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### **Horizon Science Academy (HSA) Senior Accepted to Stanford**

*Columbus, Ohio - December 16, 2020* - Horizon Science Academy Columbus High School Senior **Kwame Aseidu Nyarkoh-Ocran** has been accepted to Stanford University for the 2021-2022 school year and has been awarded a full ride scholarship totaling over \$314,000.

Kwame Aseidu Nyarkoh-Ocran, a member of the 2021 Class at HSA, has had great academic success throughout his high school career, including earning 69 college credits by the time he graduates from high school through the College Credit Plus program in conjunction with Columbus State Community College. He has been a dedicated student, achieving a 1450 SAT superscore, and is looking forward to continuing his education at the renowned Stanford University. "I'm thinking about double majoring in computer science and something else. I want a little more time to explore other areas of study (currently thinking about linguistics, data science, and African-American studies) before fully committing to another one, but computer science will be one of my majors for sure. And I'm most excited about the people I'll meet and being right next to Silicon Valley (plus some of my favorite college vloggers attend Stanford)" said Nyarkoh-Ocran.

The staff at Horizon Science Academy are elated for Kwame and take much pride in seeing the accomplishments of him and his peers. January Almaguer is Kwame's college guidance counselor and reflected on the news of his acceptance: "I am thrilled for Kwame. Stanford is his dream college and he worked since ninth grade to make that dream come true. We worked together closely in eleventh and twelfth grades and I quickly learned that if anyone could get into Stanford, it would be him. He has the perfect combination of maturity, intelligence, and personality to fit in there. He also worked with Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America (LEDA) Scholars (which is hosted by Princeton University) over the summer, and that really helped him to prepare Ivy League level applications." Ugur Zengince, HSA Principal, said, "I am so excited to see the tradition of sending our students to top colleges continue with Kwame's acceptance to Stanford. Formerly we also had students accepted to MIT and U.S. Military Academy West Point."

Kwame shares advice for those who hope to follow in his footsteps: "My number one tip for college and scholarship applications is to start early! Start writing those essays in the summer or even earlier. Start thinking about the narrative you would like to craft and the parts of yourself you would like to showcase. And chill out. Once you hit submit, go watch t.v. or an anime, or go to sleep; whatever you do, just chill out. You've already done the hardest part! You've done well and I'm proud of you for completing the application!"

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.

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