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End of Year Giving Campaign Wrap Up & Thanks

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Thanks to our Horizons community, we raised over \$86,000 for our end-of-year fundraising campaign! We are truly grateful for each and every donation, as they make a difference in the success of our programs and students.

This summer we are looking to expand our programs reach by serving 11% more students than the Summer of 2022 in which we saw our largest rosters

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attention high - ensuring that our students are provided with hands-on learning opportunities in the classroom, in the community, and in the pool to expand their horizons and build their confidence.

If you didn't have a chance to participate in the End of Year Campaign you can still make your unrestricted gift in support of Horizons and our students by <u>clicking here</u>.

Spring Saturday Academy



Our Spring Saturday Academy is only six weeks away!

Launching on March 4, 2023 **the spring session** will include our youngest students in grades 1-4 and will focus on building foundational reading and math skills, as well as self-regulation, emotional processes, and social skills.

Programming for alumni and caregivers will be offered as well to focus on addressing the information gaps that our families face in accessing key school

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Volunteer opportunities are available. To sign-up and receive information on volunteering for the Saturday Program, please <u>click here</u> and complete the form.

Enrollment is Open for Summer 2023!

Enrollment is now open for Horizons 2023 Summer Program which will begin on June 30th and conclude on August 4th. We are expecting record enrollment numbers once again so please don't forget to reserve your spot.

For additional information or assistance with completing your form please contact Carmen Guiterrez, Family and Community Engagement Manager at cguiterrez@horizonsgreaterwashington.org.

Welcome Sydney Britton, Carmen Guiterrez, & Angel Richardson

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Assistant Site
Director
St. Patrick's



We are delighted to welcome Sydney Britton to the Horizons Greater Washington team as the newly appointed Assistant Site Director for St. Patrick's.

Sydney joined Horizons Greater Washington in June 2018 as a Lead Teacher at the St. Patrick's site. She has also taken part and taught at the Saturday Academy with Bancroft Elementary School. During the school year, Sydney teaches kindergarten at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School. She graduated from the University of Maryland - College Park with a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology. In her free time, she loves to go for runs outdoors, crochet, and explore the city.

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Assistant Site Director Maret School



We are delighted to welcome Angel Richardson to the Horizons Greater Washington team as the newly appointed Assistant Site Director at Maret School.

Originally from Prince Georges County, Maryland, Angel discovered her love for children and made the firm decision that she wanted to become an educator at the tender age of 7 years old. Angel has 8 years of teaching experience in public and independent school settings. She has served as a Lead Teacher at Horizons for the last four years and currently holds the Assistant Site Director position at the Maret campus. During the school year, Angel teaches second grade at St. Patrick's and tutors children from the metropolitan area on the weekends.

Angel received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Trinity Washington University. She later earned her master's degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in Reading Instruction from Ball State University. An avid reader, Angel enjoys reading books of all genres in her free

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HGW's New

Family & Community
Engagement
Manager



We are pleased to welcome a familar face, Carmen Gutierrez, back to the Horizons Greater Washington's team as the newly appointed Family and Community Engagement Manager.

Carmen is not new to Horizons, she was a member of the team from 2008-2013 and is back after a 9 year hiatus. Her drive to keep on helping Horizons students and their families is fueled by the impact she saw with some of Horizons graduates. Carmen has lived in Indonesia and most recently spent eight years in Kenya where she became an entrepreneur. She has taught Spanish at Key Elementary School and Phoebe Hearst School but her passion brings her back to serve. She sits on the board of All Hallows Guild and holds a Bachelors of Arts from Maryland University and a master's degree in Spanish in Latin American Studies from American University. Carmen loves to be around family and friends and in her free time enjoys gardening, running, and traveling.

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James Daniel has served as a H5 teacher for two summers with Horizons.

Inspired by his father to become a teacher, James first heard about Horizons from a fellow Horizons teacher, Raymond Pyle. Both James and Ray completed their masters together at Johns Hopkins and were roommates at the time.

"We were roommates when he was doing Horizons two years ago which was all online. Hearing his interactions with the kids from the other room was what opened the door and then just having the opportunity to join in everything that was going on was a really cool experience."

To hear more of James' story, please click on the video above.

Upcoming Events & Dates

March 4: Kickoff of Horizons Spring Saturday Academy

March 11: Build-A-Book

May: Supply Drive

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Save the Date for Horizons Reach for the Stars Gala 2023!

Friday, September 22, 2023 6:30 PM

The Four Seasons Hotel

Ballroom

2800 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC

Please keep an eye posted on your inbox for additional event details and information on tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

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