



An Early College High School

2013-2014 Annual Report

Our Mission

As a member of The Graham Family of Schools, The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University prepares students for life-long learning and informed citizenship by immersing them in active learning as well as rigorous academics. The school works to provide successful college preparation and experience along with an arc to higher education for students who might not have considered college an option. Significant to its purpose is to make higher education affordable, accessible and attractive for a broad diversity of Ohio's high school students.

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 higher education, have teachers and advisors who smooth the transition to college. This school is a significant partnership initiative between The Charles School and Ohio Dominican University with both entities fully committed to the success of our students as well as the many opportunities to bring our communities together.

Special Accomplishments and Achievements

- TCS is thrilled that for the second year, one of our graduating seniors received a Gates Millennium Scholarship that will fully fund college and graduate studies.
- TCS received a \$10,000 Make a Difference grant from NBC 4 to fund technology for science classrooms. In the second year of this generous community wide competition, additional grants were funded by a generous donor, enabling NBC4 to fund 9 projects rather than the originally planned 3 projects.
- Of the 14 students (graduating seniors) who earned the AA, 6 of them graduated from ODU with honors, meaning they maintained a cumulative GPA of over 3.5.
- Some of the schools seniors are attending: ODU, OSU, Eastern Michigan, Ohio Northern, Case Western, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, Columbus State Community College, DeVry University, Capital University, Morehouse College, OU, Cleveland Institute of Art, and Savannah College of Art and Design.

Governing Authority

The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University (TCS@ODU) is chartered by the state of Ohio and as such, is overseen by the Ohio Department of Education. Our sponsor, Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO) provides additional oversight. The Charles School Board of Directors provides governance, meeting a minimum of six times per year. A schedule of meeting dates and times, as well as a record of actions taken, are kept in the school's office and are available for review by the public. Board members in 2013-14 included: **Sara Neikirk**, President; **Chuck Graham**, Vice President and Treasurer; **Melody Steely**, Secretary; **Joe Busch**; and **Mari Sunami**. The Charles School also partners with Middle College National Consortium (MCNC) for guidance in the Early College initiative.

Family and Community

The Parents' Group is growing and parents are asking to become more involved. We have a parent doing hall duty and a parent helping with ISS. Parents have assisted us with expeditions on a regular basis. Parents have given money to help with spring dance items, fees associated with a trip to England, and class supplies. This year, the parents financed and ran a picnic for 600 parents and their students. Parents and students traveled with staff to share their experience at TCS for open houses and recruiting events. The Charles School joined sister schools; The Graham School, Graham Expeditionary Middle School, and Graham Primary School for "Have a Heart" a celebratory evening of dinner and auctions for parents, staff and community members to recognize community partners and raise funds for school operations.



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Staff for the 2013-14 school year

Debbie Addison	Director of Advancement
Kelsey Boyd	Math
Chris Bradley	English/Social Studies
Greg Brown	Executive Dean of Academics and Administration, Principal
Chelsea Carson	Front Desk
Jacob Doran	English
Sara Duke	English
Elaine Fujimura	Registrar and Enrollment
Ryan Green	Spanish
Jeff Grunewald	IT Manager
Jennifer Hagood	Math
David Hall	English
Jane Hatch	Social Studies
Breanne Heikamp	Science
Ed Ingman	Dean of Academics
Kyle Jepson	Front Desk
Erin Johnson	Assistant Dean/Science
Sheila Kapur	School Counselor
Uzma Khan	French
Alexandra Konet	Early College Counselor
Brian Koranyi	Math
Katrina Kurtek	Science
Katie Logan	Business Administration Assistant
Melanie Lolli	Math
Cheryl Long	Business Administrator
Michelle Lowry	College Readiness Coordinator
Allison Maloney	English
Scott McMullen	Educational Data Analyst
Eileen Meers	Superintendent, Executive Dean of Students
Maria Newball	ISS
Timothy Nunn	Network Engineer
Yolanda Perez	Dean of Students
Rebecca Reckhart	Music

Chris Spackman	ESL
Jessica Spoon	Social Studies
Shannon Taylor	Internship Coordinator/Support Teacher
Andrea Townsend	Science
Stephen Was	Spanish
Robert Wilson	Social Studies
Jennifer Waddell	Development Coordinator
Jeff Wiseman	Lead Network Engineer

