



## Principal's Message

### Honoring Lieutenant Aaron Salter: Health Sciences Charter School awarded STEM Grant for High School Students

Health Sciences Charter School has been selected as a recipient of the Aaron Salter Memorial Scholarship for STEM and Research Development. This grant, established in memory of Lieutenant Aaron Salter, aims to support budding scientists and researchers in their pursuit of STEM education and innovation.

The grant will provide valuable opportunities for high school juniors and seniors at Health Sciences Charter School to engage in scientific research within laboratory settings. One of Lieutenant Salter's notable endeavors was his design for a water-powered car, showcasing his ingenuity and dedication to scientific exploration. Through this grant, students will be inspired to follow in his footsteps, exploring new frontiers in STEM. The total funding for this initiative is projected to be \$5000 per year for the next 3 years. Through this grant, Lieutenant Salter's legacy will continue to inspire and empower young minds to pursue excellence in STEM fields, fostering a new generation of innovators and problem solvers.



Above: Lieutenant Aaron Salter

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## Important Dates

**OPEN ENROLLMENT  
BEGINS: April 19th**  
**PSATs: April 24th**  
**SENIOR DINNER:  
May 15th**  
**PROM: May 17th**  
**NO SCHOOL  
MAY 27th**

## Health Sciences Charter School Celebrates Iftar Night

Health Sciences Charter School recently hosted our annual Iftar Night on March 21st, bringing together students and staff for a vibrant celebration of Muslim culture and traditions. The event, organized by Ms. Osman and the Muslim Student Association, showcased various aspects of the Muslim religion through engaging presentations, intricate henna decorations, beautiful calligraphy, a hijab table, and food from Alibaba Kebab.

Iftar Night provided a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange and understanding within our school community, fostering inclusivity and appreciation for diverse traditions. We look forward to continuing this tradition of unity and celebration in the years to come.



Iftar Night 2024

## Senior Class Receives CPR Certifications

In honor of American Heart Health Month and our ongoing commitment to preparing students with valuable healthcare skills, the senior class recently completed CPR Certification Training. Led by our Physical Education Department, and organized by Mr. Mammoliti, the program equipped students with essential life-saving techniques. The training session provided hand-on experience in CPR, ensuring that students are equipped to respond effectively in emergency situations. We commend our seniors for their dedication to learning and congratulate them on this significant achievement.



Seniors getting CPR Certified in observance of American Heart Health Month

As we continue to prioritize healthcare education, we look forward to further empowering our students with practical skills that will serve them well beyond graduation.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Open House/Mother's Day Event: May 8th 2024**

**Heart of the City Breakfast: May 11th 10:00am - 12:00pm**

**Father's Day Event: June 12th, 2024 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

# ATTENTION SENIORS!!!!

## IMPORTANT FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID NEWS!!!

We want to inform you of important information regarding the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form that our seniors need to attend college. We have been informed that some families are afraid to provide their information (federal tax form) to complete this form. If your child is going to college, then parents MUST complete this form. The majority of our students qualify to receive this free money to attend college. This step must be completed first before the Say Yes Foundation will pay for your child's remaining tuition. I am asking all parents of seniors to please contact your child's student counselor to get assistance. The majority of our students should be able to attend college for free. Please make sure you put your child in a better place with the completion of this form.

### Senior Spotlight - Highlighting our Amazing Scholars



Attention SENIORS! We are featuring our Senior Spotlights on our social media pages! If you've not filled out the survey yet, please either scan the QR Code or click on the link to the right!

[Senior Spotlight Survey](#)

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### May 15th: Senior Dinner

Doors open at 6:00pm,  
dinner at 6:30pm  
Salvatore's Italian  
Gardens  
6461 Transit Rd.  
Depew, NY 14043  
Tickets are \$35, **If you  
plan on attending  
prom, you must attend  
Senior Dinner!**

### May 17th: Trim & Treated

- Barbers
  - Nail Techs
  - Make-up Artists
  - Lash Techs
  - Dress, suit, lash, and Shoes
- Sign up with  
Ms. Soules, Ms. Osman,  
or Mrs. Pettway**

### May 17th: Senior Prom

AcQua  
2192 Niagara St.  
Buffalo, NY 14207  
Tickets: \$65  
7:00pm - 11:00pm  
Doors Open at 6:30 PM  
**Seniors attending  
prom MUST attend  
the Senior Dinner!**

### June 2nd: Service Hours Deadline

80 Community Service  
Hours due for Seniors  
to participate in  
Graduation.  
**THIS IS A  
REQUIREMENT FOR  
GRADUATION!**  
Please see Mr. Gary!

