

*A Year in Review: Celebrating Achievements at Franklin Towne Charter High School in 2023*

Dear Franklin Towne Families, Students, and Stakeholders,

As we stand at the threshold of another new year, I am thrilled to reflect on the remarkable journey we have experienced at Franklin Towne Charter High School throughout 2023. Together, we've achieved numerous milestones, fostered academic excellence, and strengthened our ties with the community.

In 2023, Franklin Towne Charter High School celebrated a year of unprecedented firsts, marked by significant achievements that reflect our commitment to excellence and innovation. We warmly welcomed our largest incoming freshmen class, fostering a vibrant and diverse community. Our inaugural Open House provided prospective families with an inclusive glimpse into our exceptional educational environment. Participation in the first-ever K-12 school fair at the PA Convention Center showcased our dedication to broader educational outreach. Joining Apply Philly Charter opened new doors for prospective students, enhancing accessibility to quality education. Making a grand debut in the Mayfair-Holmesburg Thanksgiving Parade allowed us to spread school spirit on a larger stage. We proudly celebrated the historic achievement of our first student earning acceptance to Princeton University. Introducing the Franklin Towne golf team, commencing the Joe Bianchino Memorial Golf Outing, and being recognized as PCPCS Charter School of the Week marked memorable milestones that brought our community together. Furthermore, prioritizing safety, we provided ALICE training for our entire faculty and staff, and our security personnel underwent Cardinal Point security training, ensuring a secure and supportive learning environment for all.

In the realm of academic achievement, Franklin Towne Charter High School soared to new heights in 2023. The school achieved a remarkable 100% Future Ready PA Index growth scores across English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science, showcasing a commitment to excellence. Notably, our students surpassed the Commonwealth average, demonstrating proficiency or advanced skills in various subjects. The commitment to educational advancement extended beyond academics, as our collaboration with Philadelphia Charters for Excellence, PCPCS, and College & Career significantly expanded our educational network. Hosting the largest and most attended college and career fair, alongside numerous mini fairs, underscored our dedication to nurturing students' future success. Furthermore, both our C.E.O. and Principal completed an Emerging Leadership fellowship by PCPCS, marking significant leadership advancements that contribute to the ongoing growth and success of our school.

Additionally, Franklin Towne has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to community service through strategic partnerships and initiatives. Collaborating with the Philadelphia Police Foundation in the Market Street Run for Blue showcased our support for law enforcement and community engagement. Furthermore, our collaboration with FLY:FWD and Operation Warm not only created valuable opportunities for girls in sports but also emphasized our dedication to promoting inclusivity and empowerment. Partnering with Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey was a testament to our commitment to inspiring strength, intelligence, and boldness in all our students. Our active involvement in volunteering with the Phillies during

Stand Up to Cancer Night and contributing to various community clean-up initiatives highlighted our school's profound dedication to the overall well-being of our community.

This is just a glimpse of the outstanding achievements and growth we've experienced together in 2023. We were recently informed of a Philadelphia Inquirer feature titled [www.votephillyfaves.com](http://www.votephillyfaves.com); There is an education category with a Charter School subcategory. Franklin Towne Charter High School has the privilege of being named one of the options! We would appreciate our community voting for Franklin Towne Charter H.S. each day through the 19th of January.

Click the link to vote: <https://www.votephillyfaves.com/>

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As we eagerly anticipate the opportunities and challenges of the coming year, let's continue to build on our successes and make 2024 another remarkable chapter in the history of Franklin Towne Charter High School.

Sincerely,  
Brianna M. O'Donnell