



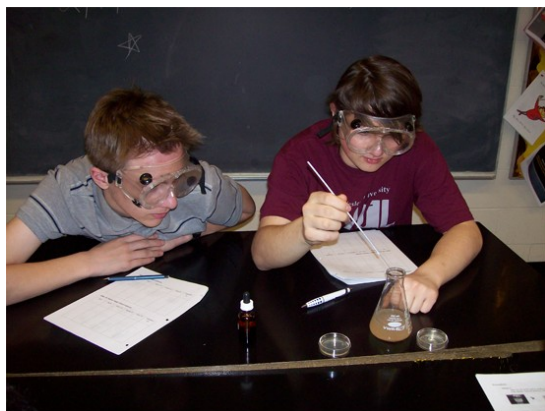
An Early College High School

2011-2012 Annual Report

Our Vision

The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University is a five-year program offering students a high school diploma and up to 62 hours of college credit, tuition free. Students who may have faced obstacles in the past, and students who might not have considered college, have teachers and advisors who smooth the transition to college. This school is a significant partnership between The Charles School and Ohio Dominican University, with both entities fully committed to student success as well as the many opportunities to bring our communities together for productive learning opportunities.

The student population of TCS@ODU represents the ethnic and socioeconomic diversity found in the community surrounding the school.



Administration for the 2011-2012 school

Eileen Meers	Superintendent, Executive Dean of Students
Greg Brown	Executive Dean of Academics and Administration, Principal
Edmund Ingman	Dean of Academics
Yolanda Perez	Dean of Students
Scott McMullen	Dean of Collegiate Studies
Dianthia Lowry	Dean of Parent and Community Relations

Our Mission

The mission of the school is to prepare students for life-long learning, commitment to community and informed citizenship by immersing them in real-world, active learning as well as rigorous academics. Significant to its purpose is to make higher education affordable, accessible and attractive for students who are first generation college attendees, low income, and often minority.

The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University is a member of The Graham Family of Schools.

Governing Authority

The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University is chartered by the state of Ohio and as such is overseen by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Our sponsor, Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO) provides additional oversight. The Charles School Board of Directors provides governance and meets a minimum of six times per year. A schedule of meeting dates and times, as well as a record of actions taken, is kept in the school's office and is available for review by the public. Board members in 2011-12 included: **Sally Speer Leber**, President; **Chuck Graham**, Vice President and Treasurer; **Melody Steely**, Secretary; **Peggy Fein** and **Joe Busch**. The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University is a member of the Middle College National Consortium (MCNC) which gratefully acknowledges the support and funding of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Carnegie Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Reader's Digest Fund and the Pew Charitable Trust. MCNC provides guidance in the Early College initiative.

Academic Curriculum Requirements

The Charles School curriculum includes courses in all the required core academic areas as designated by the State of Ohio. In order to graduate from The Charles School, students must earn requisite credit in these areas, as well as in other areas designated by the school, particularly experiential education and successful completion of courses and/or experience in college. Academic areas include: English, mathematics, science, social studies, global language, fine arts, health, experiential education, and fulfilling physical education requirements.



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Outstanding Students

The Charles School presents several awards each year in June to students who exhibit achievement and leadership in a variety of categories important to the work of the school. In 2011-12 the following students were honored as recipients of these awards.

Courage Award	Antwane Martin	Global Language Department Award	Selena Myers	Deans Award for Leadership	Christopher Sumlin
English Department Award	Bomani Taylor	Social Studies Department Award	Karen Mayle	Deans Award for Perseverance	Eryn Powell
English as a Second Language Award	Adbikarim Sheikh	Mathematics Department Award	Elijah Snyder	Eminent Panther Award	Kevin Welsh
Science Department Award	Angelaka Wolfe	Experiential Education Award	Ian Rivera Wright		

