative department of Browning Public Schools for most of his career (19 out of 25 years). It would be impossible to overstate the positive impact Troy has had on countless students and families over the years with his gentle approach in the classroom.

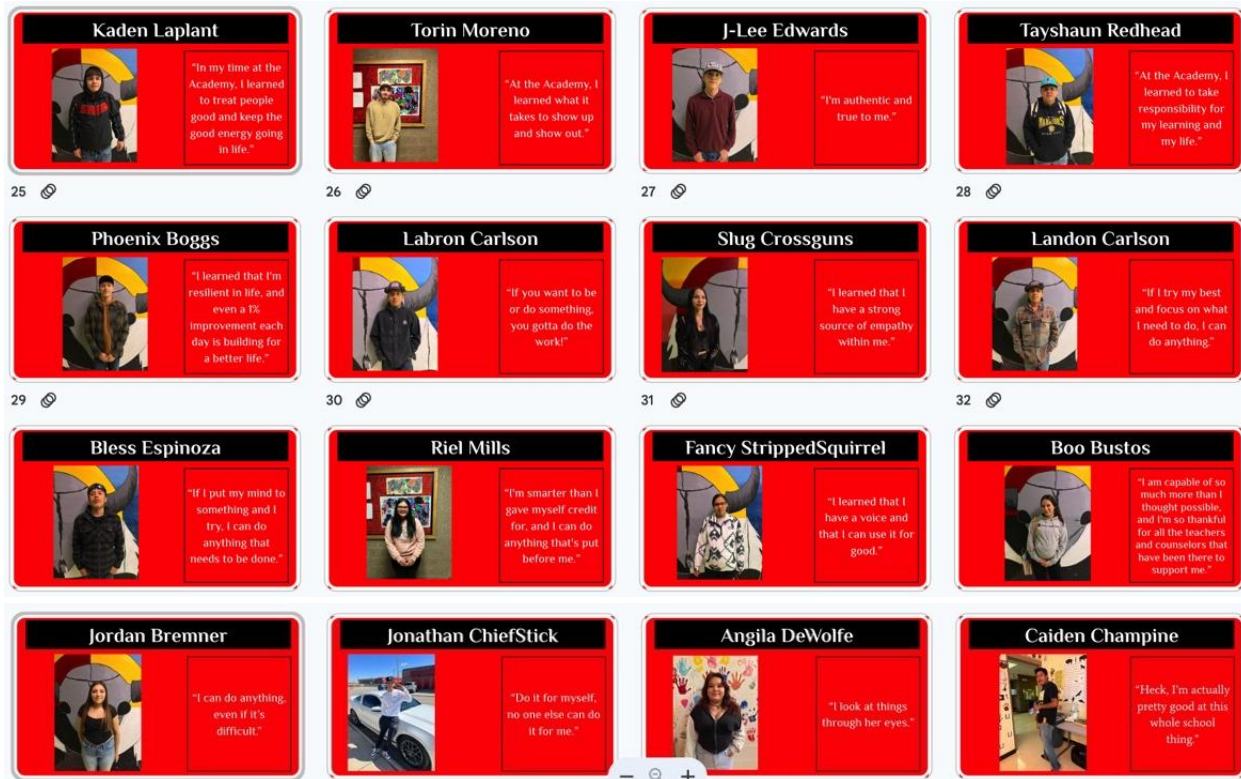
Without exception, Troy has legitimately improved the lives of every student he's worked with. We can't tell you how many times our students have praised Troy as being the one who single handedly gave them the confidence to attempt to learn Math.

Troy's compassion, warmth, and approachability have left a lasting impression on us all. And he is truly irreplaceable. Congratulations to Troy on an incredible career. He'll always have a seat at the Buffalo Hide family table.

BHA Senior Class - 2025

We also wanted to celebrate our 2025 graduates. Here's a tiny photo (and quote) of all 39 of them. We had an amazing year at BHA and wish these grad's the best!

 <p>1</p>	Robert Dorsey  <p>"I am somebody and I like who I am."</p> <p>2</p>	Ayden Kipp  <p>"I'm a pretty unique guy."</p> <p>3</p>	Skyla Olivas  <p>"I learned that I changed and I've worked so hard to get everything done."</p> <p>4</p>
Christian Sellars  <p>"Just showing up with a positive mindset I can get stuff done and I am capable of anything I put my mind to."</p> <p>5</p>	Maggie Wagner  <p>"I realized that I procrastinate a lot, but when I show up I am capable of so, so much."</p> <p>6</p>	Paul Guardipee  <p>"I like to be around more people now, and you all helped me realize I can study, pay attention, and learn. You helped me come out of my shell and bring out the positivity in me."</p> <p>7</p>	Gabe DayRider  <p>"Being able to take negative judgments about life and the world, and becoming open to trying new things and new ways of thinking. I found a willingness to leave my comfort zone to grow."</p> <p>8</p>
Kaelynn LaBuff  <p>"I learned that I'm actually pretty good at stuff when I set my mind to it!"</p> <p>9</p>	Dale Tatsey  <p>"You have to have discipline to get where you want to go."</p> <p>10</p>	Doyle LaPierre  <p>"I learned to just keep going!"</p> <p>11</p>	M'Alyssa Goggles  <p>"The Academy helped me realize that I matter."</p> <p>12</p>
Jerika LazyBoy  <p>"It's alright."</p> <p>13</p>	Riley RedHead  <p>"I learned that I am more confident than I knew, and that confidence helps me in and out of school."</p> <p>14</p>	Logan Sharp  <p>"I discovered what I like, that I'm strong, and how to better myself."</p> <p>15</p>	Coby Yellow Bird  <p>"I learned that I can be disciplined in life."</p> <p>16</p>
Paris Morris  <p>"I learned that I'm an overachiever."</p> <p>17</p>	Jake DesRosier  <p>"I learned that I'm pretty smart."</p> <p>18</p>	Leslie Hall  <p>"I was successful with the help of Buffalo Hide."</p> <p>19</p>	George Gallineaux  <p>"I thrive in quieter spaces, and I was able to learn to not overthink things, learn more about myself, how I learn, and life."</p> <p>20</p>
Kylee Black Tongue  <p>"I learned that I can adapt to any environment, get to know the people around me, and be successful."</p> <p>21</p>	Briley Bullcalf  <p>"The Academy taught me the beauty in life is you"</p> <p>22</p>	Chloe Croff  <p>"This school helped me step out of my comfort zone and find the passion to come back and try school, the vibe here is great."</p> <p>23</p>	Ciara Henderson  <p>"The Academy has helped me learn that benefiting others helps me find my internal strength."</p> <p>24</p>



Looking Ahead to Next Year - BHA/BHS Collaboration

We are excited to collaborate on a deeper level with BHS next year. We've been working on plans to align more in terms of academic course offerings, content certifications, and counselor exchanges. In addition to the BHS admin team, Jason Krane and Randall Rivas have been instrumental in helping us develop plans to better meet the needs of the community at the high school level. We appreciate the willingness of Rebecca and Jen to support us in this vision and to trust that we will work hard to accomplish our goals moving forward.