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Camden Academy Cuts Ribbon for New Charter High School

On September 13, Camden Academy Charter High School conducted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new high school, located at 250 Federal St. in Camden. The new high school will be a modern educational facility, offering a wider range of academic, athletic and social activities to prepare students for a college education and the opportunity to earn 30 college credits prior to graduation. It will include expanded science labs and a swimming pool. "We're excited to open a new high school in the city of Camden," said Dr. Joseph Conway, superintendent of Camden's Charter School Network. "Not only will it give our high school students the opportunity to advance their educational experience in a state-of-the-art facility, but it will also add to the vitality of Camden as a hub of community-based education," Dr. Conway added.



Many public officials were in attendance, including Jennifer Galan from U.S. Senator Cory Booker's office; Assemblyman Arthur Barclay (5th D.); Camden Sheriff Gilbert Wilson; Camden President of City Council Francisco Moran; Camden Councilman Luis A. Lopez, Ph.D. (4th Ward); Camden Council Member At-Large Angel Fuentes; Felisha Reyes Morton, Vice President, Camden City Board of Education; in addition to many dignitaries from local businesses and board members of Camden's Promise Charter School.

Gov. Chris Christie Shares Camden Charter School Teacher and Student Success Stories

On September 15, Gov. Chris Christie came to Camden to speak at the KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy about the future of education in Camden. As part of the event, Camden students, teachers and alumni had the opportunity to share their success stories. A Camden Charter School Network alumnus/teacher and student were selected to share their success stories. They are:

Jose Vazquez, an alumnus and teacher, who was born and raised in Camden. He began school with Camden's Promise Charter School in fifth grade. Jose moved through our Middle School and High School and graduated in 2012 as Salutatorian of the class. He pursued his passion in Science at Rutgers Camden and graduated with a Biology degree in May 2016. He continued with a Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship to receive his Master's degree. He followed his passion back to Camden, where he lives and works with Iglesia La Familia as a Church Youth Director and Camden's Promise Charter School as an eighth grade science teacher.



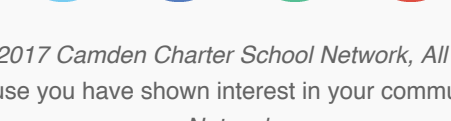
Cristalys Santiago is a sophomore at Camden Academy Charter High School, and a member of the Class of 2020. She served as her freshman class president. Cristalys has aspirations of becoming an FBI Agent and is interested in attending Stockton University. She is member of the school softball team where she plays right field. Cristalys has a passion for public speaking and helping the less fortunate. In May she participated in our Covenant House fundraising event where we raised money for homeless youth in the city of Camden. She was interviewed by Channel 6 News and featured as one of the lead student advocates for the event, which raised over \$40,000 for the cause.



Camden's Pride Holds Annual Carnival



On September 16, Camden's Pride held its Annual Carnival at Camden's Pride campus. More than 1,000 people attended this free event. The Carnival included a PTO flea market, games, a moon bounce, prizes, music and food. The Center for Aquatic Sciences also participated. The Carnival hopes to expand next year to become a community event. We want to thank everyone who volunteered to make this event a great success and hope to see everyone next year!



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