



CELEBRATING CAMDEN'S HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AS THEY PREPARE FOR THEIR NEXT STAGE IN LIFE



*Camden Education Fund Celebrates Camden's Graduated Seniors with
Spotlight Partnership with TapInto Camden*

Camden Education Fund is committed to building brighter futures for students, including pathways for post-secondary success in college and career. One way we engage with this is through our college signing day event, depicted above; another example is that throughout the summer months, Camden Education Fund has partnered with TapInto Camden to spotlight the stories of Camden seniors who are moving onto their next phase of life.

There have been so many great stories as a part of this series that we wanted to highlight them for you here, and lift up a few that we found particularly compelling.

You can see all the articles at TapInto Camden's education page:

[See TapInto Camden's Camden Graduate Series
Here](#)



The first story we'll highlight, is about Brimm Medical Arts graduate Damian Irizarry (pictured above), who will begin classes at Columbia University this fall. As the article goes on to share:

"My parents... my uncles and my aunts only finished grade school," he said. "My cousins finished high school, but they never pursued higher education."

According to Irizarry, his favorite high school subjects were calculus and United States history. Outside of the classroom, he was a Camden High School cheerleader, a student representative to the school board and developed several LGBTQ programs.

He said he anticipates the aura of acceptance to follow him this fall when he follows through on the comment he made to his eighth-grade classmates and attends Columbia University in New York on a full scholarship.

[Read More About Damian Irizarry's Story Here](#)



Another article highlights the story of Aniyah Byers (pictured above) from KIPP High School, who will enroll in Villanova University this fall. From the story we learn: [She] enjoys helping people and wants to pursue a career that lets her do that.

She told TAPinto Camden her desire to help people likely emerged as she volunteered with Joseph's House of Camden, whose website indicates it helps homeless people, and Raise the Bar, whose website indicates it helps those with learning disabilities and their families. Byers noted that her volunteer work with the latter organization also helps her out at home, as two of her younger siblings were diagnosed with autism.

According to Byers, those experiences – and her fandom for crime shows and legal dramas – also helped her figure out that she wants to become a lawyer specializing in either criminal or family law.

To that end, she said she will attend Villanova University in the fall and major in political science with an emphasis on pre-law. Citing her 3.8 grade point average, she said she does not anticipate problems adjusting to the academic rigors of college and has already completed a few college-level courses.

[Read More about Aniyah Byers' Story Here](#)



The last profile we'll highlight is about Annia Cloud, a Camden Academy High School Graduate who plans to attend Morgan State University in the fall:

Annia said she spent a lot of her high school years advocating for and helping out others, whether it be through belonging to the NAACP, managing sports teams, collecting food for distribution around Thanksgiving, fundraising walks for many diseases and serving meals to the less fortunate through a soup kitchen in her church.

[She] also told TAPinto Camden that with the help of others both in and out of the classroom, she learned more about herself and her family's background, particularly the adversity that generations before her overcame...

Annia said her path to self-discovery continues with attending Morgan State University this fall to study business and marketing, which is a much different path than her father, who she said is a caregiver, and her mother, who said she graduated from what was then known as Trenton State College.

Annia explained, "I always wanted to go to another state and just try new things on my own. I always wanted to go to a (historically Black college or university) ever since I started high school. I went and visited Morgan State (and) their business program really stood out to me and everyone was so nice. I feel like I'll really be able to branch out there."

[Read More About Annia Cloud's Story Here](#)



Watch 6 ABCs Coverage of College Signing Day

We are so proud of our Camden graduates featured here, along with the rest of the stories highlighted below, and all of the Camden seniors who graduated this year - who as you can see in these photos had a great time at our annual college signing day!

You can see below for the full list of stories, which are organized alphabetically by school (all stories from [TapInto Camden](#)):

- **Brimm Medical Arts HS** | [With Acceptance Comes Multiple Opportunities, New Brimm Medical Arts High School Graduate Finds](#)
- **Big Picture Learning Academy** | [Recent Big Picture Learning Academy Graduate, Business Owner Strives for Uniqueness](#)
- **Camden Academy Charter HS** | [Recent Camden Academy Charter High School Graduate Eagerly Anticipates Establishing Her Own Identity](#)
- **Camden High School** | [One of Camden High School's Newest Alumna Steps Out of Her Comfort Zone](#)
- **Camden Prep HS** | [Member of Camden Prep Class of '25 Does Not Make Excuses, She Makes Things Happen](#)
- **Creative Arts HS** | [New Creative Arts High School Graduate Aspires to be Herself, Encourages Others to Stand Out in the Crowd](#)
- **East Side HS** | [By Helping Others, New Eastside High School Graduate Provides Positive Example](#)
- **KIPP HS** | [By Helping People, Recent KIPP Cooper Norcross High School Graduate Finds Her Professional Purpose](#)
- **LEAP Academy** | [Recent LEAP Academy University Charter School Graduate Encourages Others to Have Open Mind About Future](#)
- **Mastery HS** | [Member of Mastery High School Class of '25 Intends to Continue Some of Her Winning Ways in College](#)

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