



FRANKLIN'S FIRST

Monthly e-blast

Sharing our news with you

May, 2017

End of the School Year

The last day of classes for the 2016-2017 school year is Wednesday, May 24. It is an early dismissal day with school ending at 10:30 for students in the Morning Program and 2:00 PM for all other students.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

Congratulations to the class of 2017 who graduated on Saturday, April 29, at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church on the campus of Emory University. Of the 41 graduates in the Class of 2017, 92.68% qualified for the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarships. These graduates have been accepted to Davidson College, Georgia Tech University, Bucknell University, UCLA, Pennsylvania State University, Reed College, Tulane University, Mount Holyoke College, Earlham College, Fordham University, and the University of Georgia, among others.

BFA Rising Senior Recognized by Kiwanis Club



BFA Rising Senior,
Adele McLees

Adele McLees, a rising senior, has been awarded the International Relations Scholarship by the Kiwanis Club of Atlanta. This scholarship is awarded to a high school student who exemplifies the Kiwanis motto of Learn, Serve, Connect AND specifically for this scholarship - the student must show an in-depth passion for work in the international arena. Adele volunteers several days a week at the Willow Branch Apartments in Clarkston, Georgia, in The Willow Branch After School, which offers an inviting space where children from refugee families who have fled violence around the world have a chance to succeed in school, free of charge. Volunteers help them with their homework and reading skills. Adele's award includes a cash grant that will be used to help establish a library program at Willow Branch.

Congratulations, Adele! And thank you for your service to our neighbors in the refugee community.

Alumni Association Get-together

The Annual Alumni Event is Tuesday, May 23, 6:00-8:00 pm at Tin Lizzy's at Emory Pointe.

Alumni News

Gabe Troiano (2015) - a Sociology major at Furman University, is studying abroad in Finland and Czech Republic this summer.

Annual Fund

*"Hide not your talents, they for use were made. What's a sun-dial in the shade?"
- Benjamin Franklin*

With the 2016-2017 academic year coming to a close this month, we at Ben Franklin Academy want to express our tremendous gratitude for another outstanding year, full of academic achievement, extracurricular excellence, and fond memories. Last weekend, we celebrated the graduation of the Senior Class of 2017, a talented group of students who each leave behind their unique mark on our school. We are confident that they will continue to make us proud as they set forth on this next chapter.

You too can leave your mark on Ben Franklin this year by donating to the 2016-2017 Annual Fund. It is not too late to participate! Gifts to this year's Annual Fund will support scholarship assistance for students, which remains a top fundraising priority due to the high demand. Support for the Annual Fund ensures that, year after year, we can continue to educate talented students from all backgrounds, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Show your support for BFA by making a gift to the Annual Fund online today at www.BenFranklinAcademy.org/support-BFA. All gifts are **payable by May 31, 2017 to be recognized in this year's Annual Fund**. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Cassidy at 404-633-7404.

Leave Your Mark on BFA - Brick Campaign

In addition to donating to the 2016-2017 Annual Fund, you can leave your mark on Ben Franklin by purchasing an engraved brick for BFA's new entryway courtyard. This is a special way to commemorate a friend or loved one. Engrave a brick with a personal message and help welcome students and visitors to our school for years to come.

Instructions for purchasing a brick can be found on the homepage of the Ben Franklin Academy website, www.benfranklinacademy.org, and all proceeds benefit our An Expanded Home for Achieving the Possible Capital Campaign.

We look forward to unveiling the finished courtyard in the fall as we commemorate the completion of our facilities and Capital Campaign, as well as mark BFA's 30th anniversary year. We hope you and your family will share in this historic time for our school by leaving your mark on BFA through the purchase of a brick. Courtyard space is limited, so act now to secure your place.

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