



FRANKLIN'S FIRST

Monthly e-blast

Sharing our news with you

August, 2017

Welcome Back!



A view of the new addition at Junior House.

Ben Franklin Academy welcomed returning and new students to expanded and enhanced spaces at Junior House with the first day of school on August 3.

Final touches are underway in preparation for parents and grandparents of seniors on September 6 from 5-6:30 PM and for parents and grandparents of nonseniors on September 13 from 5-6:30 PM.

New Faculty

We are very excited to have the following teachers join our faculty this year: Dr. Justin Stanley, AP Music Theory; Monica Riefkohl, math and science; Asefeh Hemmati, math, science and American Sign Language; Lyra Morrison, Latin, Greek, and Mythology; Katy Stallfus, 3D Art; and Kiana Davis, Health. Kiana will also assist the Business Manager. Rachel Stuart, who has taught at BFA before, returns to teach English and history.

Debby Keenan wins Jane and Dameron Black, III Service Award



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Debby Keenan, a science teacher and member of the Board of Overseers was awarded the Jane and Dameron Black, III Service Award for 2017. She has taught at BFA for over 20 years.

BFA Senior Assists with Research at Winship Cancer Institute

Ben Franklin Academy senior, Harriet Mycroft, spent this summer in a scholars program at Winship Cancer Institute that paired students with medical professionals working on a research project relating to cancer. The students were



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guided to do research and collect necessary data for a final presentation, with the goal to investigate the possibility of improving the quality of scans in HIV Lymphoma patients. Harriet worked at both Emory University Hospital and Grady Memorial Hospital.

Annual Fund

Welcome back to school, Ben Franklin Academy students and families! When you arrived on campus for the first day of classes on August 3rd, you undoubtedly noticed that BFA has a "new look"-after a summer of construction, we are thrilled to start off the 2017-2018 academic year in our enhanced facilities made possible by support for our *An Expanded Home for Achieving the Possible* Capital Campaign. Thanks to the generosity of our Ben Franklin community, faculty and students are already experiencing the benefits of additional space and resources for cutting-edge learning.

This is a milestone year for Ben Franklin Academy. In addition to marking our first year in new facilities, this year also marks the school's 30th anniversary. Enabled by the community's support for our unique mission, since 1987 Ben Franklin has provided high-caliber education in a caring environment to more than 9,000 students through our high school and Learning Clinic programs. In this historic year, your Annual Fund support is as important as ever! We ask that you consider making a personally meaningful gift to our Annual Fund that will continue to sustain our school for years to come. Support for the 2017-2018 Annual Fund will go towards scholarships for deserving teens from all backgrounds; technology upgrades, like new computers for enhanced learning; and landscape beautification for our serene, homelike campus.

Be on the look-out for more information in the coming weeks on why your support matters and how you can make your gift. In the meantime, you can learn more by visiting www.BenFranklinAcademy.org/support.

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