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## Banyan High School to Open in Cincinnati, Led by Veteran Educator Dr. Adonica Jones-Parks

Oakmont Education is proud to announce the upcoming launch of Banyan High School, a new tuition-free charter high school opening in Summer 2025 on Steger Drive in Cincinnati's Walnut Hills neighborhood. Designed for students ages 15–21, Banyan High School will blend academic excellence with career technical education (CTE), preparing students to graduate with both a high school diploma and industry credentials in business, healthcare, and construction.

At the helm is Dr. Adonica Jones-Parks—known affectionately as Dr. JP—a lifelong Cincinnati and passionate educator with over 25 years of experience. Her vision is clear: to create a nurturing, safe, and equitable environment that meets students' social, emotional, and academic needs.

“Students deserve better—and they deserve the best,” says Dr. JP. “We must be bold and intentional in disrupting educational inequities and building pathways to lasting success.

Banyan High School will offer flexible scheduling, small class sizes, individualized instruction, and job placement support. As Oakmont Education President Dimitrios Kriaras notes, “Adding Banyan High School provides young people with opportunities that can transform their future.”

Dr. Jerry Farley, Oakmont's VP of Career Technical Education, adds, “Career Tech helps students see real value in school. They leave with credentials that employers want—and we stay by their side for a full year to help them succeed in the workforce.”



Oakmont also announced a schedule update regarding its Cincinnati expansion: the previously announced Rookwood High School opening has been rescheduled due to adjustments in real estate planning. Oakmont remains committed to bringing high-quality, career-focused education to the Cincinnati region and looks forward to opening Rookwood High School in the near future.

Banyan High School is more than a school—it's a community investment in the promise and potential of Cincinnati youth.

## Celebrate Graduation with us!

School	Date	Time	Location
<b>Great Oaks High School &amp; Career Center</b>	Wednesday, May 28, 2025	2-4:00 PM	Center on 6th
<b>YouthBuild Columbus Community School</b>	Monday, June 2, 2025	3:00 PM	The Lincoln Theatre
<b>Frederick Douglass High School Euclid Campus</b>	Wednesday, June 4, 2025	6:00 PM	Cleveland Public Auditorium Music Hall
<b>Cypress High School</b>	Thursday, June 12, 2025	6:00 PM	Mid-Ohio Educational Center
<b>Frederick Douglass High School</b>	Thursday, June 12, 2025	6:00 PM	Tri-C Western Campus
<b>Liberty High School</b>	Thursday, June 12, 2025	6:00 PM	Sinclair Conference Center -Building 12
<b>Marshall High School Hamilton Campus</b>	Thursday, June 12, 2025	6:00 PM	Miami University, Hamilton Campus
<b>Regent High School</b>	Thursday, June 12, 2025	5:00 PM	Corporate College East
<b>Franklinton Prep High School</b>	Friday, June 13, 2025	6:00 PM	Upper Arlington Performing Arts Center
<b>Marshall High School</b>	Friday, June 13, 2025	6:00 PM	Miami University, Middletown Finkelman
<b>Old Brook High School</b>	Friday, June 13, 2025	6:00 PM	Cleveland State University Ballroom
<b>Towpath Trail High School</b>	Friday, June 13, 2025	6:00 PM	EJ Thomas Hall
<b>Towpath Trail High School Barberton Campus</b>	Friday, June 13, 2025	6:00 PM	EJ Thomas Hall
<b>Towpath Trail High School East Campus</b>	Friday, June 13, 2025	6:00 PM	EJ Thomas Hall
<b>Old Brook High School Parma Campus</b>	Tuesday, June 17, 2025	6:00 PM	Grace Church Middleburg Heights
<b>Cliff Park High School</b>	Wednesday, June 18, 2025	6:00 PM	Hollenbeck Bayley Creative Arts and Conference Center
<b>Randall Park High School</b>	Wednesday, June 18, 2025	5:00 PM	Warrensville Heights High School
<b>Steel City High School</b>	Tuesday, June 18, 2024	6:00 PM	Ariel Broadway Hotel (on the Rooftop)