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Harrisburg Academy Celebrates Addition of Fine and Performing Arts-focused Center

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – For the 2015-16 academic year, Harrisburg Academy is pleased to debut its Center for the Creative Arts, one of five Centers that comprise the school’s Centers for Experiential Learning & Innovation program. Michael Gamon, fine and performing arts department head, will serve as the director for the new Center.

The Center for the Creative Arts will serve as the host for many of the fine and performing arts programs offered at Harrisburg Academy, including Tri-M Music Honor Society, US drama club, and the fall musical. Gamon plans to design and promote additional co- and extra-curricular opportunities through the Center, including Lunch n’ Learns unique to the arts, master classes and workshops, and guest artist and musician visits. In addition, the Center will provide student support for various music competitions throughout the year, including PMEA District 7 festivals for Upper School students and Vivian E. Steele Foundation scholarships for performers applying to college.

“The Centers for Experiential Learning & Innovation have proved to be a seamless addition to the curricular and co-curricular experiences offered at Harrisburg Academy,” said Tom Banks, head of Middle and Upper School and IB coordinator. “The Center for the Creative Arts, specifically, will now support and enhance the thriving music, drama, and art activities in which Academy students engage.”

The Centers for Experiential Learning & Innovation are the capstone to a student’s experience at Harrisburg Academy. The five Centers — the Center for Experimental Sciences, the Center for Global & Local Citizenship, the Center for Technology & Entrepreneurship, the Center for Literary Studies, and the Center for the Creative Arts — each provide co-curricular learning opportunities for Upper School students that supplement the Academy’s liberal arts and International Baccalaureate curriculum. These customizable opportunities allow students to chart their own unique, experiential learning journey.

About Harrisburg Academy:

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17th oldest non-public school in the nation and Harrisburg’s only independent school. Our coed, diverse school community inspires students from age three through 12th grade by providing an academically challenging and globally minded liberal arts education focused on dynamic classroom experiences, strong student outcomes, and a commitment to character development. The Academy proudly stands as the first school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and merit scholarship.

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