



# FRANKLIN'S FIRST

Monthly e-blast

*Sharing our news with you*

November, 2016

## Thanksgiving Holidays

Ben Franklin Academy will be closed from Monday, November 21 - Monday, November 28, to celebrate Thanksgiving.

## National Merit Scholarship Letters of Commendation

Ben Franklin Academy would like to congratulate three seniors who received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their high scores on the 2015 PSAT. Meredith Furbish, Zachary Laseter, and Alexander Moore were recognized for their outstanding performance.

## Philanthropy Club



For the fall semester of 2016-2017, the Philanthropy Club accepted donations of art supplies such as crayons, markers, and pipe cleaners for the patients at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

More recently, the Philanthropy Club collected new or gently used socks and hygiene kits that were distributed on November 1 at the Homeless Requiem, a service of The Cathedral of St. Philip commemorating homeless men and women who died on the street this year.

## The Franklin Players



The Franklin Players on the set of Our Town.

The Franklin Players presented an outstanding production of Thornton Wilder's Our Town on November 1, 2, and 3. Congratulations, Franklin Players!

## BFA Open House

Ben Franklin Academy will host its first Open House this Thursday, November 10, from 5 - 6:30 pm for prospective families. If you know of a family interested in BFA for next year, please let them know this is a

great opportunity to visit our school.

## AFP Senior Volunteer Award



Senior Ella Nelson with her award. Also pictured are BFA College Counselors, Renee Weller (left) and Tianna Bailey (right).

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Greater Atlanta Chapter, announced BFA Senior, Ella Nelson, as a Teen Volunteer Award Winner at its Annual National Philanthropy Day (NPD) held at the Georgia Aquarium, with over 1,000 people in attendance. This award recognizes service by an individual who demonstrates outstanding commitment to the community through direct financial support, development of charitable programs, volunteering and leadership in philanthropy. Ella was recognized for her non-profit, Friends of 4th Street Ferals.

## Annual Fund

With the holiday season upon us, we want to take this time to thank you for being part of our Ben Franklin Academy family. Your support enables BFA to foster a unique learning environment for our students, one where teens receive an individualized, flexible, high-quality education that prepares them for the amazing possibilities ahead. This would not be possible without your support on every level.

Support for the Annual Fund provides money for scholarships, ensuring that students who would not otherwise be able to attend BFA for financial reasons are able to join our caring community of learners. Your gift can make a difference. This year, we hope to raise enough funds for 10 full and 10 partial scholarships.

As you and your family discuss your year-end support for organizations near and dear to your hearts, we sincerely hope that you will consider giving to BFA's An Expanded Home for Achieving the Possible Capital Campaign and our Annual Fund. If you have not yet made your commitment, you may make your gifts online today. Please go online to [www.BenFranklinAcademy.org/support](http://www.BenFranklinAcademy.org/support) or mail your pledge card and donation to our Development Office. We rely on the support of friends like you! If you have any questions, please contact Martha Burdette at 404-633-7404.

## Apogee Scholarship Program - Another Way to Support BFA!

*Pre-register to direct a portion of your state tax liability to Ben Franklin Academy through the Georgia Private School Tax Credit Program by visiting [www.apogee123.org](http://www.apogee123.org). Applications to the Department of Revenue will be submitted beginning January 1, 2017 in the order in which they were received, so if you'd like to participate in this program, please consider doing so as soon as possible! The absolute deadline for submitting paperwork to Apogee is December 15, 2016. Please contact BFA if you have questions or need additional details.*

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