



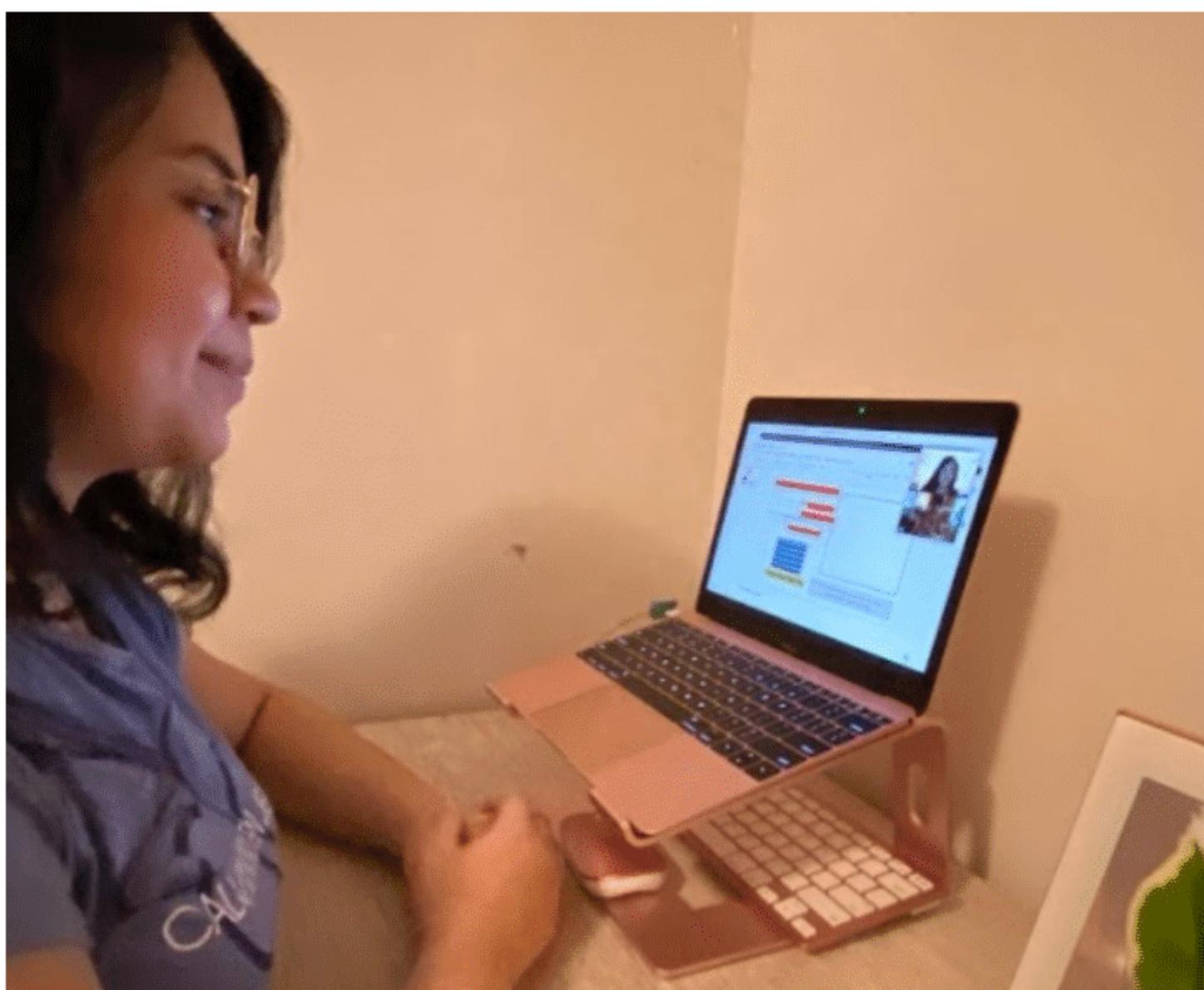
Oxford Circle

Christian Community Development Association

OCCDA After School Program



Our virtual after school program is thriving! In addition to one-on-one academic tutoring available to every student, our kids get to take part in: yoga, dance, music, community unity, health and wellness, Engineering for Kids, and Clay Studio. In our classes, our students are constantly moving around! They get so excited to get up and stretch out their bodies in yoga class. They love spinning and leaping around in dance class. They have so much fun tapping their *own* personal drumsticks in music class. They learned how to virtually create architectural structures in Engineering for Kids class using 3-D modeling. They learned breathing techniques and mindfulness exercises in our SEL, Community Unity class. They danced Zumba in health and wellness class. And they even got air dry clay kits so they could create and paint pottery in Clay Studio Art class! Each class we offer is exciting and engaging. Our program is the perfect opportunity for students to wind down from a long school day in front of a computer, and fellowship with their peers.



Schooling virtually has its own unique academic challenges for students. Gone are the days of teachers pulling aside students to their desks to assist with whatever they're struggling with. Therefore, we made sure to offer one on one tutoring to every student enrolled in our program, in the areas of math and literacy with our virtual instructors via zoom. The one on one attention has allowed us to personalize each lesson to the needs of each student. As a result, we are seeing much improvement and academic success. For instance, one of our special needs students could not speak a word just last year. Now, as a result of tutoring with our program throughout the summer and fall, he is writing and speaking full sentences!

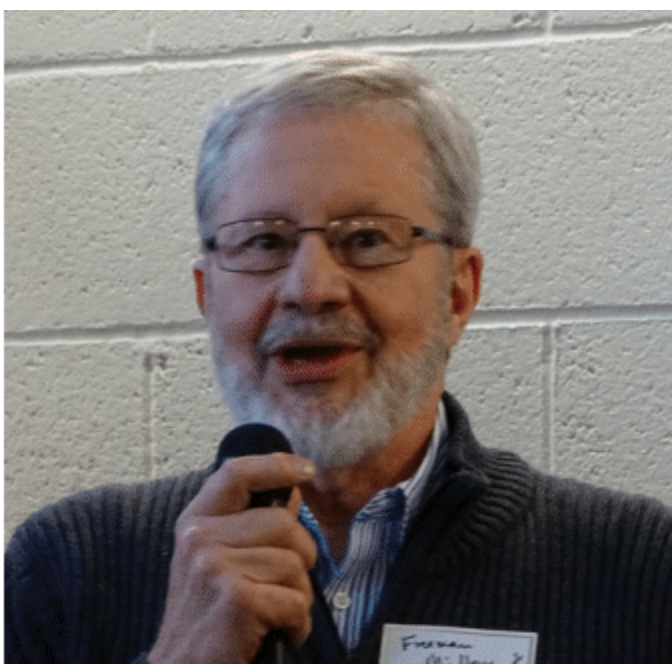
But don't just take our word for it! Below are a few statements we've received from our students' parents:

"I really enjoy Ms. Alexis tutoring my daughter. I think she does a wonderful job and she's very patient with her. She always knows how to get Makayla to do work, even when Makayla doesn't want to." -*Gloria, Parent*

"Ms. Kathy encourages my son to be determined. She is pushing him to participate and engage more. My son can now recognize words and numbers when he couldn't before. Ms. Kathy pushes him to do his best!" -*Die, Parent*

-submitted by Brittany Lashley, After School Program Coordinator 2020

New OCCDA Board Members



Freeman Miller, retired Bishop, and member of Oxford Circle Mennonite Church, joins us with a wealth of experience administering a CCDA in North Philly, and working with urban churches to impact their communities with a holistic Christian gospel.

Bryant Keal, Everence Philadelphia Community Development Officer, and native of North Philly, joins us with experience in urban Christian ministry, skills in finance, and a passion for community development.

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