



NEWS RELEASE

Horizons Greater Philadelphia Doubles Area Sites for Summer 2021

New programs will allow Horizons to provide high-quality summer learning programs to more children in the Greater Philadelphia area

Philadelphia, PA – We are excited to welcome **Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School** and **Springside Chestnut Hill Academy** as new Horizons sites in the Philadelphia area, doubling our size from two to four locations, and serving more students with high-quality summer programming.

Horizons Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School will serve students from Kenderton Elementary in the Nicetown/Tioga section of Philadelphia beginning with Summer 2021. John McConnell, the President and Founder of Cristo Rey Philadelphia states, “Cristo Rey Philadelphia believes that education is key to unlocking a person’s potential. That is why Cristo Rey exists and that is why we want to build a Horizons program into our model.” Cristo Rey Philadelphia is proud to add a Horizons program for students from their local community and believes it further enriches their school’s mission of bringing high-quality education to children who need it most. Keshema Davidson, Manager of Community Affairs for Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School, will serve as the program’s founding Executive Director.

Horizons at Springside Chestnut Hill Academy will partner with Henry H. Houston Elementary School in Mount Airy and launch this summer. “We are so pleased to be partnering with Houston’s principal, LeRoy Hall Jr., and his team to make this excellent program available to Houston students,” says SCH Head of School Stephen L. Druggan. “Our mission as a school is to encourage unbounded curiosity and independent thought, and I can’t think of a better program or better partner school to align with in fulfilling these goals for these students.” Heather Murphy, Director of Auxiliary Programs at SCH will serve as the program’s founding Interim Executive Director.

These two new sites join existing Philadelphia area programs at The Episcopal Academy (launched in 2013) and Greene Street Friends School (launched in 2016). Horizons’ well-established track record of academic support ensures that participating students will experience measurable improvement in their reading and math skills during the summer, but more importantly, their long-term participation in the program will instill a joy of learning and the inspiration to realize their dreams.

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About Horizons Greater Philadelphia

In 2020, Horizons Greater Philadelphia was formed to develop new area sites and support the growth of existing sites including Horizons at The Episcopal Academy and Horizons at Greene Street Friends School. Horizons at Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School and Horizons at Springside Chestnut Hill Academy joined the Philadelphia regional network in 2021. Together, these four sites have the capacity to serve over 500 K-8 children. Over the next 5 years, Horizons Greater Philadelphia plans to expand to up to 8 regionally coordinated sites, enabling more than 1,000 Philadelphia area students to participate in Horizons. Each Horizons Greater Philadelphia site is unique, representing the diverse traditions and opportunities of their host institutions and maintaining deep connections to their local communities. Our sites share best practices and professional development, develop joint programming initiatives, and support the growth of Philadelphia area programs.

About Horizons National

Horizons National is a growing, community-centered network of over 60 affiliate sites nationwide that provides high-quality academic enrichment programs to children in need, from Pre-K through high school. Located on the campuses of independent schools, charter schools, colleges, and universities, Horizons programs offer a project-based curriculum, focused on reading, STEM, the arts, fitness, nutrition, and field trips.

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