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IMPACT REPORT 2023



Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are delighted to present to you the Horizons at Episcopal Academy Impact Report. As we reflect on the remarkable journey of the past year, it's evident that our community's commitment remains a driving force behind our students success.

Through your unwavering support, we've been able to create a nurturing environment where 136 students had the opportunity to flourish in our six-week summer program. Throughout our summer and school year programming, we strive to achieve our mission through **Inspiring Learning, Building Community, and Inspiring Joy**. What does this look like?

- Engaging teachers delivering two in a half hours of literacy and math curriculum, along with electives in STEM, Art, Drama, Languages and PE.
- Experiential project-based learning and Field trips
- Daily swim lessons
- Social Emotional support for all students
- Joyful traditions including field days, an 8th grade graduation ceremony and "fun Fridays"
- Robust school year programming including tutoring and counseling services

We are thrilled to announce a significant transition within our leadership team. Ryan Learn, who has been an integral part of our Horizons family as the Program Director for the past three years, is stepping into the role of Executive Director. Ryan's passion for our mission, along with his remarkable dedication, makes him an ideal leader to advance our mission. I will remain committed to ensuring a seamless transition and will continue to advise the program.

The Horizons Board of Directors and our dedicated staff, are committed to expanding our reach, enriching our programs, and nurturing an environment where every student can thrive. As you explore this Impact Report, I encourage you to take pride in the collective achievements that have been made possible through your support.

Thank you for being an indispensable part of the Horizons at Episcopal Academy family.

With our sincere thanks,

Courtney Delaney
Courtney Delaney,
Outgoing Executive Director

Ryan Learn
Ryan Learn,
Executive Director



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9 Weeks of Average growth in Literacy & Math in our six week summer program

136 Students grades K-11



100% of students advance at least 2 levels in our swim curriculum

70 EA student volunteers

91% Attendance Rate



94% Retention Rate

60 Students passed deep water swim test



18 Weeks of school year tutoring

1:1 Student Technology

New Math Curriculum, Math for Love

Amidst concerning trends in math proficiency and educational disparities, Horizons has taken proactive steps to make a positive impact. This summer, we introduced a new math curriculum that not only boosted academic progress but also sparked a love for learning in our students.

In collaboration with educational partner Math for Love, Horizons crafted a specialized math curriculum for our intensive six-week program. This curriculum had two primary goals: to deepen students' understanding of math and to make math enjoyable. This approach perfectly aligns with our mission to create an engaging educational environment.



Executive Director Ryan Learn with First Grade Math Student



School Year Support- Academic, Social Emotional & Parent Programing

Horizons' dedication to student success extends well beyond our summer program. We are committed to providing continuous support throughout the school year, encompassing various initiatives to empower both students and families:



School Year Tutoring: Our commitment to student success doesn't end with summer. Throughout the school year, we provide tailored tutoring sessions led by dedicated Horizons teachers. These sessions are designed to help students excel academically, with small learning groups based on individualized assessment data.

Counseling Services: Our licensed Horizons counselors provide free sessions to our students, equipping them with valuable coping strategies and nurturing their well-being. One parent shared, "My son has benefited tremendously from his work with Horizons. He has learned techniques to regulate his emotions and looks forward to his sessions each week."

Engaging Parent Programs: We understand the importance of involving parents in their child's education. That's why we host a series of engaging and informative parent programs throughout the year, covering essential topics like financial literacy and nutrition.

Super Saturdays: Our Super Saturdays are a highlight of the Horizons experience. These special events bring our community together for enrichment programs all year long. From fall festivities and movie screenings to service projects and carnival games, these activities foster joy and connection among our students and families.



Celebrating Firsts: Asha and Mykel Shine at Horizons

Horizons High School has always been a place of inspiration and achievement, and this year, we're proud to celebrate two remarkable students who have marked historic milestones for our program. Both Asha and Mykel also spoke to supporters at our annual fundraising event this year, sharing their inspirational educational journey with Horizons.

Asha: Our First Horizons High School Graduate
While our first full class of Horizons students is due to graduate from high school in 2024, Asha advanced a grade early and has become our very first Horizons High School graduate this past year. Asha worked with our partner College Possible Philadelphia and was accepted to 11 colleges, ultimately choosing Widener University.



"Horizons has impacted my life by teaching me passion, patience and pouring into others in need."

Mykel: Our First Horizons Employee
Mykel is a junior at Central High school and began his journey with Horizons as a young participant, where he discovered his love for swimming and a deep sense of responsibility. This year, Mykel became our first Horizons employee, working as a bus monitor and swim instructor, earning his lifeguard certification through our new lifeguard training program.



"Horizons means leadership - Horizons groomed me to be the leader of my class. It has given me a place where I could advocate for not only myself but for others."

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