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This week we are so excited to welcome the over 100 staff, teachers, and volunteers who will be delivering Horizons programming to nearly 400 students this summer. We have been working all year for this moment.

We know that talent and opportunity are not spread out equally across our community and that many students and families are unable to access the support they need, both within and outside of school. The past few years, COVID-19 thrust summer and out-of-school learning into the spotlight, with many students experiencing [the COVID Slide](#) - an erosion of academic, social, and emotional skills due to disrupted schooling caused by the pandemic.

We know how important out-of-school programs are for students, but many are costly or offer limited options for transportation and activities, leaving many families unable to participate -- particularly during the summer. These gaps in opportunity all contribute to students experiencing [summer learning loss](#) - the cumulative erosion

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out rates. On average, a students who does not experience enriching summer activities like Horizons can **lose up to 2 months** in academic skills.

This however, is not the story at Horizons. We work side by side with our families to remove barriers to transportation and ensure that our families are partners in our work. Our program serves students who might otherwise experience significant learning loss during the summer months, ensuring that every child has opportunities to learn and grow. By the end of each 6-week summer session, Horizons students have typically **gained** 1-3 months of grade equivalence in reading and math - effectively **reversing summer learning loss** and sending students back to school feeling confident and ready! This is the life changing work that WE have the power to do every day and I thank you so much for joining me in this work.

With gratitude,



Mike DiMarco
Executive Director

Supply Packing Party



Thank you to all of the volunteers who stopped by Maret's campus on Tuesday, June 14 to help with moving and packing supplies, writing notes, and sorting t-shirts for each of our three sites. Thanks to your efforts our students will be provided with all of the supplies and resources needed to have a memorable and enriching experience.

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After a year in the making, it's hard to believe that Horizons Summer 2022 program kicks off in 5 days. We are looking forward to serving nearly 400 students across our three sites and to being fully in person for the first time since 2019!

Over the course of six weeks, Horizons students will be provided with dedicated teachers and intensive learning that improves their foundation for the school years ahead, balances academics and social emotional development, and provides the tools they need to thrive in school and beyond. This is especially important with the increased learning loss that has been exacerbated with COVID-19.

Throughout the program, our STEAM curriculum and partners like IBM, Capital One Coders, and Calleva will help students build robots, code apps, and work as a team in the outdoor classroom.

Students will also take part in swimming instruction at George Washington University, Howard University, Georgetown Prep, and East Gate Pool.

Horizons Partnership Spotlight



We are excited to announce our partnership with Redstone American Grill!

select menu options to Horizons. Your support will help to provide our nearly 400 students in DC and Maryland with another amazing summer full of learning experiences that will help them thrive in school and beyond.

Welcome: Brittney Jones



Brittney

HGW's New

**Program
Director**



Earlier this week, we welcomed a new member to the team! We are delighted to announce that Brittney Jones has joined Horizons Greater Washington as our new Program Director. Brittney comes to Horizons with over 10 years of experience in the education field including teaching for the District of Columbia Public Schools and serving as a founding teacher at the Goodwill Excel Center. She has a Bachelor's degree in History from Howard University and a

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Please join us in welcoming Brittney to the Horizons family!

Upcoming Events & Dates



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SUMMER PROGRAM TOURS

We have set aside a few dates within the summer to offer tours of our summer program at our three sites. We hope that you will be able to join us for one of the dates listed below to see both the summer program and our students in action. It's truly a wonderful sight to see! To reserve your spot please [click here](#).

MARET TOURS

July 14, 2022 : 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
July 26, 2022 : 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Aug. 2, 2022 : 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

NORWOOD TOURS

July 12, 2022 : 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
July 18, 2022 : 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Aug. 1 2022 : 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

ST. PATRICK'S TOURS

July 20, 2022 : 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Aug. 3 2022 : 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL TOUR

July 29, 2022 : 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

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We hope that you will join us on September 30th for a memorable evening to celebrate 22 years of Horizons! The Reach for the Stars gala will be held at The Four Seasons in Georgetown, in their stunning outdoor courtyard. For additional event details and to purchase your tickets or sponsorship please click on the button below.

[Purchase Tickets & Sponsorships](#)

Additional Upcoming Events:

- **Monday, Aug. 8:** Swim Olympics at [Howard University](#) from 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 8:** End of Program Zoom to register please click [here](#)

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