## Scholars Explore Anatomy at UB's Jacob's School of Medicine

On March 15th, scholars from the Health Sciences Charter School embarked on an exciting educational journey to the Anatomy Lab and Brain Museum at the University at Buffalo's Jacob's School of Medicine. They immersed themselves in the world of anatomy, gaining first hand experience with cadavers and delving into the intricacies of the human brain.

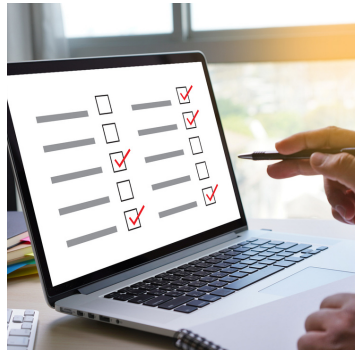
Led by the enthusiastic guidance of Dr. Inglis and the warm hospitality of the University at Buffalo, our scholars had the unique opportunity to witness the marvels of anatomical study up close. The visit was not only educational but also transformative, igniting curiosity and passion among our budding health care professionals.

This trip is just one step in showing our commitment to nurturing a passion for learning and exploring new horizons in the realm of health sciences. We are excited to continue providing transformative experiences that will continue to shape the future healthcare leaders of tomorrow.



## Work Based Learning Survey

Please have your student complete this Work Based Learning survey. We use this data to assist us in developing a plan for your student. The data informs what exposures and activities students participate in. Please click here for the survey: <http://tinyurl.com/yc8yrwbd>



## SERVICE LEARNING

All scholars at Health Sciences Charter School are required to complete 100 service learning hours as a requirement for graduation. Scholars should be completing 25 hours of service per school year in order to be on track for graduation. The class of 2024 is required to complete 80 hours of service as a result of a Covid exemption. This will be the last year of that exemption. Please discuss the completion of service learning hours with your scholar. If you have questions or concerns regarding service learning please reach out to Mr. Gary at [igary@healthsciencescharterschool.org](mailto:igary@healthsciencescharterschool.org).

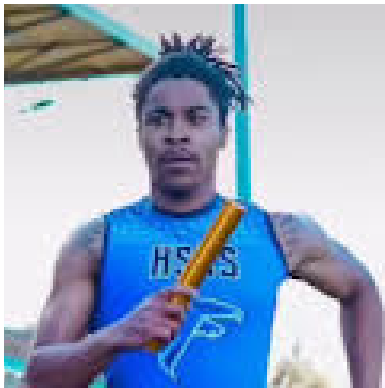
## Boys Basketball 2023/2024 Yale Cup Champions & Class AA2 Champions!

Congratulations to the Falcons Basketball team on another successful season! The boys Varsity (20-4) and Junior Varsity (17-1) finished a perfect 14-0 in league play and were crowned Yale Cup Champions in the inaugural season. After dismantling the Yale Cup competition, our Falcons added a Class AA2 Championship to the trophy case defeating Williamsville East in double overtime. As all great things must eventually come to an end, our season ended

with a 2pt overtime loss to Jamestown in AA Crossover. The Falcons return reigning first team all WNY/Yale Cup Player of the Year Amir Moye and Yale Cup Honorable Mention Rim Protector and Boom Squad member Staz Chiddick. The Falcons plan to get back into the lab and prepare for Glenn Falls next year.



