



BILA, a school where hard work is demanded, and your success is always rewarded. At BILA, I had the opportunity to participate in many extraordinary programs such as the “National Honors Society” which is a program that recognizes your hard work and potential. Being a part of the NHS gave me a sense of pride because only students with good grades had the opportunity to be a part of the program. Another program that I was a part of was the “Early College Scholars” where I had the chance to take college classes on a college campus while in high school. This program helped prepare me for college more than any other. Another program was our AP classes. These AP classes gave me a chance to take part in another program offered only to AP students, which is Microsoft HE3AT. HE3AT is a program organized by Microsoft where students were able to work in teams alongside teachers and Microsoft officials. Students get to research a single problem globally, for example, access to education, pollution, endangered species, etc. My team and I had to create a solution proposal for the problem to be presented at the end of the year to a panel of CEO’s of Newlab startup companies. For me, this was my proudest moment in high school because these were the moments that showed me the potential impact I could have on the world. BILA isn’t all about learning. We also had plenty of fun throughout the years, such as our talent show, our Halloween competitions, etc. BILA incorporated fun and education, which created a community that allows all students to fit in. The teachers were always persistent about every student learning. One of the greatest things BILA has to offer, in my opinion, are the counselors. While you can walk into any of their offices and talk about any problems you may have, that’s not the only thing they do. The counselors at BILA start to prepare you for college as early as 9th grade. If you listen to them throughout the years when you reach your senior year, the college process should be way less stressful. However, if you didn’t listen to their advice through the years, no need to worry because the counselors are still there. They won’t give up until every student completes their financial aid and college applications. The high standards that BILA holds its students to, drive success for the entire school. BILA is all about providing opportunities but it's up to you to take advantage of them.