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**Harrisburg Academy and PSECU Partner to Support Student Needs,  
Create Youth Financial Education Opportunities**



Representatives from Harrisburg Academy and PSECU

Harrisburg, PA - Yesterday, [Harrisburg Academy](http://www.harrisburgacademy.org), Harrisburg's only independent school serving students preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and PSECU, Pennsylvania's largest credit union, signed a first-of-its-kind agreement that will help support student needs and create youth financial education opportunities.

"This partnership is such a natural fit," said Harrisburg Academy Head of School Jim Newman. "The Academy was founded in 1784 by John Harris, Jr., in a room of his mansion, with an intent to provide an excellent educational opportunity for children living in the newly established town of Harrisburg. Now 235 years later, we strive to prepare our students with the tools to successfully meet the challenges of an interconnected global society. PSECU, too, has a rich history of connection,

excellence, and innovation – I am certain their educational programming and scholarship support will have a profound impact on Academy students.”

“We at PSECU follow the credit union ‘people helping people’ philosophy,” said PSECU President Greg Smith. “As a not-for-profit financial cooperative, everything we do is done with our more than 430,000 members’ best interest in mind. That includes building a strong, healthy, and vibrant community for everyone to enjoy... and education is a key component. We are pleased to join with Harrisburg Academy in working to achieve that goal.”

In addition to PSECU membership eligibility for the entire [Harrisburg Academy](#) community - students, staff, faculty, and family - through the five-year agreement, PSECU will provide Harrisburg Academy with financial education resources, and \$15,000 in scholarship assistance.

“PSECU has had a strong and ever-growing presence on college and university campuses across Pennsylvania for more than 15 years, but this new venture will allow us to start outreach to children at a younger age when they are really starting to learn the building blocks of financial success,” explained Barb Bowker, Vice President of Marketing and Membership Development for PSECU. “We truly hope that our financial education resources and scholarship funding are of great benefit to the learning process of Harrisburg Academy students. We’re very excited about this initial opportunity and invite other schools that may be interested in collaborating with us on similar programs to reach out.”

### **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. For more information, please visit [www.harrisburgacademy.org](http://www.harrisburgacademy.org).

### **About PSECU**

Opened in 1934, PSECU was founded by 22 ordinary people who made an extraordinary commitment to each other: To create a financial institution where pooled resources benefit all members. Today, we are a full-service credit union serving more than 430,000 members and have over \$5 billion in assets. As a not-for-profit financial institution, our goal remains to help our members and their families achieve a better life. For more information about PSECU, visit [psecu.com](http://psecu.com). View our [Community Report Card](#) to learn how we contribute to the greater good.

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