Outstanding Students

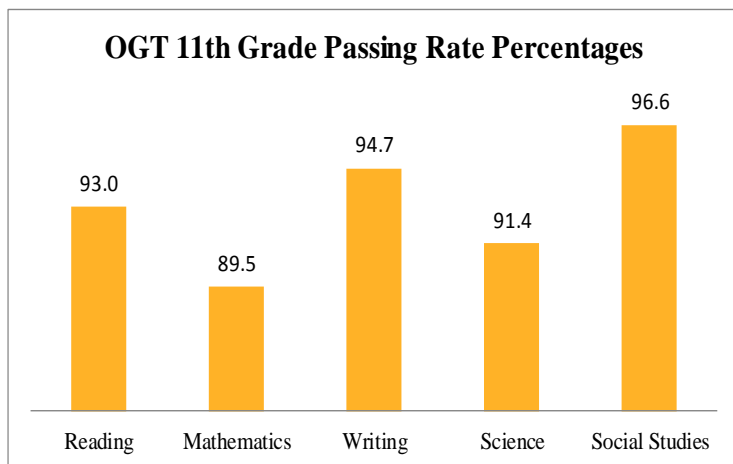
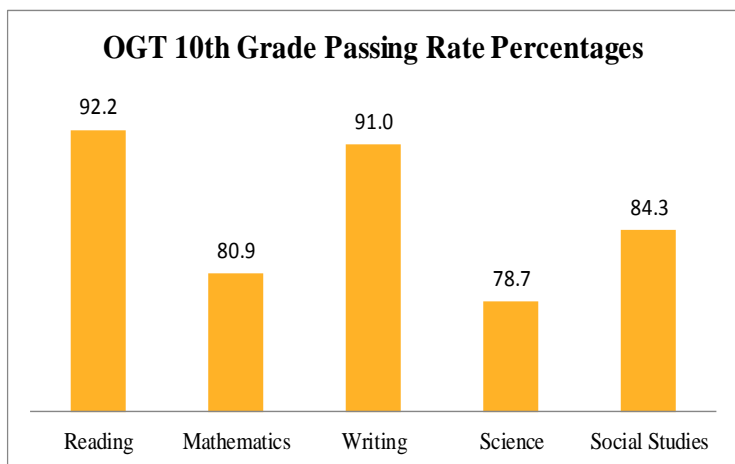
The Charles School presents several awards each year in May to students who exhibit achievement and leadership in a variety of categories important to the work of the school. In 2013-14 the following students were honored as

Courage Award	Juan Crutchfield
English Department Award	Audrey Beale
English as a Second Language Award	Diana Garcia
Science Department Award	Briana Robinson
Global Language Spanish Department Award	Alina Medina
Global Language French Department Award	Cathy Trinidad
Social Studies Department Award	Zachary Smith
Mathematics Department Award	Katie Edwards
Fine Arts Department Award	Advonna Wiley
Experiential Education Award	LaShane Fox
Deans Award for Leadership	Gabe Gaiusbayode
Deans Award for Perseverance	Lexus Burress
Eminent Panther Award	Eryn Powell
Perfect Attendance Award	Sean McElroy Alyson Merz



OGT Results

A state graduation requirement in Ohio is passage of all five parts (Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies) of the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT), which is given for the first time in 10th grade. The results, as published in the Ohio Department of Education's "2013-14 School Year Report Card" for The Charles School are as follows:



TCS@ODU met 9 of 10 performance measures resulting in an A grade. The school was given a grade of B with a 82.7% performance index. The Charles School had a student attendance rate of 94.1 percent

Expeditions

Expeditions are school-wide, multi-day, theme-based projects that take students outside the classroom and into the community. In 2013-2014 The Charles School had two three-day expeditions with nine different expedition choices in the fall and 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 collaborative abilities necessary for success in college, and the professional world beyond it.

Donors

We gratefully acknowledge the following donors in 2013-2014, as well as all of the generous individuals who supported Have a Heart and the 5k.

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Augusto Leal
Elizabeth M. Ross

Dr. Gordon Snider
Steve Swiatecki
Dorothy Turnbo
Monique Walker
Constance Welsh



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Ohio Dominican University

ODU is the university partner of The Charles School. A fully accredited, four-year liberal arts institution, ODU was founded in 1911. The university occupies 64 beautifully wooded acres, centrally located in Columbus and adjacent and The Charles School. Today, ODU has over 3,000 students and 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 University for their work alongside us to fulfill our important educational mission.

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, physical education, and experiential education (see below). The Charles School academic curriculum fully incorporates Ohio and Common Core Standards. Interim and end of course exams are part of our model.

2014 Graduates

In 2013-2014 The Charles School had its third graduating class. Forty-seven students graduated from The Charles School and 11 of those also graduated from Ohio Dominican University with an Associates of Arts degree.

Ilhan Ali	Alimamy Freeman	Marissa Pinittanond
Jordan Almon	Matthew Gambino	Keante Richardson
Sangabo Amin	Oneisha Hampton	Shevon Rogers
Rhys Baker	Grace Harman	Sharhonn Rollie
Mikale Black	Vincent Johns	Tanzania Sapp
Aaron Boothe	Phillip Johnson	Zachary Smith
Conner Brink	Daniesha Jordan	Adrienne Smith
Addae Brooks	Arden Keels	Rachel Snyder
Ka'Neyka Campbell	Brooke Keels	Josh Starks
Lina Cardenas	LaSheka Kelso	Timothy Sturkie
Taylor Crawford	Erika Milligan	Selena Tipton
Mikaela Davidson	William Monroe	Henry Tremains
Jamaal Diggs	Samantha Moore	Savannah Waggoner
Angie Dillon	Ryann Nelson	Abadula Wako
Reginal Easley	Shanielle Perkins-	Craig Williams
LaShane Fox	Dockery	Shawndea Woods

2014 recipients of an Ohio Dominican University Associate's degree:

Rhys Baker	Erika Milligan
Mikale Black	Marissa Pinittanond
Addae Brooks	Rachel Snyder
Lina Cardenas	Henry Tremains
Mikaela Davidson	Abadula Wako
Vincent Johns	

The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University completed its 4th year as a Race To The Top School and met its RTTT goals. Funds were received in the traditional pool as well as through a special Early College High School grant.

Financial Status

In fiscal year 2013-14 the school received \$2,569,820 in state funds. The school also received \$533,391 in federal funds and \$72,136 in development funds, among other separated categories. Sources of income totaled \$3,154,967. In fiscal year 2013-14 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 \$66,768 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 \$3,147,936 in expenses. When the current

cash in bank was added to the sources, the year-end adjusted cash balance was \$66,773 to be carried over to 2014-15. 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. And, 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.