



# FRANKLIN'S FIRST

## Monthly e-blast

*Sharing our news with you*

May, 2018

### Last Day of School

The last day of school will be Thursday, May 24, with AM students dismissed at 11:30 AM and all other students dismissed at 2:00 PM.

### Sports and Activities Banquet

Students who participated this semester in Advanced Golf, Ultimate, Yoga, and the Band will be honored at the Sports and Activities Banquet on Thursday, May 10, which will be held in the school's Carriage House at 6:00 pm. Parents of those students are invited to attend.

### Alumni Reunion, May 16

With warmer, sunnier weather upon us, it is patio season, and what better way to celebrate than with friends, old and new? **Join us for our annual BFA alumni gathering on Wednesday, May 16, at the Buckhead Mellow Mushroom for free food, fun, and fellowship.** RSVP to Angela Cassidy at [acadssidy@benfranklinacademy.org](mailto:acadssidy@benfranklinacademy.org) to reserve your spot!

**BFA Alumni Reunion**  
Wednesday, May 16, 2018  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Mellow Mushroom  
1770 Peachtree Road, NE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

### William H. Izlar Poetry Contest Winners

Prizes are given annually for the William H. Izlar, Jr. Poetry Contest. The contest, open to all BFA students, was established in 2014 thanks to the generosity of the Mary Ryan and Henry G. Kuhrt Foundation in memory of Ben Franklin Academy's friend and longtime Overseer, Bill Izlar. Bill was a lifelong lover of poetry.

Typed poems of up to thirty lines in either free or formed verse are eligible for submission. Students may submit up to two poems for consideration. This year's entries were judged by a panel of BFA faculty, and winners were announced during National Poetry Week in late April.

Six students placed in the William H. Izlar, Jr. Poetry Contest on April 24.

First Place - Sophie Braxton

Second Place - Megan Lee Stewart

Third Place Winners:

Adele McLees

Samantha Pinheiro

Emma Louise Tracy

Ava Hannon

The top two winners received monetary prizes and the third place winners received book awards.



Sophie Braxton - 1st Place



Megan Lee Stewart - 2nd Place



Adele McLees - 3rd Place



Samantha Pinheiro - 3rd Place



Emma Louise Tracy - 3rd Place



Ava Hannon - 3rd Place

## BFA Students Continue to Serve



Augustin Bonta, Adele McLees and Sarah Busch contributed much needed supplies for the children.

Ben Franklin continues to support our refugee friends at Willow Branch After-School Program. We learned that they were short on all art and school supplies as they approach the summer programming, so BFA students have stepped up to meet the need with everything that these young students could need related to school. Our students will be delivering everything from notebook paper to basketballs in late May.

## BFA Senior Earns Eagle Scout



BFA Senior Slater Bemis at his Court of Honor

Slater Bemis celebrated his achievement to become an Eagle Scout on Sunday following his graduation from Ben Franklin Academy on Saturday. He is pictured here following the ceremony. We are very proud of Slater!

## Annual Fund

With only a few weeks remaining in the school year, we have raised nearly 90 percent of our 2017-2018

Annual Fund goal, and we need your help to cross the finish line! By pledging today, you will help fund scholarships for deserving teens, new technology for BFA classrooms, and landscape beautification for BFA's serene campus. To help us reach our goal, make a tax-deductible contribution online before May 31 at [www.benfranklinacademy.org/support](http://www.benfranklinacademy.org/support) or by mailing your pledge card and donation to our Development Office. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Cassidy at 404-633-7404.

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