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The Harley School

*Awakening Students to their Potential*

*Fall 2010*

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With *Let's Go Exploring* as our primary theme, Horizons at Harley 2010 was a resounding success serving 130 students K-grade 8 while utilizing over 50 student and adult volunteers.

Seventy-five percent of our students returned to the program in 2010 to re-unite with Horizons friends in our unique learning community. Thirty-six new students participated, and over half of our students (53%) had perfect attendance, while the average daily program attendance was 96%.

Seven Horizons alumni joined our paraprofessional staff, serving as wonderful role models during the summer session. Exceptional grade-level teachers employing the experiential model were joined by colleagues in art, health, reading, music, gardening, health and physical education, cooking, and library science, further enriching a strong core program. Additionally, in partnership with SUNY Geneseo School of Education, we set up a "literacy clinic" that supplied 20 graduate students who provided daily tutoring in reading to 20 Horizons students (see story on page 2).

Plans for summer 2011 are well underway with our grade 7 and 8 participants slated to attend the 2011 *Get Real!* science camp at the University of Rochester, and continued offerings in health and arts.



Nine graduating "Rising 9th Graders" were honored and celebrated as part of the 2010 closing ceremonies. Each graduate received a Certificate of Completion, their own personal bookcase to take home, and several books as gifts from their teachers.

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

# Welcome Nicole Pierce



*Master of Social Work intern to focus on outreach to families, schools, and community partners*

**H**orizons at Harley is happy to announce the addition of Nicole Pierce as the Community Outreach Intern. A second year graduate student from Roberts Wesleyan College majoring in Children and Families, Nicole is required to complete a 500 hour internship from September through May as part of her professional

development. Her first year graduate internship was at Gates-Chili High School where she co-facilitated groups with long-term, out-of-school suspended students, and provided individual counseling services. While supporting Horizons at Harley Nicole's major responsibilities include: follow-up with all students and families from the summer offering; connect

with student's schools and teachers; development and implementation of year-round activities; and assisting with the application process for new and returning students. Upon graduation in May 2011, Nicole aspires to be licensed as a Social Worker in NYS and plans to focus her practice on parent-child relationships with a community outreach component.

## SUNY Geneseo Literacy Clinic



*Horizons student receiving tutoring*

*Unique partnership provides comprehensive literacy support to Horizons students*

**C**hampioned by Dean of the Shear School of Education and Horizons Advisory Board Member, **Osman Alawiye**, and led by **Dr. Sharon Peck**, an on-site literacy clinic was established in support of our Literacy Specialist and the reading and literacy goals of the Horizons at Harley program.

Strengthening a Horizons core objective to focus on students' reading and

literacy in relation to the grade just completed, this unique partnership and collaboration provided 20 master level students in literacy as tutors to work with some of Horizons most challenged readers.

Students received no less than 16 one-on-one tutoring sessions and were provided with a comprehensive clinical case study that will be shared with families and teachers. Each

case study included a myriad of assessments (summary of interviews, reading levels, writing levels, spelling and word work, home literacy connection), and provided detailed future instruction suggestions for parents, teachers, and the program or school's Reading Specialist. Horizons at Harley is looking forward to continuing this collaboration in summer 2011.

# Horizons at the Warner School Becomes a Reality

*New Horizons National affiliate serves 33 students from School #33*

**T**he Rochester City School District has approximately 20,000 students in grades K-8 who qualify for Horizons two main criteria which are a city residency requirement and qualifying for free or reduced lunch. With that backdrop it was welcomed news for a new Horizons program to open locally this summer as part of the University of Rochester / Warner School of Education.

**Lynn Gatto**, a Warner doctoral student, adjunct professor, and Executive Director for Warner's Horizons program recruited 16 kindergartners and 17 fifth graders from school #33 as her inaugural class.

For summer 2010 Horizons at Warner was hosted by Horizons at Harley at The Harley School. Next summer they will move to the University of Rochester campus and add

two more grades serving kindergarten, grades 1, 5, and 6. They will continue to add two grades each year until they have a full program through grade 8.

With Gatto at the helm Horizons at Warner is sure to flourish. A Rochester City School District teacher for over 30 years, a winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, a New York State Teacher of the Year, and Disney's American Teacher—Gatto is well known for her success in working with underprivileged students. She explains her role as one of “constructing an atmosphere where children see themselves as valuable to the process of learning within the classroom”. Her goals include providing experiences in new cultural practices, providing space for Warner students to work with kids from underprivileged backgrounds, and lessons to increase confidence. WE WISH THEM THE BEST!



*Lynn Gatto with a group of her students*



*Horizons at Warner rising first grader*

## Leadership and Service

Horizons at Harley is pleased to welcome four new members to the Advisory Board: **Betty Diehl**, **Diana Hernandez**, **Moses Robinson**, and Harley's new Director of Development, **Tonya Taylor**.

Horizons also wants to extend our gratitude and appreciation for the nearly 50 student volunteers who made summer 2010 such a success. We could not do it without you, and hope that you will be returning to work with us in summer 2011.

# Reading Day 2010



*Community Leaders visit Horizons at Harley to emphasize the importance of reading.*



**R**eadng Day 2010 featured community leaders visiting classes as assigned, a dramatic presentation by the middle school students, and a closing that included having the entire Horizons community sit quietly and read for five minutes. Our special guest readers / presenters included:

Honorable **Maggie Brooks**, Monroe County Executive  
Honorable **Joseph Robach**, NYS Senator  
**Ida Perez**, Director Ibero Family Center  
**Kathy Frame**, Long-time Horizons Supporter and Volunteer  
**Chiara Smith**, Case Manager YWCA Young Parents Support Services Program  
**Annette Ramos**, Horizons Parent and Professional Storyteller  
**Wendy Hernandez**, Visitor from the country of Belize

## upcoming events

*Horizons Lower School (K-Grade 4)  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day event at Harley:*

**January 17, 2011**

*Projected Summer 2011 Program Dates:*

**June 27 - August 5  
(subject to change)**

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