



# BHS Expanded Learning

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**2019-2020 Programming**



## **Above the Influence Burlington (ATI BTV)**

**Advisor:** \*

**Meeting:** Fridays at 4:00 pm at the Miller Center

[Above the Influence Burlington](#) (ATI BTV) members at Burlington High School team up to support and inspire each other to live substance-free lives AND to bring about positive change in their school and broader community. ATI BTV members gain the knowledge and develop the skills to participate in a wide range of activities including: community education and outreach, public speaking, data analysis, and media advocacy.

## **Acting Out!**

**Advisor:** \*

**Meeting:** Tuesdays at 3:15 in B212

Acting Out!, The English Language Theater Club, in partnership with a grant funded teaching artist from The Flynn Theater, is designed to encourage English Language students to become more confident and comfortable English speakers. Exploring the language and themes of children's literature, students work towards writing, rehearsing and presenting a mini play at different preschool and kindergarten classes within the community. Through the playing of theater games and the study of the art of theater in general, all four language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) are practiced.



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## **College Prep Program (CPP)**

**Advisor:** Jayna Ahsaf

**Meeting:** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:15 in C102

CPP is a college prep program that supports students with achieving their educational goals. The program helps students through the complete college application process; assisting with admissions essays, college visits, SAT/ACT prep, or with whichever area students need the most assistance with.

## **Let's Get Cooking**

**Advisors:** Cheryl Niedzwiecki and Laura Allyn

**Meeting:** Mondays at 3:05

Let's Get Cooking is a cooking club for experienced cooks, beginners and everyone in between. Alternating between working in BTC's Culinary Arts kitchen and BHS's classroom kitchen, students gain experience working in commercial and home kitchen environments.

## **Electro Hip-Hop**

**Advisor:** Jason Raymond

**Meeting:** Wednesdays at 3:15 in F204

Using BTC's digital media studio classroom, students learn their way around a real recording studio. Students are supported and encouraged while they make and record their own beats, lyrics and songs.



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## **Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)**

**Advisor:** Andrew LeValley

**Meeting:** Mondays at 3:15 in C206; Friday mornings at 7:45

The GSA is an inclusive group that aims to create a safe space for all students to discuss, disclose and explore topics relating to gender and sexuality.

## **HERO (Health Education Resource Opportunity)**

**Advisor:** Carlinne DeLima

**Meeting:** varies throughout the school year

The Vermont HERO program provides year-round extracurricular science enrichment and career exploration for high school students interested in health care and health science. Through the academic year, participants connect with mentors for career guidance and exploration, and for help with college and career pathway planning. Students engage in hands-on activities related to science, health and medicine. HERO also includes events for participants' parents and families about post-secondary planning. Students receive personalized support in planning their own unique pathway to a great career in healthcare or health science.



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## **Homework Center**

**Advisors:** Maureen O'Sullivan, Susan Blethan, Norm Tromblay, Kofi Amoah

**Meeting:** Monday through Thursday from 3:05 - 5:00pm in the Library

The Homework Center, located in the BHS library, provides academic support, homework help and tutoring. Homework Center is staffed with a daytime Math teacher, English Language teacher as well as a UVM student. All students are enrolled and encouraged to attend on a drop in basis as needed. Teachers can also refer students to attend using the "Electronic Homework Referral Program".

## **Project L.E.A.D. (Literacy Empowerment and Development)**

**Advisors:** Dr. Cynthia Reyes, Arby Ghemari, Sheryl Haiduck

**Meeting:** Wednesday at 3:15 in D200

Project LEAD is a collaborative effort between BHS ELO and UVM's College of Education and Social Services. UVM students in Dr. Reyes' class, Teaching Reading and Writing to English Language Learners (ELL), meet with BHS EL students once a week. BHS students are nominated to take part in the program by their teachers and receive community service hours. This is a bidirectional service learning opportunity as UVM students gain classroom experience and BHS students gain extra literacy support. Future plans for this growing program include students working on a semester long community service project.



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## **My Brother's Keeper/ My Sister's Keeper (MBK/MSK)**

**Advisors:** Vince Mitchell (boys' group) and Belan Antensaye (girls' group)

**Meeting:** Friday mornings at 7:45 in D102 and F302

[My Brother's Keeper](#) (MBK) is a President Obama initiative, launched in 2014, to address and recognize the persistent opportunity gaps in employment and education faced by young black men. Working in partnership with the City of Burlington's Community and Economic Development Office (CEDO), BHS is proud to offer these affinity groups for female and male students of color. MBK/MSK focuses on improving academic performance, career development, and cultural understanding. MBK/MSK supports outstanding participants with a stipend and provides a pathway to summer internships.

## **Open Library**

**Advisor:** Shannon Walters

**Meeting:** Fridays from 3:05-5:00

The library stays open on Fridays afterschool so that students can access Library makerspace tools: computers, laser cutter, vinyl cutter for stickers, video tools; or meet with friends; work on school work; play computer games ... or just curl up with a good book!



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### **Rowing**

**Advisor:** Benjamin Mayock

**Meeting:** Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:05 (Seasonal: Fall and Spring)

Partnering with Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, BHS Rowing teaches students rowing basics and fosters leadership skills as students develop the tools to act as the coxswain, if they so desire. Rowing focuses on team building and healthy physical activity. All students are welcome to participate with the slogan “You Show, You Row”. Students participate in local races as well as the Fall season closing race in Boston. Practices are held on beautiful Lake Champlain at Perkins Pier in downtown Burlington.

### **Social Justice Union (SJU)**

**Advisor:** \*

**Meeting:** Thursdays 3:05 in C102

SJU strives for a socially just and equitable community. Addressing Social Justice Issues at BHS, in Burlington, and the larger world, SJU hopes to create awareness through dialogue in order to bring social inequities to everyone’s attention. Prior work includes advocating for the Black Lives Matter flag to be raised. Future goals include voter outreach and education.

### **Unified Sports (Bowling, Basketball, Fitness, Bocce)**

**Advisor:** Michael Leonard and Ashley Church

**Meeting:** Wednesdays from 3:15 - 5:15 (including transportation time)

Unified Sports is a partnership with the Special Olympics Vermont providing athletic experiences for students of all physical and intellectual abilities. Students leaders known as “partners” help facilitate the program and develop relationships with other students. Goals are to promote friendship, improve skills, and encourage independence.