

FFWPU USA: BCSF 2023 ends Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown Era

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August 13, 2023



Photos courtesy of BCSF

The 19th Annual Blessed Culture and Sports Festival ([BCSF](#)), held from August 9 through 13, concluded an era of youth activities organized at the Unification Theological Seminary ([UTS](#)) campus in Barrytown, New York. The property is being sold under structural changes within the Unification movement.

"[UTS has] been such a meaningful place for so many of my generation, and the younger generation," said BCSF Director Denthew Learey in a personal testimony during Sunday service at the Barrytown property on Aug. 13. Learey recalled first participating in 2011 at a camp there, and countless activities organized on the campus since then.



"The fact that I'm able to host this amazing [BCSF] event ... seeing so many people from around the

country and the world come and make friends and be here together as a family - no matter what they believe in, or where they are at in their own life of faith - it means so much to me, and it would not be possible without a place like this," Learey said.

"The youth spent so many winters and summers [at the property] for workshops," added Resfred Arthur, FFWPU-USA Northeast secretary general, as he noted the recent festival brought together some 600 young participants from across the US, as well as the UK, Austria, and Poland.



Launched in 2004, BCSF has been a hub connecting Unificationists and their friends for nearly two decades as they celebrate the values of the movement through sports and culture. The festival includes basketball, soccer, volleyball, and frisbee tournaments; intramural activities; a talent night; fashion show; singing and other musical entertainment; a range of vendors, and a palpable spirit of teamwork and unity. And despite this year's festival being the last one organized on the Barrytown property, the event's legacy of camaraderie and friendly competition endures.



"Just seeing all the smiles on all the participants' faces ... there's so much joy and so much love," Learey

said. "I really feel the foundation, the spirit that is here is so precious. But it's not really contained within the building or the property, it's within all of us, and we have to keep that in mind wherever we go and stay united ... to create something beautiful for the future."



Learey noted BCSF's volunteer staff has also been instrumental to its success and long-standing operation. About 70 volunteers helped with setting up, running the BCSF cafe, coordinating activities, and more. "[The staff] really helped create this environment for everyone," Learey said. And even though the future location of BCSF and other youth events is uncertain, he stated, "I know God has something planned, something even greater, and I'm ready for it."



"I'm ready to be guided to where [we] will go, and hopefully I can continue to really support and be that vessel that God can use so that I can continue creating this culture that True Parents have given us," Learey said. "This culture that is so beautiful and can touch so many people's hearts, as it touched my heart ... I am really excited for the future and grateful for this last opportunity."

You can view the BCSF XIX final championships and other key festival moments [here](#).





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THE END OF AN ERA

After 15 beautiful years of creating memories alongside the UTS property, we are now embracing the next chapter of our growth and possibilities.

This year will mark the final BCSF held at the UTS property, register now to participate in this historical moment.

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BCSF XIX

August 9-
13, 2023

BCSF strives to create a hub for Unificationists and their friends to connect and celebrate the values of our community through sports and culture.

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"We need to graft the authentic spirit of sports onto a foundation of the truth that teaches us to live, like God, for the sake of others, and we need to put this spirit and truth into practice."

-Rev. Sun Myung Moon



About



The Blessed Culture and Sports Festival (BCSF) is traditionally 5-day culture and sports event that was started in 2005 and has taken place every year since.



BSCF is a grass-roots lead project of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. All staffing, program design and management is done by unpaid volunteers. There is a core team of about 10 people who work with dozens of volunteers around the world each year.

BCSF is usually held at 30 Seminary Drive, Barrytown, NY 12507.

