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### **Horizon Science Academy (HSA) Senior Accepted to Cornell University**

*Columbus, Ohio - April 5, 2021* - Horizon Science Academy Columbus High School Senior **Afua-Konadu Bonna** has been accepted to Cornell University for the 2021-2022 school year.

Afua-Konadu Bonna, a member of the 2021 Class at HSA, has had great academic success throughout her high school career, including earning an Associate of Science Degree by the time she graduates from high school through the College Credit Plus program in conjunction with Columbus State Community College. She has been a dedicated student and member of the Horizon Science Academy community both in and out of the classroom. Afua is involved in many extracurricular activities including being a member of the HSA volleyball team, CONSEF, District, and State Science Fair, and she is also actively involved in her church community.

The staff at Horizon Science Academy are ecstatic for Afua and take much pride in seeing her labors over the years pay off. Ugur Zengince, HSA Principal, said, "It is always great to see our students becoming the northstars of their communities; many find their ways looking at them while they instill hope and motivation."

Afua reflected on the application process and had this to share: "Being in a whole pandemic did not make the college application process any easier. However, despite some obstacles, I was very grateful for the resources that aided tremendously in the process: my sister, Kwame Ocran, the school, and my church community. During the application process, I realized the overlooked significance of essays. Since the beginning of my high school career, getting a high SAT/ ACT score was heavily emphasized until 2020 changed everything. Most universities went test-optional and it further confirmed that your test scores were not going to be a weighty factor in your application. Thus, I would advise to not overstress about obtaining the "perfect" test score, but instead spend that energy towards writing a genuine college essay. I was very excited, yet shocked, to hear the news. This acceptance meant a lot to me, and I believe it impacted the communities that surround me. I am glad to be an example to my school community and inspire them to give it a shot. Don't look at your stats to justify what opportunities you can and cannot have but give it a try: you never know what lies ahead of you! In college, I plan to pursue a science-based major with a pre-med focus. I probably might pursue another major/minor in fine arts or use my creative talents for extra-curricular and community activities."

Afua's acceptance to an Ivy League school puts her in the company of her HSA classmate, **Kwame Nyarkoh-Ocran**, who was accepted to Stanford earlier this school year. The entire Horizon

family is proud of both Afua and Kwame and looks forward to their continued successes in their academic careers.

Horizon Science Academy is a STEM-focused college prep school located on Morse Road in Columbus, Ohio. If you are interested in learning more about the high quality educational opportunities at Horizon Science Academy please feel free to contact the school via e-mail at [hsinfo@horizoncolumbus.org](mailto:hsinfo@horizoncolumbus.org) or phone (614) 846-7616.

Horizon Science Academy Columbus High School is managed by Concept Schools. For more information on HSA Columbus please visit: <http://hs.horizoncolumbus.org/>

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