



CCSA
Today

The latest happenings from **Chester Charter Scholars Academy** to you

September 2022

Tah'mir Lamb: From the Stage to the Classroom

You may recognize Tah'mir as The Cat in the Hat from CCSA's production of Seussical: The Musical or Charlie from You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, but the 2019 graduate is now back in the halls of CCSA in a new role: Instructor.



Since graduating from CCSA, Tah'mir has earned his associate's degree in film from Full Sail University, with hopes of returning to complete his bachelor's degree. He aspires to move to LA to direct and star in his own sitcom.

“ Theatre is important because kids don't always know how to express themselves. They worry about being judged every day, but there is no judgment in theater, and they are free to be themselves. ”



This summer, Tah'mir returned to the place that started it all to teach the art of theatre to our elementary school students. In addition to creating a safe space for self-expression, Tah'mir taught the students about set design, character development, and production. He will continue his work at CCSA as a 3rd grade teaching assistant this school year.

Tah'mir is thrilled to act as a role model for our current students. "Growing up on 9th Street, I've heard a lot. I've seen a lot. I want to show these kids that there is more than being out in the streets; you don't have to try to fit in. You can be yourself. You can do what YOU want."

100%

of CCSA's seniors graduated high school in 2022

91%

of Pennsylvania's seniors graduated high school in 2022

61%

of Chester's seniors graduated high school in 2022

The Math House

Last school year, temporary modular units were installed next to the school building to house the new math intervention program. The dedicated space allows our teachers to work with students one-on-one and in small groups to provide focused math instruction.



Now affectionately referred to as the "math house", the additional space gives teachers the room to teach in a way that keeps students engaged and excited. On any given day, you may see equations written in chalk on the sidewalk, hear elementary students singing and dancing as they recite math facts or see formula-based artwork hanging on the walls.



Not only are the students enjoying the new space, but the work in the math house is paying off - benchmark test scores have shown a consistent improvement in understanding math concepts since the program's creation. With such positive results in its inaugural year, we are excited about what the math program will achieve as it becomes a permanent part of CCSA's specialized support.

Dr. Barbara Klock's Leadership Legacy

During her nine years on the CCSA School Board, five served as Board president, Dr. Barbara Klock provided transformational leadership. Her background as an educator and a pediatrician has proven vital in her efforts to effectively advocate for our students and community. She played an integral role in developing and expanding the Health Science Elective Program and used her expertise to successfully guide CCSA through the pandemic. Dr. Klock officially completed her term on the Board this June, but her commitment to CCSA and our students remains unwavering.

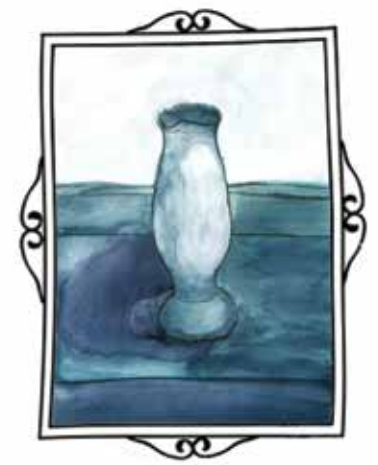


Art is at the heart of everything we do

We are proud to offer **visual & digital art, theatre, improv, music and dance classes** as part of our standard curriculum



Yeziyah Decoteau-Michael, 3rd Grade



Kenneth McFadden, 11th Grade



Danae'sha Ingram, 10th Grade



DeyMiya Smith, 8th Grade



DahMya Jordan, 8th Grade



Kenneth McFadden, 11th Grade

Here's to
The class of



CCSA returned to the Lang Performing Arts Center at Swarthmore College for its 2022 graduation ceremony. The 47 graduating seniors, surrounded by their friends and families, walked the stage to thunderous applause as they received their high school diplomas.

Maiah Madison, salutatorian, made opening remarks that expressed the students' collective optimism for the future and gratitude for CCSA. Her address was followed by moving speeches given by DaNae Elliot, valedictorian; Jordynn Logan, Student Council president; and Monet Lee, National Honor Society president. The graduates also had an opportunity to recognize someone in the audience who has supported their journey by presenting them with a rose.



Of the graduates, 39 will be pursuing post-secondary education, and eight will be entering the workforce. This class of seniors persevered through exceptional circumstances and are well prepared for life beyond CCSA.

Oh, the places *they'll* go...

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| Albright College | Neumann University |
| Bloomsburg University | Northampton CC |
| California University of PA | PA College of Technology |
| Cheyney University | PA Western University |
| Clark Atlanta University | Philadelphia Tech Training Inst. |
| Coppin State University | Police Training |
| Delaware County CC | Shippensburg University |
| Eastern University | Thaddeus Stevens College |
| Empire Beauty School | University of Hartford |
| Harcum College | University of the Sciences |
| Kutztown University | West Chester University |
| Lycoming College | Williamson College of Trades |