

# Bob Jones Pincipal Highlights of 2023-2024 Year

Our **BJ Athletics & Activities** competed well:

**Baseball – State Champions**

**Swim & Dive**

**Girls-State Championship**

**Volleyball- State Runner Up  
StateChampion & team 5th**

**Boys Tennis –**

**E-Sports– 9 X State Champ Rocket League, Madden & NBA2K**

***CrossCountry-State Top 10***

***Wrestling-4th in State***

***Boys Soccer – Round 2 PlayOff***

***Girls***

***Golf-Substate***

**Track-Boys 4th & Girls 7th**

**Softball-Regionals**

**BJ Patriot Players – State Champion 1-Act Play *Girls***

***Basketball-Regional Finals***

**Patriot Racing-Nationals Champions Talledega**

***AFJROTC & Cyber Patriot won Nationals***

**Band-Superior ratings for all 3 concert**

**ensembles/Guard/Drumline-WGI**

**Semi-Finals/Chorus/Art/Eclectic & Patriot Pages-State**

**recognitions**

**Math Team & Chess Team - Nationals...the list goes on!**

You are an accomplished class: Newsweek & Washington Post have named BJ in the Top 10 High Schools in Alabama & in the Top 5 % of public high schools in America.

We have 19 National Merit Semi-Finalists & 1 US Presidential Scholar.

18% of your class have scored 30 or above on ACT! You have earned over **37.1 million dollars in scholarships offered. 65% of the senior class has received scholarship offers.**

**63% will be attending a 4-year institution**

**20% will be attending a 2-year institution**

3% will be enlisting in a branch of the **US military**

**8% will go straight into the workforce**

2 seniors received an **Air Force Academy** nomination

4 seniors received **US Military Academy at West Point** nominations

We are sending seniors to **74 institutions** of higher learning in **25 different states**. Of these, about **82% are staying in-state** for school & **18% are going out of state**.

**About 54 seniors are headed to Auburn University. 52 are going to University of Alabama.**

**33 will be going to University of Alabama at Huntsville, 36 headed to University of Alabama at Birmingham & 15 University of North AL. Calhoun Community College will be gaining 74 seniors. The farthest a graduate will be going to college is in Shanghai, China.**

John,

Here is an excerpt from my Graduation Speech last night:

Some seniors were part of **CEO** class which partnered with **local entrepreneurs** to learn about business models & created their own businesses!

**Our seniors participated in almost 100 Internships with our Community Partners in Engineering, Virtual Reality, Computer Science, Cyber, Health Science, BioMedical, Construction & Welding.**

Over 200 seniors obtained **Industry Credentials**:

60 students earned **NCCER** in Construction as well as **OSHA** credentials.

40 earned **MOS**(Microsoft Office Specialist), 30 earned **IT Fundamentals & 22 PhotoShop**

Other credentials earned are: **Certified Patient Care, Basic Life Support & ServSafe** .

**Education is changing & at Bob Jones, it is imperative that we prepare our graduates for success!**

We have the BEST teachers in the state who have challenged you to become **your best**. ***Teachers, please stand so that we may recognize you*** & show our appreciation for you! (*Applause*) (***You may be seated***). You may notice that one chair in our teachers' section has a **faculty gown & stole draped over the chair as this is in memory of Mrs. Angela Mooney**, our beloved French teacher, who passed away in March as she has left an indelible impact upon our school. **Our BJ teachers have equipped our graduates** for what lies ahead. Henry David Thoreau says to ***GO confidently in the direction of your dreams: Live the life you have imagined.***