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1. Former student wins huge scholarship!

We're so proud to announce Orrett Douglass Prawl, who graduated from our Trailblazers Academy Charter Middle School a few years back, was just awarded a **\$40,000 academic scholarship** to the University of Rhode Island! We encouraged him to wrestle in middle school, and he went on to be the captain of Westhill High School's wrestling team. A pic of Orrett from back in 6th grade is above--we can't wait to post a first-day-of-college photo this fall! Congratulations to Orrett and his family for a wonderful achievement, and thanks to all the donors and investors who make our school possible.

2. Academic results you can be proud of

The mid-year results for the students in our schools are in. It's great news...and **YOU** made it possible! We administer several nationally-recognized assessments three times per year to see how our students are progressing individually and in particular content areas so we can adjust our teaching. **Progress for the first five months** of school:

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bee

Seven minutes...

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**Stuff you could give us
from your closet or
garage...**

Trailblazers: average .4 grade-level growth in reading, 1.0 in math

Stamford Acad.: average 2.7 grade-level growth in reading, 1.0 in math

Domus Acad.: average 1.1 grade-level growth in reading, 1.2 in math

3. Spelling Bee was GREAT! Spring Gala soon

Our [Adult Spelling Bee](#) yesterday was fantastic! Three-person teams competed for bragging rights, fine wine, and a \$3 (but coveted) inflatable trophy. Who came out on top? McKinsey? GE? EY? PB? Returning champs UConn? Find out in [this picture gallery](#). Our [spring gala](#) at the Woodway Country Club on **May 7th** is an elegant but fun bash with a Kentucky Derby theme--view the race on the big screen and enjoy our bourbon-tasting station and a fine Southern dinner. We're using mobile bidding devices (think eBay on your iPhone) for our silent auction--easier to outbid your neighbor! Email [Alison](#) to receive an invite or hear about sponsorship opportunities.

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