Staff for the 2011-12 school year

Debbie Addison	Chelsea Carson	Breanne Heikamp	Katie Logan	Claudia Robertson
Kelsey Boyd	Brice Dobler	Ed Ingman	Cheryl Long	Chris Spackman
Chris Bradley	Jennifer Duann	Lauren Jacobs	Dianthia Lowry	Jessica Spoon
Greg Brown	Sara Duke	Erin Johnson	Michelle Lowry	Shannon Taylor
Lauren Brownfield	Elaine Fujimura	Sheila Kapur	Scott McMullen	Andrea Townsend
Judy Butsko	Jeff Grunewald	Uzma Khan	Eileen Meers	Jennifer Waddell
Mike Butsko	Jennifer Hagood	Alexandra Konet	Timothy Nunn	Paige Webb
Randi Channel	David Hall	Clifford Lee	Yolanda Perez	Robert Wilson

Donors

We gratefully acknowledge the following donors for 2011-2012, as well as all of the generous individuals who supported Have a Heart and the 5k.

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 Continental Office Environments
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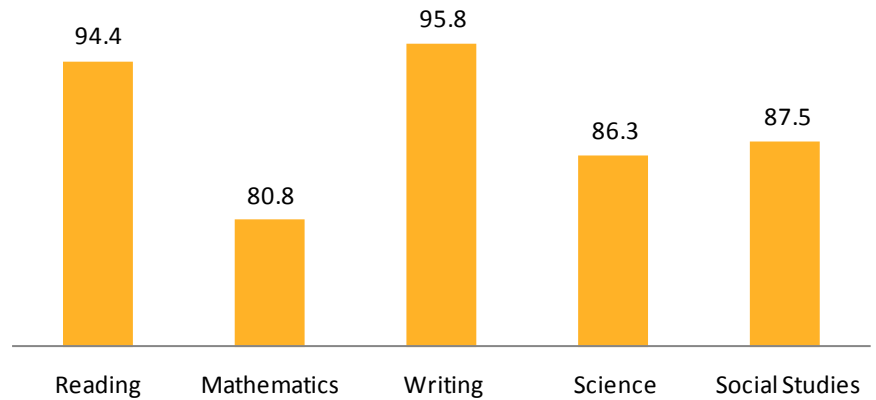
OGT Results

A state graduation requirement in Ohio is passage of all five parts (Reading, Mathematics, Writing, Science, and Social Studies) of the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT), which is given for the first time in 10th grade. TCS was rated Effective with a 99.8 percent performance index.

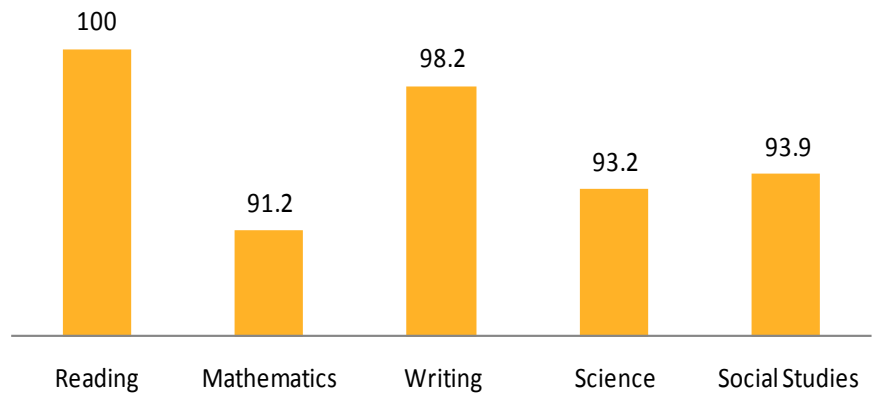
Expeditions

Each year, the experiential learning program at The Charles School takes the form of expeditions. Expeditions are school-wide, week-long, theme-based projects that take students outside the classroom and into the community. In addition to the annual Writing and Thinking Workshop, in which students participate during the first week of school, The Charles School had two full expedition weeks with twelve different expedition choices in the fall and twelve choices in the spring. During expeditions, students explore engaging questions through observation, collaboration with teachers and with each other, and in-depth reflection on their experiences. With each expedition, students have the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned through a final project and presentation. Expeditions build on work done in the classroom and enhance students' understanding of fundamental concepts by addressing educational standards in all academic areas. Through experiential work, students develop the critical thinking skills, self-knowledge, and collaboration abilities necessary for success in college, and the professional world beyond.

