

MARCH NEWSLETTER



Alumni Check-In: Cyrus Brooks



After my time at Big Picture South Burlington I continued my study of film in Prague, Czech Republic. I am involved with a year-long film intensive course, where I study and practice the art of filmmaking, learning the ins and outs of creating a film as well as getting hands on experience writing, directing and producing short films. In this program I have the ability to collaborate and create incredible

films with incredible people, not unlike BPSB. This could be why I feel so comfortable and compelled by this program.

If there is one thing to be said about BPSB it's that they will always recognize your dreams and aspirations. I was able to learn the foundations of professional communication at BPSB. I use this skill every single day when collaborating with peers and professionals. When making a film you need to be able to communicate your vision.

As a creator your vision is everything because the people you work with are there to bring that vision to life, both on a film crew as well as in Big Picture. I've learned the importance of organization. To execute a film well you absolutely must have a certain level of organization. These are basic skills but when applied properly are key to success, whatever that may look like.

The amount Big Picture has to offer is entirely up to you. They gave me local connections, equipment, support and outlets for areas I struggled with as well as an education that let my creativity thrive as I learned to problem-solve my way through high school. Most importantly Christine Lundie believed in my dream and made me work for it. I've earned it. I wouldn't be where I am without her and the space created for me at Big Picture. So find something you love to do and work really hard at it. I promise you will be happy.

Guidance Corner

Important Dates:

March 30th:

Field trip to College 101 Event at Clinton Community College

April 1st:

VSAC College Pathways at Castleton University

April 3rd:

CVU College Fair – SBHS sends bus

April 3rd:

Consider Canadian College Fair at SBHS 6:30 – 8:30 pm

April 4th:

SBHS Career Expo

April 7th:

Deadline to register for May 6th SAT

April 19th:

VSAC College Pathways at Johnson State College

Reminder for Juniors to set up time to meet with me for Junior Appointment!

-Halina Gangi

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Senior Thesis Project Spotlights

Makayla Millette:



My STP is based on the topic of eating disorders. For my STP, I plan to host a screening of a documentary film by Bess O'Brien called "All of Me." This film focuses on the struggles of an eating disorder that is found in men and women. This film focuses on both roles of gender. I've been motivated to research this topic because it's something I've struggled with personally. I've been working with two mentors, Anne Valentine and Susie Merrick. PACT has been helping me organize this project. My final product will be me hosting the documentary film of "All of Me" on March 20th from 6PM-8PM in the multi-purpose room at the South Burlington High School. Contact me at millem@sbsschools.net if you have questions!

Shawn Allard:



Every year Big Picture takes a month long term called service learning term, and we spend that time working a project to help out local people or businesses, while at the same time teaching the students something. My project is to plan and lead a full service learning term. I choose this topic not only to improve my leadership skills, but I felt it would be a great way to end my Big Picture career. So far me and my mentor Kevin Downey, Big Picture Program Coordinator, have done a lot of planning and prepping, and we just now have our general theme ideas which we will explore further in the coming weeks. Our final product will be a fun, educational, and all around enjoyable month long term of service. If you have any ideas for the term, or need any service yourself, email me at allards@sbsschools.net and I would be happy to talk to you! Have a great day!

Thomas Urbanak:



For my STP, I'm organizing a preliminary "pop-up" adventure playground event, which will be taking place in the University Mall on April 1st. Kids will be welcome to come make their own adventure through unstructured play. A year or so ago, I developed an interest in outdoor camps/education and youth leadership, and after a bit of research stumbled upon the adventure playground concept. This proved to be an attainable STP project. I've been working in tandem with city officials to make it a reality. If you're interested in getting involved or have questions about the April 1st event, contact me at urbanakt@sbsschools.net.

Open House Reminder:

There's still time to sign up for one of our **Spring Open Houses!** At these events you'll learn about the program and have the chance to talk with students and staff about their experiences. Visit our website to schedule a visit: www.bigpicturesb.net

Open House Dates:

March 22 (12-2pm)

April 5 (1-3:30pm)

Job Shadow Candid:



*BP student **Ben Becker** shows off his graphic design portfolio to **Select Design**, a Burlington-based brand development agency.*