

## How we got started

The academy was founded by Heaven Spencer alongside a group of fellow therapists when Covid-19 initially started affecting schools' abilities to serve students. Schools were closed to encourage social distancing and for many virtual learning replaced classroom instruction, causing much stress and difficulty for many students and their families. Kids with autism were at an even greater disadvantage often struggling to remain seated and stay focused with no one in person to reinforce and keep them motivated.

Aware that the children they worked with had needs that were not being met, the group went to work teaming up with Pastor Craig Bridgers at The Crossings Church to create an alternative learning environment for the students to thrive and complete their assigned schoolwork. In August of 2020 Open Seas Learning Academy began to successfully serve the needs of the kids and their families.

### Accepting Enrollment Now

We are currently accepting applications for enrollment for the next academic year beginning August 10, 2021.

<http://www.openseaslearningacademy.org/admissions>

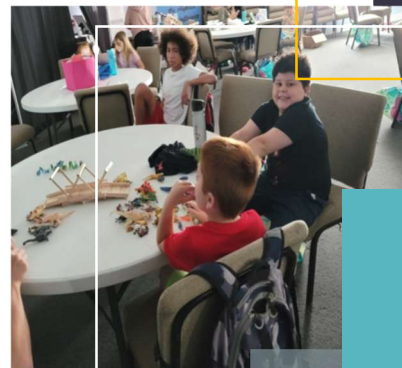
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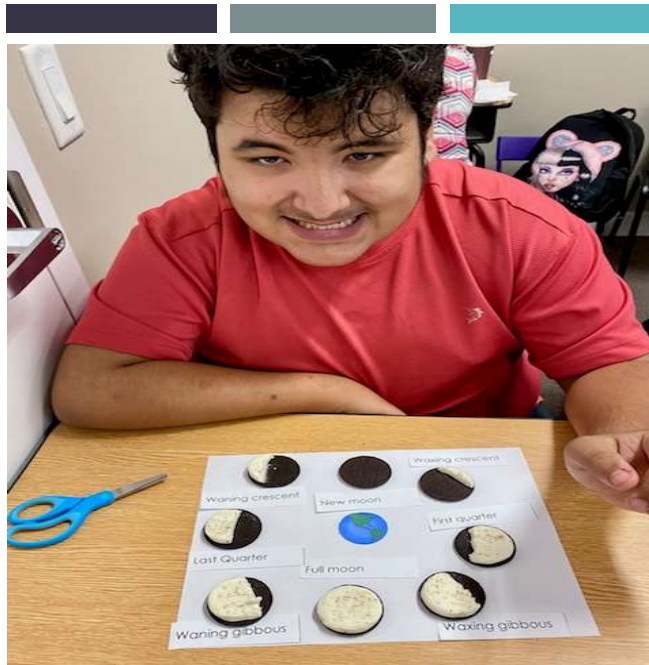
Heaven Spencer

As an adult, she worked in several fields in leadership positions. Having spent time doing web design, photography, cosmetology, retail, and even helping to start a non-profit gave her the opportunity to learn to take charge and be an asset in many different situations.

Later, when her own child was born with autism, she focused on making sure her son got the help and therapies he needed. Heaven quickly realized how difficult it was for her family and her son to get the help they needed. When her son turned 3 and finally received his diagnosis and began to receive ABA services, she was invited to take part in a class to become a behavior assistant. She continued in the ABA field for the last 8 years and began to work on getting her degree in Educational Studies through Western Governors University.

## A full-service special education team

We started as a program to provide children with autism and related disabilities a homeschool and tutoring program that could teach each child based on their individual skills. Since then, we have expanded into a private school catering to all children. Our teachers and staff come from a special education background, so we understand that not all children learn the same way. We believe that what may work for the majority of students may not work best for your child. We strive to help each child develop and grow in their own unique ways while still maintaining academic goals that are feasible for their age and grade level.



# Sailing Away to Success

## Our Curriculum

Our teachers and staff come from a special education background which has allowed us to know how and be able to differentiate each child's learning experience. With small class sizes and emphasis on the individual child our program is geared toward your child's specific academic needs. Because of our smaller class sizes there is often time to work one on one with our students while incorporating hands on learning activities.

While adhering to Florida State standards, our curriculum allows us the ability to adjust the pace that each student requires in order to assure that they have mastered each concept before moving ahead. We take pride in our comprehensive yet flexible curriculum, giving students the tools to develop and improve their skills in various fields and programs.