OGT 10th Grade Passing Rate Percentages



OGT 11th Grade Passing Rate Percentages





Family and Community

The Parents' Group is growing and parents are seeking to become more involved. We have a parent doing hall duty and a parent helping with in school suspension. Parents have assisted us with expeditions on a regular basis. Parents have given money to help with spring dance items. Parents and students traveled with staff to share their experience at TCS for open houses and recruiting events. The Charles School joined with The Graham School and Graham Expeditionary Middle School for "Have a Heart" a celebratory evening to recognize community partners and raise funds for school operations.

We held the 3rd annual 5K run in the spring to raise funds for our sports programs and to celebrate fun and fitness.

Ohio Dominican University

Ohio Dominican University is the college partner of The Charles School. A fully accredited, four-year liberal arts institution, Ohio Dominican was founded in 1911. The university occupies 64 beautifully wooded acres, centrally located in Columbus. Today, Ohio Dominican has over 3,000 students. Ohio Dominican is committed to academic excellence, life-long learning and community service. Classes are small and students may choose from more than 50 undergraduate majors. The student body is diverse and individualism is celebrated, regardless of age, race, gender, religious background, ethnic or cultural heritage. We are grateful to the faculty and staff at Ohio Dominican for their work alongside us to fulfill our important educational mission.

Financial Status

In fiscal year 2011-12 the school received \$2,396,643 in state funds. The school also received \$497,682 in federal funds and \$124,186 in development funds, among other separated categories. Sources of income totaled \$3,049,320. In fiscal year 2011-12 the school paid for employee salaries and benefits including payroll taxes and retirement through The Graham School, The Charles School's financial manager, and paid \$62,594 in lease payments to the Columbus City Schools for the use of the Brentnell building. Uses, including the aforementioned items along with classroom support expenses, utilities, insurance and assorted services to and purchases for the school, totaled \$3,039,323 in expenses. When the current cash in bank was added to the sources, the year-end adjusted cash balance was \$24,925 to be carried over to 2012-13. The school conducts its own on-going internal financial audit under the direction of its Board Audit Committee and Treasurer Brian Adams, MBA, CMA, CFM, CGFM. Finances also were audited by the school's sponsor, The Educational Service Center of Central Ohio. The school is audited annually under the auspices of the State of Ohio Auditor's Office. All found the finances to be accurately and appropriately accounted for.

2012 Graduates

In 2011-2012 The Charles School had its first graduating class. Twenty five students graduated from The Charles School and 9 of them also graduated from Ohio Dominican University with an Associate's degree.

Abdi Amin
Kessiah Cunningham
Elizabeth Dickson
Susan Dryden
Sheron Edmonds
Nakya Elliott
Ashianna Gaston
Ariana Green
Gabrielle Gulyassy
Benjamin Horn
Jennifer Jamar
Austin Kaiser
Jesse Kelly

Brhana Ketema
Kimberly Moore
Tiffany Tiarra Myers
Daylen Platt
Brionne Powell
Brittany Price
Jordan Singer
Shanell Smith
Taja Titus
Alexus Townsend
Takaze Turner
Nia Woods

2012 graduates of Ohio Dominican University with an Associate's degree include:

Ariana Green
Gabrielle Gulyassy
Benjamin Horn
Kimberly Moore
Daylen Platt

Brionne Powell
Brittany Price
Takaze Turner
Taja Titus

