The new facility will be adjacent to the current Drew campus on East Lake Boulevard and will ultimately serve 1,000 Junior and Senior Academy students, bringing Drew’s population to almost 2,000.

This LEED-certified building will include:

• Flexible learning suites to foster classroom collaboration
• Seven project learning labs and seven state-of-the-art science labs
• Integrated arts studios
• Two specialty labs for engineering and design
• A 500-seat performing arts center serving Drew and the East Lake community
• Two gymnasiums and a full size track and field arena

The new building will open in summer of 2014, while Drew welcomes its first ninth grade class in July, 2013. Drew will add one grade level each year until the founding class graduates in 2017. This exciting addition will be built thanks to the generosity of many corporate, foundation and individual donors. Of the $73 million needed, a total of $60 million came from private sources, including $10 million in bond funding granted to the Drew Partnership for Expansion by the State of Georgia’s Race to the Top Innovation Fund award.

When ground was broken for the Senior Academy, Drew took a tremendous step toward realizing our vision of cradle-to-college education.
Great things have been happening at Drew Charter School – and this year, people were taking notice! Drew’s story is one that resonates across America. Recognized for its challenging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) curricular focus, outstanding educators and community leaders, as well as high expectations and drive for student engagement and success, Drew sets itself apart from other schools in the country.

In 2012-2013, Drew Charter School was named:

☆ Georgia Charter School of the Year
☆ One of America’s “25 Coolest Schools” awarded by Scholastic Parent and Child Magazine

The first step on a child’s journey to a successful life begins in the Cox Pre-K Program at Drew Charter School. Here, four-year-olds begin to discover the joy of learning, from the wonder that words and reading can unveil, to letter sounds and early number concepts. From early learning through high school, Drew Charter School’s programs are focused on supporting children every step of the way on their cradle-to-college journey.
What makes Drew unique

Atlanta Public Schools’ first charter school, Drew has retained the special qualities that have fostered achievement since its inception. Success at Drew is built not only on the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards, but also on our outstanding academic model, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). This unique model strengthens and enriches an interdisciplinary curriculum with a robust foundation in literacy. Drew’s rigorous academic model produces extraordinary student achievement every year. Robotics, engineering and design are offered at nearly every grade level.

- Science stimulates curious minds through investigation and discovery.
- Technology invigorates teaching and learning through virtual manipulatives, interactive software, video and more.
- Engineering skills come alive as students apply scientific and mathematical concepts to build bridges and win competitions.
- Arts put the “A” in STEAM as students ignite creative thinking and expression every day.
- Mathematics programs are a formula for success at Drew, from primary grades, where numbers and operations count, to elementary grades, where emphasis increases on measurement and geometry. Accelerated math is available for grades four through nine.

Drew offers exceptional opportunities for gifted and high-achieving students, including advanced mathematics, BETA Club and statewide academic competitions.

Drew students are grounded in literacy. Drew’s Literacy Center offers individualized student interventions with teachers’ support, instruction and resources. Project-Based Learning, which aligns with STEAM, is a vital part of Drew’s teaching and learning and is becoming even more important as the new high school develops. This instructional approach is based upon learning activities that engage students’ interests and motivation. Designed to answer a question or solve a problem, these activities reflect the learning and work people do outside the classroom. Project-Based Learning connects students to content through 21st century skills: communication, critical thinking, collaboration and creativity.
Beyond the basics – enriching the school day

A wide range of co-curricular opportunities in the arts, sports and other enrichment classes help Drew students discover and develop new talents and interests.

Enrichment classes include:
- Visual art
- Band and Orchestra
- Chorus
- General Music
- Dance
- Robotics
- Engineering
- Foreign Language
- Physical Education
- The First Tee® of East Lake (golf)
- Tennis

At the end of the school day, students have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities including:
- Soccer
- The First Tee® of East Lake (golf)
- Cheerleading
- Recreational Football
- Softball and Baseball
- Track and Field
- Basketball
- Tennis

Drew offers a comprehensive After School Program each day from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., with a wide variety of academic and enrichment classes including:
- Science
- Cooking and Nutrition
- Drumming
- Gardening
- French, Spanish and Mandarin
- Soccer
- Book Clubs
- Art
- Puppetry
Collaboration and partnership are cornerstones of Drew Charter School. Partners like the Center for Teaching at The Westminster Schools and The Rollins Center for Language and Learning at the Atlanta Speech School, Georgia Tech and Georgia State University offer Drew teachers professional learning opportunities and resources to optimize their potential in classroom leadership.

