

SABA Success Newsletter



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SABA On Pace For August 2022 School Opening

Chatham County's **School of the Arts for Boys Academy (SABA)** has attained *Regular Timeline* status with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and is on schedule to open our school in August 2022. We will begin operation with 110 boys in grades 3-to-5 in the 2022-23 school year. Official enrollment for our first school year will begin in January 2022.

SABA Board of Directors Chair Robert Logan notes, "Every student deserves access to and the opportunity for a premier educational experience, regardless of race, ethnicity, zip code or background. SABA will implement systems that fight traditional educational inequities and provide the rigor necessary for students to succeed in college and life. It is with great pride and excitement that we bring SABA to the Chatham community. We are thrilled by the enthusiastic support we are receiving and look forward to being a valued educational home for those we serve."



The SABA organization will be finalizing our plans and making preparations for our first year of school in the coming months. It will be an exciting time . . . implementing curriculum plans, hiring teachers & staff, laying the groundwork for an outstanding learning experience and so much more.

We will also be active in the community . . . providing academic resources for future SABA scholars and engaging in events to promote SABA and support other organizations and causes. We welcome the opportunity to introduce the SABA mission and play our part in enhancing the quality of life for our future students and families.

SABA Awarded 2 Prestigious Grants

The School of the Arts for Boys Academy (SABA) has been recognized as a recipient of two significant grants that will assist our organization in achieving our academic goals.

The North Carolina Office of Charter Schools is currently implementing the **North Carolina Advancing Charter Collaboration and Excellence for Student Success (NC ACCESS) Program**, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education. The purpose of the program is to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students attending high-quality charter schools.





SABA is one of 60 North Carolina schools who has been selected to expand opportunities for all students, particularly traditionally underserved students, to attend charter schools and meet challenging state academic standards. The funds allocated to SABA will provide financial assistance for the planning, program design, and initial implementation of the school, as we play our role in increasing the number of high-quality charter schools available to all students.



The **21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Program** provides funds to establish or expand community learning centers that operate during out-of-school hours. 21st Century grants facilitate academic enrichment, a broad array of additional services, programs, and activities, and the opportunity for families of students served by 21st CCLCs to experience active and meaningful engagement in their children's education.

SABA Founder & Head of School Valencia Toomer is thankful for the impact these grants will provide, noting "The NC ACCESS Grant and the 21st Century Program are in complete alignment with our mission to provide outstanding educational resources for students who need them the most. We are honored by their recognition and support of our efforts, and appreciate the role they will play in helping us to serve our student population."



Talk With Toomer

As the Founder of School of the Arts for Boys Academy (SABA), I'm eager to play a role in building a culture and a community that will help to develop our area's next generation of outstanding young men. I'm also looking forward to sharing some thoughts with you each month in our Talk With Toomer column, beginning some reflections on what we describe as the The SABA Way.

SABA will create an environment that is conducive to learning, in which students are committed and invested in reaching their ambitious goals. At SABA, students will choose academic excellence, as we are "Building Boys into Men." Students will know and feel that they are a part of something special; part of a family who will advocate for their needs and provide them with the unwavering freedom to thrive.

SABA boys will engage in activities that build their character, require the use of critical thinking skills, test innovative ideas and present information

in a clear, concise and creative manner. All teachers will be responsible for believing in and teaching “The SABA Way”. Teachers and staff will build positive relationships with all students, creating an atmosphere of mutual respect, love, and compassion. They will honor, understand and be responsive to students’ learning differences; fully appreciating each boy’s interests, dreams, desires and cultural practices.

Every member of the SABA organization understands and is committed to our philosophy. We know that our efforts will create a meaningful, permanent, positive difference in the lives of the boys we serve.

Dr. Allyson Alston Named to SABA Board



The School of the Arts for Boys Academy (SABA) is honored to announce the appointment of **Dr. Allyson A. Alston** to our board of directors. Dr. Alston’s accomplished professional background in engineering, management and organizational structure, as well as her long-standing commitment to community empowerment, will make her a key contributor to our team. She will be an essential voice in our planning and deliberations.

Dr. Alston is a native of Pittsboro, NC and a first-generation college student. She holds Bachelor of Science, Masters and Doctorate degrees and has over 15 years of professional experience. Although Dr. Alston has numerous educational and professional accomplishments, she notes that “they are for naught if I have not used them to enhance my community and the lives of others.”

SABA STEM Camp Event: 3D Printing



As part of SABA’s 21st Century Grant programming, we will be offering a regular schedule of academic activities for our incoming students throughout the 2021-22 calendar year.

Our first “**SABA STEM Camp**” event will introduce SABA boys and their families to the innovative world of 3D printing. The program will be held virtually so that students can learn about this breakthrough technology right from their homes!

Participants will learn from trained, experienced experts how different 3D printers work and how to operate them. Each student will get the opportunity to design and actually create their own 3D model.

It’s sure to be a fun, educational experience for all participants. SABA families – please watch your email and our social media posts for the information you’ll need to sign up for

Welcome to SABA, Dr. Alston!

this very special event!

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