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CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF
2022!



Robert



Emily



Weslyn

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"They helped me learn how to be a good worker and be nice to all people while remaining calm if I get upset." -J.P.

Real World - Real Skills

Bitty & Beau's Charlotte hired current Philips Academy students J.P. and Robert, as well as alumnus Jillian. The managers say, "All have been hardworking, conscientious employees with a positive attitude and an eagerness to learn. We have seen first-hand how being valued and having the sense of purpose that a job brings has boosted their confidence and sociability. This in turn has enabled their unique personalities to shine while providing exemplary customer service. Philips' Bridges program and special mission has clearly helped prepare them for success in the workplace. Their work ethic has been excellent, and all have cross trained for different roles at Bitty & Beau's."



"Bridges at Philips Academy taught me to fill out applications, look professional, and ask questions- at Bitty and Beaus I always ask when I need something explained again. My intern experience helped me be more confident and outgoing with customers." -Jillian



"Philips Academy has helped me learn a lot about soft skills so you can do your job correctly. Working on hot lunch for the whole school gave me opportunities to learn to cook for, and serve many people, which is useful to serve many customers at Bitty and Beau's." -Robert

For more information visit BittyAndBeausCoffee.com

Student Highlights



London

This middle schooler has her own business called Neon Cuties offering vegan nail polish. She creates and names every color, bottles and labels it all with minimal help from mom. Most importantly, she loves to hear her computer chime when a new order comes in!

Order yours at NeonCuties.com

Bethany

In 2022, Bethany started an internship at Trinity Presbyterian Weekday School, just downstairs from the school. Bethany is interested in a caring profession and has volunteered at local daycares and nursing homes. She shared "I work in the 1's and 2's class. I work two days a week from 9-1:30. I enjoy getting to know all about the kids - who they are. I've taught some of them my name and now they call me "Befany." I'm very tired when I get to the end of the day. I enjoy their personalities and watching them grow. It's amazing how fast they learn and how they change. The hardest thing is learning to be gentle and firm at the same time." TPWS Director, Amy Vaughn said "Bethany warms my heart. Her love for children is 1000%."



Thank You

We continue to be astonished by the commitment and generosity of the individuals, foundations, and organizations that provide financial support to Philips Academy. You make the work we do possible!



Speedway Children's Charities supports our 2021-2022 Hot Lunch Service program. Students learn to plan, shop, prepare, cook, serve, enjoy and clean up a meal. Great practice for home and work in food service!



Merancas Foundation is a committed and generous long-time supporter of school scholarships.

This year, Philips Academy provided some tuition assistance to 48% of families.

Endowment

Established in 2021, the Scholarship Endowment plays a critical role in allowing the school to fulfill its mission and ensure long-term financial stability. Endowment funds provide scholarships to students who meet criteria for need-based assistance and brings an education within reach for students who might not otherwise be able to afford it.

Thanks to generous donors, the endowment totals about \$1.2 million. Gifts of any amount are welcome.

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Philips Academy has been a blessing to our family and we are proud to support the endowment to help other families and their children who need the specialized education and life skills that the school offers.

- Jennifer and Mike Smith

Planned Giving

Making a gift to Philips Academy doesn't take great wealth—just a sincere desire to have a positive impact on the lives of children with developmental disabilities. All gifts, large and small, are important to us and are very much appreciated. By planning a future gift to Philips Academy through a bequest in your will or a gift in your estate plan, you help ensure that our work will continue and that future generations of students will have access to Real Learning for Real life. A legacy commitment is an investment in sustainable work that directly impacts a vulnerable population and transforms the futures of our students for generations to come.

If you've already included Philips Academy in your will or estate plan, let us know! We'd love to officially welcome you to the legacy society. However, should you wish to remain anonymous we are happy to honor that request.

Board Office Visits

Paige Ross, Employability & Vocational Skills Teacher and Bridges students visited a few of our Board members at their offices to learn about different workplace settings.



John & Matt Smith Board Member at Finley Group



Bethany D, Bethany G & Becky Berolatti Board Chair at Park National Bank

Want to learn more about supporting our school?

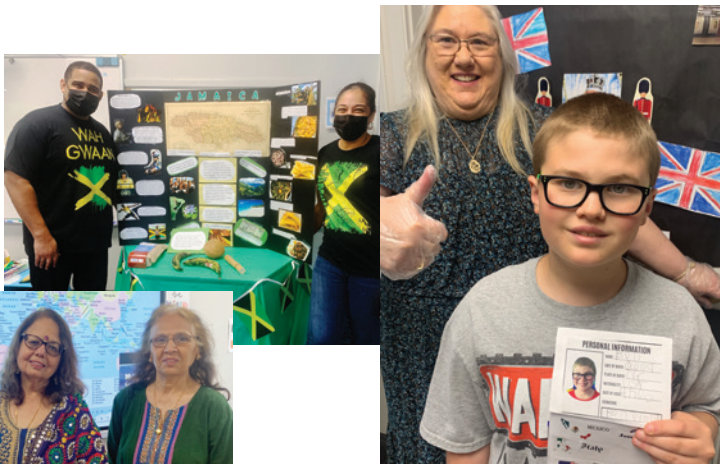
Contact Deborah Hofland, Executive Director, dhofland@philipsacademync.org 704-365-4533

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International Day

On April 7, students filled their passports and learned about other cultures, thanks to our international guests from Australia, Cameroon, Columbia, England, India, Italy, Jamaica, along with the United States.



Bowling fun thanks to Special Olympics!



The 2021-22 collective art project is a large mosaic. Literally and figuratively, everyone had a hand in creating this beauty.