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FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER

Dr. Harlan (Z for Zany!) Eagle Receives Horizons National Leadership Award

The Salisbury Horizons Board of Directors is proud to announce that Dr. Harlan Eagle, Executive Director, received the Horizons National Leadership Award this October at the Horizons National Conference in Norwalk, CT. With this honor Harlan was awarded a \$1,500 grant for the program and a new iPad for his own personal use. This award was presented to the Executive Director who embodies the spirit of Horizons and contributes both on a local and National level. Harlan was nominated by the Salisbury Horizons board and selected by a designated panel comprised of National staff and board members. Below is a short piece of the nomination letter that was sent to Horizons National.



A GREAT LEADER'S COURAGE TO FULFILL HIS VISION COMES FROM PASSION – NOT POSITION

By John Maxwell

When it comes to passion - Dr. Harlan Eagle (AKA Dr. Z... for Zany), Executive Director of Horizons at The Salisbury School has it! Everywhere he goes, whether it's a local coffee shop, a sports game or social event, he shares his passion for the

Horizons program by talking about the students, families and staff that he works with. His enthusiasm and dedication has proven to the entire Board that he has what it takes to get things done – and done right! Harlan is committed to the true mission of Horizons, willing to look to others for support, open to change and always has the desire to go the extra mile – which is why many people choose to follow his lead.



Gardening and Global Awareness Horizons Partners with Salisbury University

A simple meeting over coffee for Horizons Executive Director, Harlan Eagle and Dr. Ed Robeck, Professor of Science Education at Salisbury University, sparked a partnership and new STEM initiative for the Horizons students this past summer. After a \$500 grant was given to Salisbury Horizons from the Wicomico Garden Club, Dr. Robeck and Horizons were able to purchase the gardening supplies needed to grow sack gardens over the six week summer session.

Sack gardens are tall, recycled sacks filled with soil where vegetables can be grown on different levels by poking holes in the bags and inserting seeds at different levels. The students learned about sack gardens and how they are used by residents of Arusha, Tanzania (and other places) who are suffering from AIDS to grow badly needed vegetables.

The project provided an emphasis on the importance of using local resources, connecting children to their communities and the world. The Horizons sack gardens were built in one day and tended with care for weeks to come as they started to produce tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables.

FIRST GRADUATION

Salisbury Horizons Celebrates the Rising 9th Grade Class

During the summer of 2011, the Salisbury Horizons program celebrated a major milestone with the first graduation of the rising 9th grade class of students. Eleven students (some who have been involved with the program since they were rising first graders) dressed in blue caps and gowns and marched through a crowded Salisbury School Upper School Gymnasium in front of friends and family members to receive their official Horizons diploma and a special gift presented by The United Way of The Eastern Shore.

Each graduating student received a new backpack filled with school supplies and a laptop computer. The laptops were provided by a new "Tech for Teens" initiative to provide computer technology to youth to increase their potential to succeed in school. The presentation was made possible by donations from Perdue, which provided the used computer hardware, and Vantage Point Solutions Group of Salisbury, which provided the deployment support.

"Perdue, United Way and Vantage Point Solutions Group have a long-standing commitment to helping children succeed. Providing the graduating Horizons students with laptops is an important way to equip them with the technology tools they need to be successful," said Jason Campbell, Perdue information technology support specialist, who helps administer the company's computer donations. "The participants of Horizons have worked hard to get to where they are and I truly hope these laptops can play a small role in helping them realize their full potential on their personal path to success. Congratulations to each and every student in the program!"

In addition to the computer donation, United Way has provided more than \$44,000 over three years to provide expanded educational opportunities for children in the Horizons program.



Horizons Staff and Board Members Move High School Program into High Gear

For the past month, Horizons staff and Board members have been anticipating the announcement of the Community Needs grant results from the Community Foundation of The Eastern Shore. Horizons submitted the grant application to fund a new high school program to serve the first class of Horizons students that graduated this past summer.

We are very fortunate to announce that the Salisbury Horizons Community Needs grant was fully funded and the program received \$7,500 to pay a selected group of academic coaches for the time, guidance and counseling they will provide Horizons High School students.

The high school program will require each academic coach to spend a minimum of one hour a week with an assigned student to help them navigate through high school and prepare for higher education. Horizons is working in partnership with Kids of Honor and Delmarva Education Foundation to provide the resources and opportunities necessary for each Horizons high school student to achieve and grow as they prepare to graduate from high school.

Horizons received a \$3,000 grant from Bank of America for the program's general operating fund. The money will help fund the program's day-to-day operations and programming for the students of Horizons.

In the photo (from left to right) Back row: Toni Smith, Jacob White and Jadden White . Front row: Chris Nunzio, Horizons Board Chairman, Ruth Auguste, Joshua Auguste and Monty Sayler, Bank of America

