

## Welcome Letter from The Director.....

Dear Parent(s) and Student(s):

Congratulations! Your child has been accepted to EBLA Academy for the 2018-2019 school term. The registration information is listed below this letter. The 2018-2019 Parent/Student Handbook will be sent in an email and is designed to guide you and your child through this exciting time. We encourage you to read all sections of this booklet thoroughly and discuss them with your child. The highlights of this handbook as it pertains to each student will be discussed the first day of class (August 2018). The Parent/Student Handbook includes general information about our proven curriculum and instructional design, and specific school policies and procedures which, if followed consistently, will contribute to the development of our school community and the success of EBLA Academy. We want our students to be able to compete globally and we know that technology is the key. We currently have graduates of the Academy that are now conducting STEM cell and biomedical research at universities such as John Hopkins and Iowa State. Our dual enrollment program is extremely successful. We are also changing our structure to focus more on science, math, technology, and the arts. This will ensure that our students become leaders in the fields of engineering, biotechnology, and artistry (music, dance, 3D animation). We know that these curriculum changes will not take place overnight, yet it is a step in the right direction.

Last school term, we were fortunate to have Dr. Thomas Miles from Georgia College & State University introduce the Destiny Program to our seniors. The class of 2018 will be the first set of EBLA graduates to recite their purpose, calling, and cause statements during the annual commencement ceremony. The program was absolutely amazing and really helped the students with deciding their future career goals and why they make the decisions that they do. We want students living the most authentic life possible. Each student accepted to EBLA are agreeing to begin the journey to self-discovery and self-love. This journey is going to be filled with its share of hills and valleys; sunshine and rain. When you love yourself unconditionally, you will not allow anyone to compromise your values or make you feel inferior. Each students' journey is different, but the destination is the same; self-leadership. This means taking ownership and responsibility for how we conduct ourselves and realizing that our code of conduct can give society a false perception of who

we truly are. In other words, we cannot act disrespectfully and then expect others to treat us with respect without any consequences for our actions. It is also important to realize that we all have unique strengths that far outweigh any “supposed weaknesses”. Which means that if there is an uncomfortable situation that we created, we have the strength to change it. The more we choose to focus on these strengths, the more we are able to see the world from a new vantage point. We no longer judge, gossip, or complain of others. We become compassionate beings that seek ways to assist others because we now see that people are reflections of who we currently are or what we have outgrown. Lessons will constantly be repeated over and over again until we learn what we need to from the situation. Instead of saying, “I don’t want to deal with this or that”, we could instead ask, “what is this moment trying to teach me?” I look at each school term as a “teaching” opportunity to learn and grow and discover new ways of engaging students. So, let us learn together!!!

Sincerely,

Dr. Janée M. Moss, Director/Founder

*~“I will direct and motivate through counseling, teaching, training, caring, and wisdom. This will allow me to produce beautiful collections that are the originators, doers, and curators of a happy, peaceful, and loving future.”~*

## ***EBLA HS Academy Registration 2018-2019***

- (1) The registration information that you will RETURN: (a) the 2018-2019 contract, (b) the Emergency-Medical Form, (c) the honor code/motto (to be signed by student), and (d) the driver’s liability form. All NEW students must submit a copy of their immunizations, hearing, etc. as part of the state of GA requirements. This should be turned in with your paperwork. The 2018-2019 EBLA Academy Handbook can be accessed directly from our website at **[eblaacademy.org](http://eblaacademy.org)**. We will no longer hand out hard copies of the handbook. This will enable us to reduce our carbon footprint.
- (2) The registration information that you will KEEP: (a) the school calendar, (b) updated school uniform information, (c) the summer reading list requirements for all students, (d) the EBLA

reading list, (e) the Class of 2019 Graduation Supply Information from Balfour and General Senior Info-SENIORS ONLY, (f) the school supply list, and (g) the book list.

- (3) For those that do not pay in full, your first payment is due on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a \$50 late fee for any payment made after the due date.
- (4) We will have **open house on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2pm-3pm**. This will give parents an opportunity to meet the teachers, pick up your child's books (for those that order through EBLA), and for the parents to be given updates for the school year.
- (5) All students will be required to read at least one additional book each nine week period. This does not include the books that the students are required to read in their English class.
- (6) We look forward to seeing you in August. Have a beautiful summer!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### NEW EBLA ACADEMY UNIFORM GUIDELINES

The new uniform guidelines are covered in your handbook, but to save time, we will provide the highlights:

- (1) ALL students will be required to wear the new uniform beginning the first day of school, August 6, 2018.
- (2) The dress code for the boys/gentlemen is as follows: (a) the sweater vest or cardigan ordered through frenchtoast.com, (b) the polo shirt from Sew K, (c) khaki pants or walking shorts (you can purchase them yourself or order through frenchtoast.com).
- (3) The dress code for the girls/ladies is as follows: (a) the sweater vest or cardigan ordered through frenchtoast.com, (b) the polo shirt from Sew K, (c) khaki or black pants, walking shorts, or skirt (you can purchase these through frenchtoast.com). Girls CANNOT WEAR leggings, jeggings, shorts that do not come to your knee, skirts that are inappropriate, or flip flops with their uniform. The only time you can wear leggings is if you are wearing them under your skirt.
- (4) Parents will still be able to purchase their polo shirts through Sew K Designs. The cardigan and sweater vest must be purchased frenchtoast.com because they have our logo that will be embroidered on the sweater vest and cardigan.
- (5) EBLA Academy has our account set up with frenchtoast.com and by Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, they will have our EBLA page set up on their website so that you will be able to go under our school

name and selected items that pertain to our school will show up so you will not have to search through the entire site.

- (6) Frenchtoast.com has us listed as EBLA HS Academy. You must use our school source code when ordering which is: QS5SJMV.
- (7) The only items that are MANDATORY to be ordered from frenchtoast.com are the sweater vest and/or cardigan (students can choose both or one). We have other items listed on our school tab on their website just to give you more options to choose from.
- (8) If you have any questions about sizing information, feel free to contact frenchtoast.com at 1-800-373-6248.
- (9) Boys and girls that plan on participating in exploratory or PE need to bring a plain white t-shirt and pants to work out in. Failure to comply with the dress code more than twice will lead to suspension. Remember, we must dress for success!!!