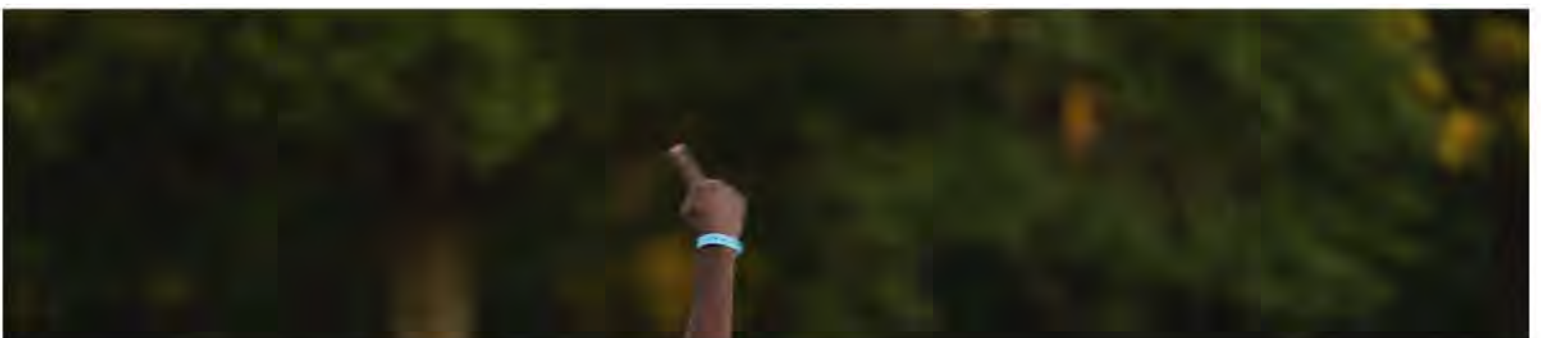


District Map

Each number represents a district, find out which district you belong to. Then you can reach out to your district coordinator to help you figure out logistics during BCSF such as food, and transportation etc.

If you have any questions, please email infobcsf@gmail.com

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Vision Statement:

Positively influence the culture of the world by:

- Creating a hub for Unificationists and their friends
- Infusing the belief that individuals and communities can impact the world
- Empowering those people to share their talents, skills and values

Culture

The cultural aspect of BCSF involve various expressions and venues for fine art, cinema, dance, and music. Cultural elements include:

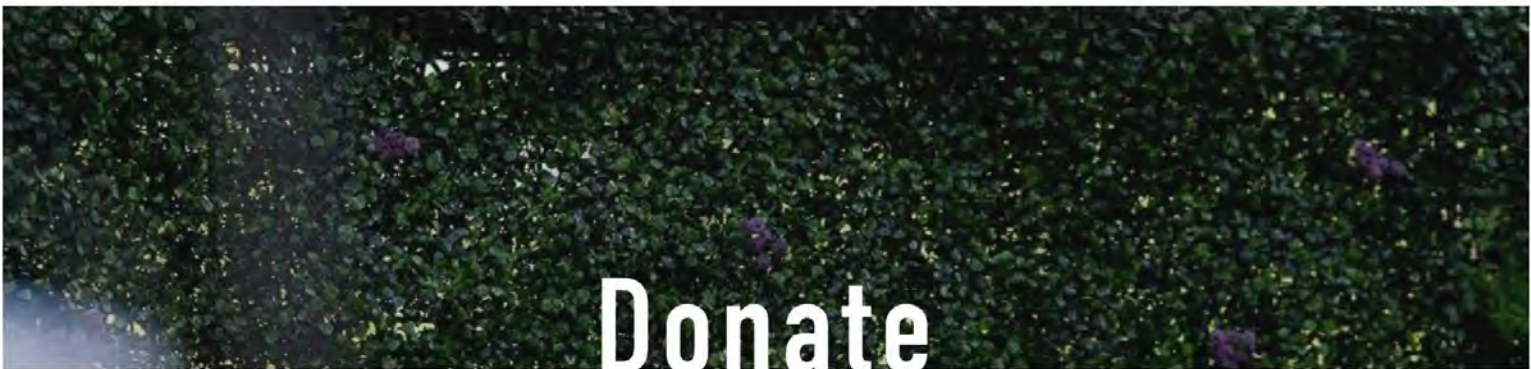
- Evening programs
- Social gatherings
- Artistic avenues
- and more...

Sports

The sporting aspect of BCSF involves multiple competitive and intramural sports tournaments with teams from around the world coming to compete.

- Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Table tennis
- Basketball

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Because of your contribution, participants will walk away with new friends and a positive and healthy perspective of their faith community. Our hope is that they can leave BCSF more confident and connected in their faith than ever before.

YOU CAN MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

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NEW YORK, NY 10001

Please note that the BCSF is a grass roots led and funded event supported and fiscally sponsored by HSA-UWC, a 501-c3 non-profit group. We appreciate any donations which are used directly for the event and are tax deductible.

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HJI Annual Retreat for Faculty and Staff
East Garden - Irvington, New York
August 3, 2023

[HJI Annual Retreat for Faculty and Staff 08.03.23](#)

HJI Communications

HJI faculty and staff participated in a one-day Annual Retreat convened at East Garden in Irvington NY.



Institutional Name Change

Letter from Dr. Walsh
WITH BACKGROUNDER AND FAQ



[Letter from the President: Institutional Name Change](#)

UTS Communications

Following months of consultations with our Founder, the Board of Trustees, faculty, alumni and other stakeholders, UTS submitted, to the New York State Department of Education and the State University of New York Board...