The success Drew achieved through collaboration was recognized in January 2013, when the school was awarded a Georgia Charter Schools Dissemination Grant. Collaboration funded by this grant is expected to be the first step in an effort to create a learning network in our community.

Drew Charter School received funding through two different Race to the Top grants, totaling approximately $1.8 million. Both grants involve the work of several partners, including the Center for Teaching at the Westminster Schools, CEISMC (Georgia Tech), the Georgia State University School of Music, and New Technology Network, LLC.

- The first Race to the Top grant was awarded for Innovation and is focused on giving Drew students hands-on learning experiences in STEM curricular areas and allowing Drew teachers to participate in in-depth, focused professional development.

- The second Race to the Top grant was awarded for Expansion, to support the planning and implementation of the new Senior Academy (grades 9-12). The funds are used for curriculum planning, faculty professional development, experiential activities for students, educational equipment and classroom technology that deepens 21st century learning and skills.
Drew Eagles soar!

2013 test scores confirm:
Drew students continue to outperform their peers, achieving remarkable results.

All Georgia students, grades 3-8, take the Georgia Criterion Reference Competency Test (CRCT). The latest scores reflect Drew students’ impressive accomplishments and demonstrate their knowledge, proficiency and achievement.

The percentage of Drew students (grades 3-8) who met or exceeded state standards in 2013 CRCT testing:
- 99% Reading
- 99% Language Arts
- 98% Mathematics
- 93% Science
- 97% Social Studies

Over time, Drew students continue to perform consistently, meeting and exceeding state standards. Drew third graders continue to show year-over-year improvement.

Percentage of Drew students who meet or exceed state standards:

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Drew eighth grade students who met or exceeded standards on the Georgia Writing Assessment outperformed others across the state.

Students excel on national tests
Drew students are competitive with the nation in all subject areas as measured by the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS). Below is the percent of students scoring at or above the national norm in science.

New in 2012-2013!
Georgia Department of Education College and Career Ready Performance Index
Drew elementary grades (K-5) rank #1 in Atlanta Public Schools
Drew middle grades (6-8) rank #3 in Atlanta Public Schools

On May 7, 2013, the Georgia Department of Education released the Georgia College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI), which measures schools and school districts on a 100-point scale.

The average score for Georgia’s elementary schools is 83.4; Drew received a 98.
The average score for Georgia’s middle schools is 81.4; Drew received an 89.3.

The CCRPI measures three major areas:
- Achievement – 70 points possible (Drew elementary: 64.1; Drew middle: 56.6)
- Progress – 15 points possible (Drew elementary: 10.3; Drew middle: 10.4)
- Achievement Gap - 15 points possible (Drew elementary: 15.3; Drew middle: 15)
Students bring home honors in various fields

Individual students and teams brought honors and awards to Drew Charter School with their notable accomplishments, including the following:

At the Georgia Science and Engineering Fair held in Athens March 22-23, 2013, Drew represented Atlanta Public Schools with five out of 13 projects in the Middle School Division and garnered several awards.

- Alvin Winston II (8th) – Fourth Place Overall in the category of Microbiology
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Each year, the partners who contribute their time, talents and expertise to Drew Charter School help ensure students receive the very best in education and enrichment. We thank the corporations, foundations, universities and individuals who share our commitment to educational achievement.
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Our school is named for Dr. Charles R. Drew (1904-1950), a pioneering African-American physician, medical researcher and inventor. Dr. Drew was instrumental in developing blood plasma processing, storage and transfusion therapy. His groundbreaking work has saved untold lives and paved the way for today’s American Red Cross blood program.