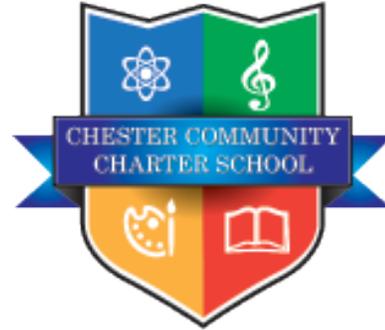


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Chester Community Charter School Showcases Creative Works of 2,500 Students Through Its Arts and Music Programs

Pennsylvania's Largest K-8 Charter School Also Recognized its Leading Athletes at its Ninth Annual Sports Banquet

Chester, PA, May 18, 2015 – Culminating its 2014 – 2015 school year, [Chester Community Charter School \(CCCS\)](#), the largest K-8 charter school in Pennsylvania, recently showcased the creative works of more than 2,500 students through its newly-formed arts and music programs, with concerts and art shows, on the school's East, West and Upland campuses.

During the Spring Concert, performances included selections from the Vocal Arts Club; screening of original films created by students of the Film Club; percussion selections from the school's Bucket Band and Drums Around the World Club, and a Beyonce-inspired performance by the school's Dance Club. Additional music performances featured the school's brass and wind instrument ensemble, and an instrumental listening session from the students of the music production class, under the direction of Grammy-award nominated producer Carvin Haggins.

Later in the week, parents, administrators and staff, celebrated the achievements of 62 student-athletes with an awards ceremony and dinner, which featured Jon Breeden, a personal trainer and founder/CEO of Jon Breeden Enterprises, as guest speaker.

VIDEO: Recap of CCCS Spring Concert: <http://bit.ly/1KjP0X5>

VIDEO: Recap of Sports Banquet: <http://bit.ly/1Huysup>

CCCS' athletic program was launched in 2006 with an intramural boys' basketball team. Today, the sports program has evolved to include a varsity and junior varsity boys' basketball team, a boys' baseball team, a girls' softball team, and a cheerleading team. The school has plans to include girls' basketball and volleyball in the coming years.

Keynote speaker Jon Breeden shared three points with the student-athletes and their families about using sports a vehicle to achieve success. He told students, "Remember, use your imagination to picture where you'd like to be in the future; focus on setting—and accomplishing—goals; and remain persistent in all that you do."

Dr. David Clark, CEO, CCCS, remarked on the importance of the school's arts and music and athletic programs, and its effect on the students. "In order for us to create productive citizens of this world, there must be balance between academics and creative expression. CCCS' extra-curricular programs teaches our students to be disciplined, to set goals, and to be team players."

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About Chester Community Charter School

Chester Community Charter School opened its doors on September 9, 1998, serving 97 students from its modest, four, meeting rooms, in the lobby of the Howard Johnson Hotel, in Chester, PA. Since that time, the school has steadily grown to include more than 3,000 students in 11 state-of-the-art-buildings, spanning three campuses. Through collaboration with the Gureghian Charitable Foundation, and CCCS' High School Search and Selection Program, more than \$9.5 million in scholarships and financial assistance to prestigious private secondary schools has been awarded to 225 of the school's graduates, since 2009. <http://chestercommunitycharter.org>

Photo 1



Caption 1

Members of Chester Community Charter School West Campus' fourth-through-eighth grade brass and wind instrument ensemble play "When the Saints Go Marching In," at the school's recent Spring Concert series. Thanks to grants from 21st Century Learning Centers and the Barbara Berry Foundation, CCCS was able to provide arts and music programs to its more than 3,200 students.

Photo 2



Caption 2

Recently, CCCS held its Spring Concert series, which featured creative works and performances of more than 2,500 students in 13 concerts, over a four-day period. Pictured here are members of the school's newly formed Vocal Club who performed "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and other classic songs. The club is led by singer/songwriter Carol Riddick and certified vocal instructor Renee Robinson-Way.

Photo 3



Caption 3

Dr. Gibbs (seated, second from right), instructor for Drums Around the World Club, leads the students with a Sinte African Drum rhythm, where they performed before more than 200 students, faculty, administrators and staff, at the school's Spring Concert series. The weeklong concert series also took place on the school's East, West and Upland Campuses, and featured more than 2,500 student-artists and performers.

Photo 4



Caption 4

More than 175 parents and guardians gathered at the Clarion Hotel, in Essington, PA, for CCCS' Ninth Annual Sports Banquet and Awards Ceremony, to celebrate the athletic achievements of more than 60 student-athletes of the school's basketball, baseball, softball and cheerleading teams. Jon Breeden (pictured at podium), personal trainer and founder/CEO of Jon Breeden Enterprise, served as the keynote speaker.

Photo 5



Caption 5

Members of the CCCS varsity boys' basketball team, pictured with the teams coaching staff, show off their recently awarded trophies and certificates, at the school's Ninth Annual Sports Banquet, held at the Clarion Hotel, in Essington, PA. This year, the team had an impressive record of 14 wins and just three losses. Jon Breeden (not pictured), personal trainer and founder/CEO of Jon Breeden Enterprises, delivered remarks about staying focused, remaining consistent, and using intelligence to excel on and off the court.

Photo 6



Caption 6

Pictured here are members of Chester Community Charter School's softball team, with their coaches, at the school's Ninth Annual Sports Banquet, held at the Clarion Hotel, recently, in Essington, PA. The awards ceremony and dinner included more than 175 CCCS parents and guardians, who attended to support their children, and also featured guest speaker Jon Breeden, a personal trainer and founder/CEO of Jon Breeden Enterprises, who shared motivational words about discipline and entrepreneur opportunities in sports.

Photo 7



Caption 7

Coach Qwiana Hill (first row, far left) and members of the Chester Community Charter School cheerleading team pose with their trophies and certificates at the school's Ninth Annual Sports Banquet and Award Ceremony. The event was held at the Clarion Hotel, in Essington, PA, and was attended by more than 175 parents, guardians, and CCCS staff and faculty, attended.

Photo 8



Caption 8

CCCS' recently held its Ninth Annual Sports Banquet, wherein more than 60 students were honored for their athletic achievements. The school's baseball team is pictured with Coach Kim Nickels (back row, far right), Coach Samantha Soprano (back row, second from right), Head Coach Frank Vaccaro (back row, third from left), Coach Daniel Rooney (back row, second from left), and Coach Matt Jones (back row, far left). This year, more than 175 parents and community members attended, and Jon Breeden, personal trainer and founder/CEO of Jon Breeden Enterprises, delivered the keynote address.

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