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The Gateway School and Horizons NYC Launch Groundbreaking Summer Program for Students with Language-Based Learning Disabilities

The Gateway School and Horizons New York City are excited to announce the launch of **Horizons NYC at The Gateway School**, a pioneering initiative that provides early intervention, specialized instruction, and family support to rising kindergarten and first-grade students with language-based learning disabilities – who also qualify for free or reduced lunch – during critical summer months.

This program marks the beginning of a long-term commitment to supporting students with learning differences. Over time, Horizons NYC at The Gateway School will expand to serve rising first through rising ninth-grade students (K-8), ensuring continued growth and learning opportunities throughout their academic journey.

This groundbreaking program combines The Gateway School's 60 years of expertise in educating students with learning differences with Horizons NYC's successful summer learning model. The program is designed to provide crucial early support, equipping young learners with the tools and confidence they need to succeed academically and thrive in school.

A Pioneering Model for Educational Equity

Horizons NYC at The Gateway School is the first of its kind, merging Gateway's expertise in language-based learning disabilities with Horizons NYC's proven summer program to offer targeted interventions and summer enrichment. This collaboration provides students with specialized instruction focused on addressing language processing, reading, and writing challenges, setting them on a positive academic trajectory.

As the lead partner, The Gateway School brings its decades of experience in working with students who have language-based learning disabilities to ensure the success of this critical initiative. Gateway's commitment to inclusive education and its deep understanding of the needs of these students make it the ideal partner for this new summer program.



Why This Matters

Research consistently shows that early intervention significantly improves long-term educational outcomes for students. Horizons NYC at The Gateway School is designed to provide that support, addressing the specific needs of students with language-based learning disabilities. This program empowers young learners to overcome challenges and build the foundational skills they need to succeed academically.

The program has earned support from influential advocates in education. Former NYC Public Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña, an advisor and retired board member at Horizons New York City, recognizes the program's potential for creating lasting generational impact. Assemblymember Robert Carroll '97, a Gateway alumnus and trustee, author of the Dyslexia Diagnosis Act, is a strong advocate for early intervention and educational equity. Councilmember Gale Brewer, who represents the 6th Council District on Manhattan's Upper West Side, also supports the program for its potential to positively impact the educational outcomes of students.

A Commitment to Educational Equity

Through this partnership with Horizons NYC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to reducing summer learning loss for K-8 students from low-income communities, the Horizons-Gateway Summer Program will provide tuition-free, specialized summer learning. Horizons NYC, as a regional affiliate of Horizons National, is focused on promoting educational equity in the New York metropolitan area. Their work ensures that students have the support, opportunities, and skills to fulfill their potential in both school and life.

“We are thrilled to partner with Horizons NYC on this transformative initiative,” said Mr. Joseph Auteberry, Horizons NYC at The Gateway School's Program Director. “As we celebrate 60 years of transforming the lives of students with learning differences, Horizons NYC at The Gateway School represents a powerful step in our ongoing commitment to educational equity and the success of all students.”

“Horizons New York City is proud to welcome The Gateway School into the Horizons family as our newest partner. I have been a longtime fan of The Gateway School, and I look forward to the deep and impactful ways we will be able to support families together over the years to come,” says Macy Stockton, Executive Director of Horizons NYC.

How You Can Help

Horizons NYC is actively seeking referrals of students who could benefit from the Horizons-Gateway Summer Program. Families of rising first-grade students with language-based learning disabilities are encouraged to reach out to **Macy Stockton**, Executive Director of Horizons NYC, at mstockton@horizonsnewyorkcity.org.



For more information about the program or to make a referral, please visit: <https://www.horizonsnewyorkcity.org/horizons-gateway>.

About The Gateway School

The Gateway School is a K-8, independent day school that transforms the lives of bright students with language-based learning disabilities and attention deficits.

At Gateway, our students become skilled, strategic learners and confident self-advocates. Relying on direct, multisensory instruction and guided by an integrated curriculum, expert faculty teach students the language, literacy, and critical thinking skills that are the foundations for success in mainstream educational settings and beyond.

Gateway believes a close relationship between the school and parents provides essential support as students grow and seek to realize their potential. In small classes and as members of a diverse and inclusive community, Gateway students experience academic and social success, recognize their strengths, and are empowered to become independent learners.

About Horizons NYC

As a regional affiliate of Horizons National, the mission of Horizons NYC is to promote educational equity in the New York metropolitan area by implementing critical summer and out-of-school programs that serve systemically under-resourced communities. Horizons NYC focuses on a sustained commitment to our students to ensure they have the opportunities, skills, and confidence to fulfill their potential in both school and life.

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