

Betty-Bruce H. Hoover Speech - *Jordan Ryan*

The Betty-Bruce H. Hoover award was established in 2000, in honor of the then-retiring Upper Division Director. The award recognizes an Upper Division student who consistently exerts a positive influence and serves as an inspiration for others without the expectation of recognition, but rather simply for the good of the community.

This year's recipient is eternally willing to serve Berkeley. Through her welcoming demeanor, her role as the consummate friend and her passion for our community, this student has made Berkeley Preparatory School a better place. One nominator wrote: "She is everywhere at once—but you'd never know it. She's behind the scenes—helping younger guides get prepped for tours, connecting with her freshmen PALS or coming into the Student Life Suite to brighten all of our days."

As a Co-Head Guide, this student enthusiastically presents our school community to future generations of Berkeley Buccaneers. Another nominator wrote: "At the 9th grade movie night, this student mingled easily among different groups, getting students excited about starting high school and easing some anxiety about their ability to comfortably interact with older students. On the first day of school, she eagerly greeted new students to campus, remembering and addressing by name those she'd previously given tours and met at the movie night. Her interactions are all authentic and that spirit resonates with those she encounters."

This year's recipient is always the first to volunteer and step up, no matter the task. Without a second thought, she gave up her Sunday to assist at the last minute with the Case Studies Program, and brought her warmth, enthusiasm and infectious positivity to the event. She is able to easily engage with anyone she interacts with, and make them feel seen.

Appropriately, this student eagerly volunteered to assist with today's ceremony without knowing she would be receiving this award. It is precisely this kind of positive influence that has inspired her peers and faculty alike. She has undoubtedly made a positive difference in every corner of our community, all without the expectation of recognition.

Please join me in congratulating our 2023 "Unsung Hero": Giana Moussa.