



June 22, 2020

Dear Horizons Students and Families:

This letter includes updated information following the meeting of our Board of Directors. We presented your concerns and obtained guidance for our families.

During the Summer 2020, we are **teaching 25 live virtual courses each week** for 1st-, 2nd- and 3rd-year students. Classes include Apartment Health and Safety, Apartment Search, Career Orientation, Computer Literacy, Cooking, Financial Literacy, Fitness, Functional Literacy, Nutrition and Meal Planning, Self-Advocacy, Social/Fun Activities, Time Management, Transportation, & Wellness. Most classes have 10 or fewer students for quality instruction. Students appear engaged and are completing assignments!

Second-year students must enroll in Summer Term courses to participate in commencement on July 31, 2020. Those who prefer to wait may extend their learning program and enrollment and will graduate the following summer.

We recognize the challenges presented by the pandemic. The Board of Directors decided to **keep tuition the same** during the 2020-2021 academic year. There will be **no increases!** We expanded our Student Emergency Fund to provide small awards to students who experience a temporary need that cannot be met by families.

Our Board endorsed a **Plan to Resume Campus Operations** emphasizing student and staff safety. Find attached a preliminary **Academic Calendar for 2020-2021**. We intend to resume on-campus instruction and residential support in August. We will keep you informed if changes are necessary due to latest guidance from the government and health officials.

Students will practice daily hygiene and will regularly clean and disinfect to reduce the risk of infection. Local families who feel uncomfortable with the residential component may request consideration as a daytime student, who commutes from their family home. Of course, there will be fewer opportunities to teach necessary living and social relationship skills for those not residing in Terrace Court Apartments.

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We value each student and family and know you are working hard during a difficult time for our School and Nation. You will receive more information about the new academic year in the near future. We are excited about **welcoming students back to campus during the fall!**

Sincerely,

Brian F. Geiger, Executive Director

Enclosed: 2020-2021 Academic Calendar