

## Bambi paragraph by Alyson Brandis

Big Apple Academy is not the type of school that you go to to just do your homework and get good grades. Big Apple Academy is the type of place where you build a family, people of which will stay with you throughout life. My years at BAA were a big contributing factor to not only the student and employee that I am today, but also the person that I became and am constantly becoming. With the support of the teachers, I was successful in being accepted into Staten Island Technical High School, where I was one year ahead in mathematics and 3 years ahead in taking my Regents. After high school, I went to Hunter College where I double majored in Psychology with a concentration in Physiology and Jewish Studies with Sociology Focus. Upon graduating college, I was accepted and am now attending Touro College School of Health Sciences for my Master's degree in Industrial/ Organizational Psychology, where I plan to graduate Spring 2023. Looking back at the trajectory of my life, I would have never achieved all of the highs and would not have managed to tread through the lows without the vital and crucial foundational life and academic knowledge that I received in BAA. I am forever grateful for not only the knowledge that I attained, but the love and care that I continue to receive from the teachers that nurtured me when I was little and are standing by my side as an adult cheering me on through life.

