

# Arts integration in action

## Pop Quiz

The class of 2023 received acceptance to how many colleges & universities?

- a.) 62
- b.) 74
- c.) 84
- d.) 98

Open to find out the answer!



*Letting Go*  
Art and poetry by Yarelis Correa  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade

*I'm still learning to let go  
 I'm still learning to adore every inch of my soul  
 Still learning to comprehend my own feelings  
 To rearrange my own heart  
 When I finally let go I will be able to prioritize my  
 beautiful, warming, welcoming soul  
 So, thank you  
 Thank you for breaking me  
 Thank you for putting me through absolute hell  
 Thank you for showing me that letting go was  
 the best thing I could do for myself  
 I'm ready to let you go*



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Chester Charter Scholars Academy  
to you



## Summer Happenings at CCSA



This year's four-week, summer program served 120, K-8 students, with nearly full participation from the incoming kindergarten classes. The program offered students the routine of a standard school day while also participating in fun activities like

Kung Fu, Maci Lago beauty and self-empowerment, and gardening with Greener Partners.

In addition, CCSA offered the Summer Bridge Program for incoming freshman. The program aimed to provide rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders with insight and support as they transition to the halls of high school. Led by Kathleen Carpenter, College & Career Readiness Coordinator, and Zanoy Headen, CCSA's on-campus social worker, the Bridge students visited college campuses, did social-emotional reflective work, and created vision boards to plan their upcoming years as CCSA high schoolers.



## Showing Up for

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The CCSA Every Day campaign was established last year to promote the importance of regular attendance to students and families. Historically, attendance has been a major point of pride for CCSA, but the lingering effect of the pandemic created new barriers.

Attendance mentors played an integral role in the program by providing encouragement, support, and accountability to students and families.

“Serving as an attendance mentor allowed me to help students overcome obstacles to develop into engaged scholars. I'm excited to participate in the program again this year.”

- Chris Hanlon  
Executive Director, CCSA Foundation

Many of the participating students improved their attendance and grades by the end of the year and fostered strong, lasting relationships with their mentors.

If you are interested in becoming an attendance mentor this school year, email us at [info@ccsafoundation.org](mailto:info@ccsafoundation.org).

## The Class of - 2023 -



The class of 2023 crossed the graduation stage on Wednesday, June 14, at Swarthmore College's Lang Performing Arts Center. We are thrilled to report that all 52 students in the senior class completed the rigorous requirements for graduation.

In her graduation remarks, Akosua Watts, the Joan K. Richards Head of School/CEO, shared that 38 of the 52 graduates have been part of our school community since it was founded in 2012.

The day before graduation, everyone from our kindergartners to 11th graders lined the halls for CCSA's first-ever senior "clap out." The soon-to-be-grads walked to each floor, donning their graduation caps and stoles, surrounded by the applause and cheers of their schoolmates, teachers, and friends. It was an emotional experience for all involved, with smiles and pride-filled tears in abundance.

**In total, the class of 2023 was accepted into an impressive 98 different colleges & universities across the country!** Of those 98 options, the students committed to 18 post-secondary schools, with 4 choosing to stay local at Widener University.

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To become a member of the Thompson Society or to learn more about the types of planned gifts and their tax and income benefits, please contact Doreen Storey at [dstorey@ccsafoundation.org](mailto:dstorey@ccsafoundation.org).

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