

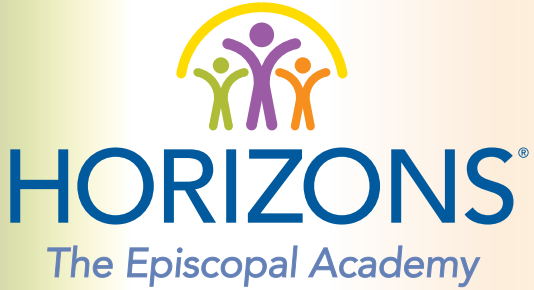
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Embracing 2020's Challenges

2020 has certainly been a year of change, especially related to education. When faced with the reality that Horizons at Episcopal Academy's 2020 summer learning program could not happen in person because of COVID-19, Horizons students and teachers embraced the challenge and pivoted to a virtual learning model. The cornerstone of this program was its ability to meet our students' unique learning needs. With the support of many generous donors, at-home learning resources were provided to Horizons students along with an engaging six-week virtual program.

Horizons At Home Box Deliveries

Horizons provided every student with a Horizons at Home box, which was delivered to their homes by our volunteers and staff. This box contained an Amazon Kindle Fire Tablet that was personalized with grade level learning software. In addition, art supplies, class novels, workbooks, a yoga mat, and STEM kits were included. Grocery gift cards were also provided to our families.

Virtual Learning Horizons Style

Our students started each day of the Horizons six-week program with Zoom lessons from their Horizons teachers. A traditional Horizons curriculum of language arts, math and enrichment was offered virtually. Weekly social emotional education was provided by our counselor, who also focused on mindfulness. For students who were unable to attend our live virtual classes, pre-recorded lessons were created by our teachers for students to access through our remote learning website.

Our Commitment to our Students and Families

When we first started this journey, we never imagined the connection and progress that we would experience this summer. The joy of learning continued to resonate each day in our summer program and, we are so grateful to our teachers and staff for their passion, resilience and creativity. This fall and beyond, Horizons at Episcopal Academy is committed to providing support to our students as they navigate new learning environments and a public health crisis that disproportionately affects under-resourced communities. We are piloting a remote tutoring program and will continue to build on the successful Horizons at Home summer model for our Service Learning Saturdays. We are so fortunate to have the support of our generous donors and The Episcopal Academy community as we continue to work toward our mission of improving educational outcomes for all of our students.

With Infinite Gratitude,

Courtney Delaney

Courtney Delaney, Executive Director



117 Students K-8
68,931 skill questions answered by students on our IXL reading and math software
100% of Horizons Students received a Horizons at Home Box, including an Amazon Kindle Fire Tablet, art supplies, class novels, yoga mat and STEM kits
6 virtual field trips including music, hip hop and environmental science

12 8th grade graduates celebrated with gifts and a graduation bus parade
\$300 in grocery gift cards for each Horizons family

500+ educational videos pre-recorded for our students in Language Arts, Math, Writing, Social Emotional education, Art, STEM, Drama, French, and Physical Education
1,681 grade level books read on our RAZ Kids software
120 incentive awards given to students for participation in our virtual learning offerings

72% of Horizons students consistently engaged in our virtual Zoom classes, pre-recorded academic and enrichment lessons and educational software
5 STEM Challenges for students that foster problem solving, experimentation, and creativity
19 Dedicated Staff

HORIZONS'S FIRST 8th GRADE GRADUATION



Horizons at Episcopal Academy celebrated our first 8th grade graduation with a bus parade past the North Philadelphia and Lansdowne homes of our 12 graduates.

Thanks to generous donations, students received a backpack, leadership pin, Horizons sweatshirt, personalized yearbook and poster, and a graduation cake. These students have the opportunity to continue with Horizons in our high school program, which began this fall.

Kenedi in 2013 and 2020





“ I appreciate the Horizons team so much. This is the best family we have been a part of in a long time. **”**
 ~Horizons Parent

“ I just want to say thanks to everyone for doing such a wonderful job!! My boys enjoyed virtual almost better than being on campus in person. My son was so excited every morning to jump up, eat breakfast, and make his Zoom class with his fellow second graders. Despite the hardship due to COVID-19 this summer, it didn't stop our Horizons family from doing yet another amazing job. Truly blessed to be a part of Horizons! **”**
 ~Horizons Parent



Thank you, Rowena Leshar & Welcome, Ryan Learn!

Rowena Leshar, who was our Program Director from 2013-2020, accepted a position as Friends Central Assistant Lower School Principal this past August. Rowena showed her trademark commitment to Horizons by leading our amazing staff in the development of our Horizons at Home summer. Over the past 8 years, Rowena's passion and work ethic have inspired and built a connected community of Horizons teachers, parents and students. We wish her the best of luck on her next journey, and are forever grateful for all that she has done for the Horizons program. In September, we enthusiastically welcomed Mr. Ryan Learn, currently an Episcopal Academy second grade teacher, to the Program Director role.



Continuing Volunteer Connections

Our Episcopal Academy Upper School volunteer program has traditionally been a highlight of our summer. These volunteers have been incredibly dedicated to our program and have developed lasting relationships with our students. A shift to a virtual program did not stop them from supporting the Horizons students in creative ways. Volunteers designed personalized labels for our Horizons at Home boxes and also created pre-recorded academic and enrichment lesson videos for our remote learning website. Seeing some familiar faces of the Upper School volunteers provided joy and comfort to our Horizons students this summer.



“ Horizons really turns the impossible possible for me. They teach me new tasks and activities every day and not simple things, such as reading and math. They teach me life changing things and help me to experience things that no other kid can. For that, I am extremely grateful to have such a life changing opportunity. **”**
 ~Mykel - 7th grade

“ This summer we are on an app that helps me read better and have a better understanding of the stories when I answer questions. This app also teaches me new words and helps me understand what it means. Even though I can't actually be at Horizons this year, I can tell this is going to be a good and educational year. **”**
 ~Stephanie - 4th grade



“ Horizons summer inspires me to spread positivity and not get distracted. **”**
 ~Naazhim - 7th grade



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