



FRANKLIN'S FIRST

Monthly e-blast

Sharing our news with you

April, 2018

Announcements

Ben Franklin Academy is closed this week for Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, April 9.

BFA celebrates poetry every April during National Poetry Month through the William H. Izlar, Jr. Poetry Contest, which was established several years ago by the Mary Ryan and Henry G. Kuhrt Foundation to honor Bill Izlar. Students are invited to submit poems, and the winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded on April 24.

BFA's Baccalaureate is on Friday, April 27, at 7 PM, and graduation is on Saturday, April 28, at 4 PM. Both events are held in Glenn Memorial Methodist Church at Emory University.

Adele McLees speaks to Star-C Programs Breakfast



Adele McLees, volunteer at the 3-Star afterschool program in Clarkston spoke to the organization's monthly programs breakfast. She shared the story of how her ballet injury led to a calling in the refugee community.

Adele has volunteered as a tutor with the after-school program at Willow Branch Apartments in Clarkston over the last several years as part of her Work-Study Program at Ben Franklin Academy. The apartments are affordable housing primarily occupied by refugee families. As a result of her experiences with the children at Willow Branch, Adele plans to pursue her interests in human rights as she attends Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota, next fall.

Pictured here from left to right: Marjy Stagmeier, Star-C founder; Allie Reeser, After-School Program Director; Adele McLees; Audrea Rease, Executive Director of 3-Star Communities.

Alumni News

Connor North (2012) started graduate school in the Classics program at the University of Colorado, Boulder this fall. He completed his undergraduate degree at Macalester College in 2017.

Danielle Lyman (2013), majoring in the Photographic and Imaging Arts Program at Rochester Institute of Technology, made the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Ella Nelson (2017), a freshman at Warren-Wilson College, is majoring in Psychology and running with the Cross Country team, which competed in the National Championships in Virginia Beach.

Annual Fund

Spring Break has arrived, and that is no April Fool's joke! Whether you are headed to the beach, the

mountains, or enjoying an Atlanta staycation, we hope our BFA families and friends enjoy the arrival of spring and rest up for what promises to be a rigorous and fun-filled end of the academic year.

With the end of the school approaching, we continue to fundraise for this year's Annual Fund, which supports innovative technology for our classrooms, scholarship assistance, and landscape beautification of our gardens and grounds. We are more than 80 percent of the way there, and we need your help to reach our goal by the end of the school year! To help us cross the finish line, consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the 2017-2018 Annual Fund. Pledge online today at www.benfranklinacademy.org/support or by mailing your pledge card and donation to our Development Office.

You can also leave your mark on BFA by purchasing a commemorative engraved brick for our Founders Courtyard in honor of your student, favorite teacher, or special BFA memory. Bricks can be purchased by downloading the order form on our website at www.benfranklinacademy.org/index.php/together-we-achieved-the-possible. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Cassidy at 404-633-7404.

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