



# FRANKLIN'S FIRST

## Monthly e-blast

*Sharing our news with you*

October, 2016

### BFA Student Selected as a Teen Volunteer of the Year



BFA Senior, Ella Nelson

Ella Nelson, a senior at Ben Franklin Academy, has been recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Greater Atlanta Chapter, as one of three Teen Volunteers of the Year for her efforts and outstanding commitment to the community through direct financial support, development of an innovative charitable program, and volunteering and leadership in philanthropy. In 2013, Ella founded **Friends of 4th Street Ferals**, a trap, neuter and release group (TNR) for feral cat colonies. She identified ten large feral colonies and with the help of a mentor, Ella established a plan and a goal to address the issue. Ella educated her neighbors, created a budget for veterinary costs and foster care, partnered with her personal vet, recruited neighbors to help, and raised funds. She and her volunteers then collected cats and kittens, had them neutered, fostered and adopted or released back to their environments. In the three years since Ella founded Friends of 4th Street Ferals, she and her volunteers have helped more than 125 felines, including successfully placing more than 75 kittens through adoption or fostering. Her efforts now have reached Chamblee, East Atlanta, Snellville,

and St. George Island, Florida. In the summer of 2015, Ella's long-term goal of zero kittens born in the target area was achieved! Congratulations, Ella, on your hard work, vision, and determination. You are making a difference in our community.

### Tianna Bailey Receives Jane and Dameron Black III Award for Service



Tianna Bailey  
with Dr. Burdette.

Tianna Bailey, one of the College Guidance Counselors and a member of the administrative team, received the Jane and Dameron Black III Award for Service for 2016. Tianna worked for our school as an Administrative Assistant when she was an Emory undergraduate and graduate student and then she transitioned easily to a full member of the administration and counseling team after completing her M.A. from Emory. We are grateful for her exemplary service of almost 20 years.

### Parent Involvement

The Parent Community at BFA has been very busy this fall. Parent volunteers partnered with Mellow Mushroom on Peachtree Road in Buckhead to host luncheons to celebrate the members of the Senior Class

and our Underclass students. Last week BFA parents gathered for the Fall Parent Party at the home of hosts Randy and Julie Salisbury. We are grateful for our parents and the many ways they support BFA!

## Annual Fund

The season of cooler temperatures and costumes has officially arrived! Here at BFA, we plan to enjoy the fall weather by spending a little extra time appreciating the beauty of our serene, homelike campus environment and envisioning the enhancements to our outdoor spaces that will be completed with funds from our *An Expanded Home for Achieving the Possible Capital Campaign*. We have much to look forward to in the coming year!

The Annual Fund is in full swing for 2016-2017 school year. We ask that, in addition to your support for the Capital Campaign, you consider making a meaningful donation to this year's Annual Fund to support scholarship assistance for students of varying socio-economic backgrounds, one of our top funding priorities. With full enrollment and an ever-increasing number of inquiries, we hope to raise enough funds for ten full and ten partial scholarships.

We invite you to consider how you and your family can make a difference at Ben Franklin Academy this year by making a contribution to both our Annual and Capital needs. If you have any questions, contact Angela Cassidy at 404-633-7404.

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