



Kingsway officials introduce new Business Leadership Academy

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Woolwich Twp. – On Wednesday, January 27th, during the Kingsway Regional School District’s annual Curriculum & Program Night, officials will be on hand to announce the Business Leadership Academy. This newest Academy is set to begin in September with the incoming ninth-grade class. This is Kingsway’s first academy since the S.T.E.M. Academy was announced in 2012.

The Business Leadership Academy is a four-year program designed for academically motivated incoming 9th graders. The overarching goal of the Academy is to provide students with a comprehensive curriculum relevant to the underpinnings of the business world using a collaborative student-centered approach to learning.



“Our first cohort of (S.T.E.M.) Academy students are presently seniors, and many of them have credited the Academy experience with their academic success. Through the Academy, many of them have found what career pathway to pursue post-high school and are planning to begin journeys toward careers as physicians, surgeons, engineers, and biochemists,” exclaimed school superintendent Dr. James J. Lavender.

“Bucknell, Cornell, Penn, Drexel, and Johns Hopkins are a small sample of the prestigious and reputable universities our Academy students are hoping to attend and it is rewarding to know their passionate pursuit of a rewarding career has been ignited as an Academy student,” added Lavender.

The Business Leadership Academy will be no different, exposing some of our top students to new and rewarding career pathways. It aims to effectively arm its students with 21st Century skills that prepare future leaders to tackle the complex problems and projects they will encounter in college and as professionals in the workforce. These skills – *such as critical and analytical thinking, financial literacy, flexibility, and collaboration* – are not only critical to a student’s success in high school but also college and career.

Business Leadership Academy students will be afforded the opportunity to gain the business and financial skills necessary for success in any professional career. Through their active participation in this program, students will be prepared to confidently enter college business programs through early and targeted exposure that includes challenging coursework and co-curricular opportunities.

“I’m absolutely thrilled about the launch of the Business Leadership Academy and am confident that this new Academy – both its academic coursework and distinctive programming components – will prepare our students for success in college while providing them with a myriad of rich learning experiences throughout high school,” said Robert Rosenheim, Instructional Supervisor.

In addition to engaging in the Academy’s innovative curriculum, students will learn essential skills through teamwork, research, co-curricular activities, summer experiences on and off Kingsway’s campus, and service learning opportunities. *“Ultimately, the Academy’s unparalleled learning experiences will provide our students with the knowledge and skills they need to become future leaders in business and make a positive impact on the world,”* continued Rosenheim.

A student’s success centers on his or her ability to not only gain advanced knowledge but also understand how to further obtain and use that knowledge to capably and confidently solve problems in the global marketplace. Successful completion of the Business Leadership Academy program will be a major academic achievement for which students, parents, and faculty should be proud.

In addition to launching the new Academy, school officials are currently working to develop partnerships with several major colleges and universities in the Delaware Valley. Once finalized, these partnerships have the potential to provide Academy students with groundbreaking opportunities, including dual-enrollment programs, participation in summer enrichment programs, the ability to take courses on the college campus during the student’s senior year, early acceptance into collegiate honors programs, and, most significantly, the possibility for Academy students, who meet rigorous, pre-defined qualifying criteria, to receive automatic admission to the college. *“It is exciting to develop these collegiate partnerships and to secure unique opportunities that provide Kingsway’s Academy students with access to some of the region’s major universities,”* said Patricia Calandro, Chief Academic Officer.

Through these experiences, Academy students will engage in learning that is not only vital to postsecondary academic standards but also college expectations and environments. Students will have an opportunity to learn in the college classroom, interact with college professors, and experience the college campus prior to high school graduation. These invaluable opportunities create a comprehensive high school experience that prepares students for the transition into higher education and provides additional confidence needed for success in college.

“These partnerships are also important to the colleges and universities where many of our students will someday attend and bring with them the academic fortitude and leadership skills that this Academy program cultivates,” added Calandro.

All interested students must apply for acceptance into the Phase I of the Business Leadership Academy by submitting a completed application packet by the February 19th deadline. Students who are accepted into Phase II are required to complete two (2) Summer Seminars as part of the Academy. One seminar will take place during the student's transition from sophomore to junior year, and the other will take place during the student's transition from junior to senior year. The Summer Seminars aim to prepare students for coursework that they will encounter during their preceding year.

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IF YOU GO

Information regarding the Business Leadership Academy will be presented on Wednesday, January 27th, at 7:15 p.m. in the High School's Eitel Theater. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and pick up the application packets. The S.T.E.M. Academy program will be presented at 8:00 p.m. in the same theater.

About Kingsway's Academy Programs

Kingsway's Academy programs prepare students for advanced college study in a particular content area. These four-year programs of academic study are offered to a selected group of highly motivated students who have demonstrated interests and abilities in particular fields of study. Academies include in-depth study of targeted courses on an advanced level, with many courses meeting the requirements of Advanced Placement or college-level work. The Academies address core skills, knowledge, and values that are essential to success in high school and in preparation for acceptance to a competitive four-year college or university.

You can learn more about Kingsway's Academy Programs on Wednesday, January 27th when officials will be on hand to present these programs during its annual [Curriculum & Program night](#). To learn more about Business Leadership Academy you can visit <http://krsd.org/domain/352>. To learn more about the S.T.E.M. Academy, visit <http://krsd.org/domain/84>.

About the Kingsway Regional School District

Kingsway is a limited purpose regional school district that offers its students a rigorous academic program and a myriad of enrichment programs and services for students in grades 7 to 12. Kingsway Regional Middle School (Grades 7 to 8) and Kingsway Regional High School (Grades 9 to 12) cater to the individual needs of our students and promote opportunities for students to pursue their own areas of interest. Our population of approximately 2,700 students is multicultural and reflects the diversity of the communities it serves. Its mission is to ensure that all students receive rigorous and engaging instructional experiences that promote high levels of student achievement, including those with diverse learning needs. To learn more visit the District's website at <http://krsd.org/Page/1>.