



FRANKLIN'S FIRST

Monthly e-blast

Sharing our news with you

September, 2017

Labor Day

We are closed on Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.

Parent/Grandparent Open Houses

BFA will hold two Open Houses in September. During the Open Houses, we will give tours of the newly expanded facilities at the 752 Houston Mill Road building, and parents and grandparents will be able to meet the 2017-18 BFA Faculty and Staff.

We will hold the first Open House for **parents and grandparents of seniors** on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, from 5:00-6:30 P.M.

The second Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 13, for our **parents and grandparents of 9th -11th graders** from 5:00-6:30 P.M.

Speaker Series



Tracie Powell is pictured with BFA English teacher Kelly Thompson.

BFA hosted two special speakers in our Speaker Series in August - Michael Mears and Tracie Powell. Michael Mears spoke about his work as an attorney defending death row inmates, and Tracie Powell informed students on how ad servers track the behavior of online users. She also discussed how to differentiate online fake news from factual stories.



Michael Mears is pictured with BFA Government teacher Jan Bedol

BFA Students Recognized as AP Scholars

College Board recognizes students for outstanding and consistent performance on AP exams. We have several students who qualified for recognition this year.

Students who earn a score of 3 or higher on five or more AP exams and earn an average score of 3.5 for all AP exams taken are recognized as AP Scholars with Distinction. This award was earned by Meredith Furbish, James Haverstick, Jonas Iskander, and Hannah Odom.

Students who earn a score of 3 or higher on four or more AP exams and earn an average of 3.25 for all AP exams taken are recognized as AP Scholars with Honor. This award was earned by Harriet Mycroft, Isabelle Namnoum, and Sarah Pechenik.

Students who earn a score of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams are recognized as AP Scholars. This award was earned by Indira Cunningham and Nina Plotko.

Congratulations to all our AP Scholars!

Cross Country Results

The cross country team had a successful first event at the Run for the Park 5K in Grant Park. Their coaches were impressed with their level of fitness and sportsmanship as the team conquered what was a very hilly course. They cheered on fellow teammates as they finished the course. The team will compete in their first high school meet on September 9 in Roswell, Georgia. We congratulate the coaches, teachers, and student athletes for their great effort and school spirit!

Annual Fund

In the words of our namesake, Ben Franklin, "It is the working man who is the happy man. It is the idle man who is the miserable man." With the first month of the new school year under our belts, we can attest that Ben Franklin Academy students and teachers are hard at work and happily enjoying the beginning of what promises to be a very special academic year.

We look forward to celebrating this historic 30th anniversary year with our beloved BFA community at upcoming events, including Parent/Grandparent Nights in September and our Ribbon Cutting and Campaign Victory Celebration in October.

In this special 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.

We look forward to sharing 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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