Boys' Varsity Basketball Team are Champions



Track and Field

### Notes from Head Coach Jaye Pratt

"We are early in the season and we are starting hot. We have a talented team that is able to compete in all events - this is HUGE compared to past years! The athletes are passionate and dedicated to the track and field program. They continue to show and work hard despite setbacks that are out of our hands. We have a great, energetic, and focused team that will accomplish great things this season. Our athletes led by Nyaja Hunt, Mia Finch, Johnasia Robbins, Antwan Ceasar, Jamelion Daniels, Chris Jones, and Marlon Bannaby and our passionate coaches are ready to kick off an amazing season!"

## IMPORTANT ATHLETICS DATES

### Girls Flag Football

**Thursday, April 25th, 7:00 PM - Girls Flag Football vs. Williamsville East (Pierce Field)**

**Wednesday May 8th, 7:00 PM - Girls Flag Football vs. Lewiston Porter (Pierce Field)**

**Monday May 13th: Girls Flag Football Playoffs**

### Track and Field

**Thursday April 25th, Track & Field Meet at All High**

**Monday May 13th, Track & Field Meet at All High**

**Monday May 20th, Track & Field Yale Cup Championship at All High**

**Tuesday May 21st Track & Field Championship at All High**

**Friday May 24th Section VI Class C Championship at South Western**

## Information on Health Sciences Charter School Grant Spending Report

- As previously stated, HSCS was awarded the Stronger Connections Grant in the amount of \$679,000 to grow a Center for Health & Wellness which will result in certificate programming available to our educational community.
- Our cafeteria is now equipped with a new 5-well Hot Steam Table purchased through the New York State Kitchen Equipment Grant and will ensure hot & delicious school meals!
- Health Sciences Charter School has recently upgraded all of the interior and exterior cameras & intercoms throughout the campus as a result of the award for the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes Grant. Along with the camera upgrades, we were also able to install new exterior doors and parking lot lighting in an effort to keep our campus as safe as possible for students, staff, visitors, and our Buffalo Community.
- Our most recent amendment to the ARP ESSER Budget has been approved by NYSED. To view the document, please visit our website. For questions or input on the ARP-ESSER application or budget, please contact Mr. Jaime Venning, Head of School and Covid Response Team Leader, at 716-888-4080 ext. 118 or by email at [JVenning@healthsciencescharterschool.org](mailto:JVenning@healthsciencescharterschool.org). For language translations other than English, please contact Mr. Aitor Fuentes at 716-888-4080 ext. 250 or by email at [AFuentes@healthsciencescharterschool.org](mailto:AFuentes@healthsciencescharterschool.org).

## Applications for the 2024-2025 School Year Are OPEN!

The new application for next school year is open! Please go to our website to apply for the 2024-2025 school year. The online application should only be used for new students. Families with students currently enrolled at the school should complete the Intent-to-Return form being mailed home this month to keep their place for the following school year. If you already have a child registered in the school and are applying for a sibling, you must complete the information for the new sibling on the website application. You can use the same login for each child. **Since siblings get priority in the lottery, make sure you indicate who the sibling is that currently attends the school.** If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Jasinski at the school. The lottery will occur on April 5th. Please get your application in as soon as possible.

### Important Links

- [Click HERE to Get The Application for \*\*NEW\*\* Students](#)
- [Click HERE for the Intent-to-Return form for \*\*CURRENT\*\* Students](#)

## MySchoolBucks

Easily pay for school meals online this year! Create your free MySchoolBucks account to conveniently and securely add money to your student's meal account online or with the mobile app. You'll be able to view cafeteria purchases, check your student's balance, receive low balance alerts and pay for snacks and additional meals! As a reminder, ALL students receive 1 free breakfast and 1 free lunch each school day. Purchases are not necessary unless students are buying a la carte snacks or extra food beyond their free meal. We appreciate you using this online option as a way to help reduce the amount of physical cash and check handling that would typically happen in the serving line. If you need assistance with your account, you can find helpful how-to videos and answers to commonly asked questions by visiting [myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com). Or, you can contact MySchoolBucks directly by logging into your account to start a chat conversation or give them a call at (855) 832-5226.

Get Started Today:

Go to [myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) or download the mobile app

Create your free account and add your students using their school name / student ID

Add funds using your credit / debit card or electronic check

Note: For each transaction, you will be charged a program fee.

Set up automatic payments and never forget to send in lunch money again!