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Recent UTS Scholarship in Religion, Science, Peace, and Diplomacy

FACULTY COMPETITION WINNER



HOSTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

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UTS Communications

On Saturday, May 27, 2023, Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) held its forty-seventh Commencement in New York City to celebrate the class of 2023.

Science, Peace, and Diplomacy

UTS Communications

On Saturday, April 22, Unification Theological Seminary recognized the winners of the Research Day competition, in which current seminary students, as well as faculty, were invited to prepare an academic poster or visual description of...

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August 26, 2022 · 🌐

This is Community, this is Culture, this is Heart 🤝

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August 17 at 12:00 PM · 🌐



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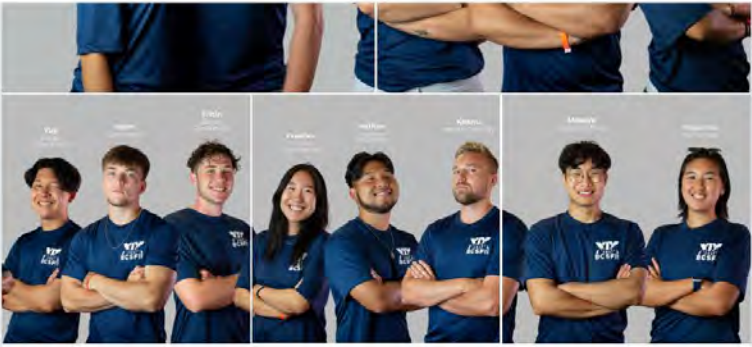
**BLESSED CULTURE and SPORTS FESTIVAL**
5 days ago · 🌐

As we're all resting up from the eventful weekend, it's important to send out gratitude and thanks to the core team who made BCSF happen this year. These people volunteered their time and effort outside of their lives to make sure that BCSF was the best it could be. Along with the core team, there were about 70 volunteers that helped with setting up, the cafe, coordinating intramural activities, media, and so much more.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

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Jasmin LaRue

It was so much fun watching this event online. True Parents are very proud of you all 🙌 Thank you everyone 🙌

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YIP ACADEMY


BLESSED CULTURE and SPORTS FESTIVAL is in Barrytown, NY.

August 14 at 9:26 AM · 🌐

And just like that, BCSF XIX has concluded! 🥳🥳 Congrats to all the 1st place winners 🏆 and thank you to everyone for coming 🙌, whether it was for the whole event or just the weekend. UNTIL NEXT YEAR 🥳🥳

We're working on getting all the pictures out soon, so sit tight 😊

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NJ vs MoonFC



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Just me and you Aryan 🤔🤔

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BCSF Basketball Finals
Michigan vs NJ

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Basketball Final

Michigan vs NJ

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Don't give up NJ

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Basketball Final

Michigan vs NJ

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Frisbee 10:00am EST
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Soccer 2:00 EST
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Frisbee Finals NJ vs NY

10:00 AM EST

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Makiko Watanabe

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You guys are the best commentators 😊

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August 13 at 5:30 AM · 🌐

The weekend flew by so fast, we're already done with Day 4 🥳 Comment below your favorite sport/ activity you saw/ did this weekend 🍷
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BLESSED CULTURE and SPORTS FESTIVAL August 12 at 9:17 PM · 🌐 ...

!! CHANGE IN SCHEDULE !!
Game times have been switched around, so take a look at what time the games are to support your team!
Take a look to see who's in the finals for soccer, frisbee, and volleyball 🍷🍷
Soccer - England vs NJ
Fri... **See more**

LAST DAY - UPDATED

FRISBEE - 3RD PLACE

FRISBEE - FINALS

BASKETBALL - 3RD PLACE

VOLLEYBALL 3V3 & 2V2

PING PONG

VOLLEYBALL - 3RD PLACE

BASKETBALL - FINALS

VOLLEYBALL 3V3 & 2V2 - FINALS

9AM-10AM

10AM-11:30AM

11AM-12PM

11:30AM-12:30PM

SOCCER - 3RD PLACE

BADMINTON - FINALS

VOLLEYBALL - FINALS

SOCCER - FINALS

12:30PM-1:30PM

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2PM-3:30PM

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3:30PM - 4:30PM

- END OF BCSF 2023 -

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Songs of the Garden





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Lets Go Showcase



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August 12 at 11:23 AM · 🌐

Basketball



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BLESSED CULTURE and SPORTS FESTIVAL is in **Barrytown, NY**.
August 12 at 11:19 AM · 🌐

So many good pics, but Instagram only allows 10 at a time 🙄
Here's a glimpse of the jerseys, the fashion show, and night 1 of the Songs of the Garden
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