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HORIZONS ATLANTA ADDS MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ATLANTA – (Oct. X, 2019) – [Horizons Atlanta](#) (HA), a nonprofit that supports K-12 students from underserved communities through its six-week summer and year-round learning programs, today announced that Ms. Andrea Arroyo, director of Community Engagement for Purpose Built Schools Atlanta (PBSA), and Dr. J. Fidel Turner, dean of Clark Atlanta University’s School of Education, have joined its board of directors.

“We are honored to have Ms. Arroyo and Dr. Turner join our board, and look forward to the insight and experience they will bring to our efforts,” said Alex Wan, executive director of Horizons Atlanta.

Andrea Arroyo leads the Community Engagement Program for PBSA, where she is responsible for the strategic and operational oversight of partnership development, and family and community engagement initiatives. Before joining PBSA, she served as Vice President of Policy and Advocacy for the Georgia Charter School Association and was the Director of New Site Development and Community Engagement with Citizens of the World Charter Schools.

A California native, Ms. Arroyo has been in Atlanta since 2012. She earned a Master of Public Policy from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology from Pitzer College. She is an alumna of the CORO Fellowship in Public Affairs and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Diverse Charter Schools Coalition.

J. Fidel Turner, Jr., Ph.D., was named Dean of Clark Atlanta University’s School of Education in 2018. Prior to this role, Dr. Turner served as an Associate Professor and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Student Affairs in the School of Education at Howard University. Additionally, he has been a faculty member at George Washington University, and an adjunct faculty associate at Johns Hopkins University and Bowie State University.

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Dr. Turner earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology and master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling at the University of South Carolina. He earned his doctorate's degree in Counselor Education at Clark Atlanta University. Also, Dr. Turner completed a post-doctoral research fellowship at the National Institute of Health/National Institute of Drug Abuse in the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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About Horizons Atlanta:

Horizons is a transformational, community-centered education program working to close the opportunity and achievement gaps for underserved children in Kindergarten through 8th grade. In 2019, Horizons Atlanta served close to 1,000 students across nine program sites during its summer program.

Horizons' signature offering is a six-week learning program focused not just on academics, but also arts, sports, and college and career exploration. Horizons partners with independent schools, colleges, and universities across the metro area to host programs and recruit skilled, professional teachers as staff. Horizons students, who come to Horizons with a broad range of academic ability, gain two to three weeks of reading and math skills each summer, learn to swim, and enjoy year-round support.

For more information about Horizons Atlanta, please visit www.horizonsatlanta.org.