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Harrisburg Academy is 225 years **YOUNG!** **Charter Day, April 6, to mark 200th anniversary of state charter**

The stars are aligned for Harrisburg Academy!

The school's **triple anniversary** – 225th year of its founding, 200th year of its incorporation by the Commonwealth, and 50th year at its current site – kicks off at **9:30 a.m., Monday, April 6, in the State Capitol Main Rotunda.** (*The actual anniversary is April 4 – a Saturday this year.*)

State Sen. Jeffrey E. Piccola and State Reps. Glen R. Grell and Sheryl Delozier will be hand to present legislative citations. Executive Deputy Sec. of Education Thomas E. Gluck will present a citation from Gov. Edward Rendell. The Upper School Chorus will perform, and three seniors in the school's International Baccalaureate (IB) Program will present a skit. Speakers will include Robert E. Caplan, chair of the Academy Board of Trustees; Robert J. Massa, Ed.D., vice president for enrollment & college relations at Dickinson College; Steven B. Stewart, 40-year Academy history teacher; Louise Kunkel, Class of '64 Academy alumna; and Jim Newman, Ph.D., head of school.

Students in grades 4, 8, and 12 – the oldest grades in Lower, Middle, and Upper schools, respectively – will attend the ceremony. All other students will watch at least part of the ceremony remotely on live webcam, and everyone will be treated to 200th anniversary cupcakes during lunches in the John Butler Davis Gallery at school.

Harrisburg Academy was the first school in the Harrisburg area. The Academy was founded in the John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion (now the Dauphin County Historical Society) on South Front Street, Harrisburg, in 1784, and incorporated, in 1809, *before* establishment of the public school system in Pennsylvania. In September, the Academy, which enrolls students from seven counties in Central PA, will celebrate the 50th anniversary at its current site in East Pennsboro Township and Lemoyne Borough. (*Please see attached history.*)

Harrisburg Academy challenges and inspires children in preschool through 12th grade to reach their full potential. An IB World School, Harrisburg Academy is the only school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the IB Diploma Program. -30-