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**TECH Freire Hosts Instant Decision Day for Class of 2020**

*Six state universities made on-the-spot admission decisions for TECH Freire seniors.*

**Philadelphia, PA** – At 2:30 PM on November 13, 2019, TECH Freire hosted an Instant Decision Day for its senior class of 99 students at its school at 2221 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA. Admissions representatives from Clarion University, Cheyney University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Kutztown University, Mansfield University, and Shippensburg University accepted admissions applications, spoke to seniors, and made on-the-spot admissions decisions. Application fees were waived.

This is the school's largest ever instant decision event, and the goal is for all students to be accepted to at least one university. Instant Decision Day is designed to reduce the anxiety and uncertainty many high school seniors feel during the college application process by eliminating the lengthy wait time between applying for college and receiving a decision. It also provides a unique opportunity for students to ask questions of the college admissions counselors and for colleges to meet the students.

"It is thrilling to see many TECH Freire students find their new home on Instant Decision Day," says Caya Harris, TECH Freire School Counselor. "For others, the boost of confidence in a college acceptance so early in the year, gives them the courage and security to dream big and apply for a school that might be considered a reach."

TECH Freire's Class of 2020 will be the school's second graduating class and the first with students who completed all four years at TECH Freire. Last June, 85% of the Class of 2019 graduates indicated plans to attend college this fall.

TECH Freire is the newest school in the Freire Schools network, which includes two other high schools– Freire Charter School in Philadelphia and Freire Charter School Wilmington in Wilmington, DE.

For more information about Freire Schools, please visit [www.freireschools.org](http://www.freireschools.org).

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*About Freire Schools*

*Freire Schools empowers students to build the future. We provide a rigorous education in a safe, creative, and supportive environment that enables and inspires all children to achieve.*

*Freire Schools is committed to ensuring that every single student who walks through our doors has the opportunity to succeed and grow. We provide students in underserved communities a college-prep learning experience with a focus on individual freedom, critical thinking, and problem solving in an environment that emphasizes community, teamwork, and commitment to peace. We are four distinct schools in two different cities, each guided by the same values of equity, diversity, love, and critical thinking.*

*About TECH Freire*

*TECH Freire Charter School TECH Freire reimagines the college prep high school, blending state-of-the-art equipment, hands-on learning, and the rigorous, time-tested Freire Schools liberal arts program to help each of our students truly thrive. We have a culture that demands excellence from our students while providing them the supports they need to achieve at high levels and prepare for college.*

*Founded in 2016, TECH Freire serve 500 students in grades 9-12, 98% of whom are Black or Latinx and 87% of whom qualify as economically disadvantaged. TECH Freire enrolls students from throughout Philadelphia, with a focus on students who live in the nearby Strawberry Mansion area.*

Event Photos:

