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Executive Director Bob Parks Receives National Horizons Leadership Award *Award Recognizes Affiliate Growth and Contributions to National Network*

Chestertown, MD (April 25, 2016)—**Bob Parks, Executive Director of Horizons of Kent and Queen Anne's, received the National Horizons Leadership Award in recognition of his service at the 2016 Horizons National Conference.** The award recognizes the remarkable contributions of an Executive Director who has helped grow their affiliate and made significant contributions to the Horizons National Affiliate network. Horizons of Kent and Queen Anne's is one of 51 Horizons affiliates nationwide.

Horizons National COO Jose Oromi presented Parks with the award and commended him for expanding a rural affiliate and contributing to Horizons on a national level. "Bob embodies the spirit of the Horizons mission—inspiring minds, building community, and transforming lives." The award was presented at Horizons National's Annual Dinner Celebration in front of 200 guests in Atlanta, GA on April 15th.

About Horizons of Kent and Queen Anne's

Horizons of Kent and Queen Anne's is a non-profit academic and cultural enrichment program that encourages students with limited economic means to realize their full potential. Offerings in both Kent and Queen Anne's counties include targeted academic support in reading and math, Red Cross certified swim lessons, and enrichment in art, music, theater, learning games and outdoor education. This summer's enrollment will be 150 students in the two counties.

Horizons of Kent and Queen Anne's has been serving low income Eastern Shore students since 1995. The program, an affiliate of the Horizons National summer learning program, is one of the oldest in the country. The six-week summer program employs an experiential model of teaching that is focused on reading, writing and math. The hands-on, project-based curriculum successfully counteracts the negative effects of summer learning loss and the associated achievement gap. Students not only improve academically, but learn to swim and participate in a breadth of activities that foster creativity, confidence, citizenship and good health.

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