

2006-2007 ACHIEVEMENTS

The East Harlem School continued to strengthen its program by completing the following strategic objectives during 2006-2007.

PROGRAM

Strengthened Curriculum and Teaching: The East Harlem School continues to provide teachers with the training and support to strengthen their skills and enhance our curriculum. This year, Barbara Hawkins, Associate Professor of Language and Education at Columbia University's Teachers College, hosted a workshop for EHS faculty on how to work with students that are English language learners. EHS continued our weekly speaker series, featuring such diverse guest lecturers as Dr. Paul Farmer and Ophelia Dahl, Founders of Partners In Health, Maureen O'Neill, EPA Senior Policy Advisor, and marine biologist, Richard Ellis.

Successfully Expanded Student Body: The East Harlem School successfully concluded its first year of expansion. This year we seamlessly increased our student body from 60-83 students and added 2 new teachers to preserve small class size.

Improved Communication with Families: EHS hired a bilingual program assistant to ensure smooth communication with families, guiding them through the admissions process and delivering weekly student progress reports.

Successful High School Placement: The School's full time High School Placement Director placed the Class of 2007 into competitive independent, parochial, and public schools. We secured financial aid packages to meet the needs of our students and families



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The East Harlem School's after school program is a distinguishing element of the School's work. By engaging students in stimulating and challenging academic, artistic, and athletic activities during the afternoon—when most children in East Harlem are left alone—students learn to develop a passion for involvement in addition to their academic work.

Expanded After School Program: This year, our faculty and students formed IMPACT Partners, a volunteer organization dedicated to serving the needs of EHS and the East Harlem community. The goal of IMPACT Partners is to provide students with opportunities to develop and organize volunteer events for EHS students. A school newspaper was also formed in which students were responsible for the writing, editing, layout, and distribution of the paper. Art and Chess Clubs continued to meet weekly, and the School will add a drama program in the 2007-2008 year.

Strengthened the sports program: We have added soccer to our sports offerings, which include cross-country, track, field sports, swimming, dance, and conditioning. A new lacrosse program will be implemented into the 2007-2008 sports curriculum.

Developed unique opportunities to learn about our government. A six-week seminar led by EHS faculty culminated in an exciting three-day trip to Washington, DC in April, 2007, to learn on-site about the roles that the three branches of government play in establishing policy. After detailed presentations and lively discussions in the classroom, students were able to meet with and interview East Harlem's Congressman and Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Charles B. Rangel; Timothy Reif, Chief Counsel for the Democratic Ways and Means Committee; and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. Students were privileged to tour the Federal Reserve and share lunch with Chairman Ben Bernanke.



Top Left: EHS Students at Christodora Manice Education Center annual 6th grade trip.
Bottom Left: Co-Founder and Head of School, Ivan Hageman, with EHS graduate, Class of '07.

ALUMNI PROGRAM

The School has a dedicated Alumni Counselor to work with each of the School's graduates.

Improved and Strengthened Alumni Program:

Record keeping for this program was also improved by creating and maintaining mission-driven metrics. This year, 11 graduates participated in the School's annual Alumni Panel, a time when alumni share their experiences in high school and college and offer guidance to our current students and their families.

Increased Summer Internship Opportunities for Alumni.

We continued to receive support and funding that enable the School to offer summer fellowships for community service. The third summer of the Brooks Fellowships for Community Service program had 20 participating alumni ranging from the Classes of 2000 to 2007.



The 2007 Morgan Stanley Women Fore Women Golf Invitational benefitted The East Harlem School's Young Women Warriors Program.

SUMMER PROGRAM

The East Harlem School's summer program is an important transition period for our students, both academically and socially. In the mandatory four-week summer program, we reinforce the skills and concepts taught during the school year in small classes (average size is eight students).

Increased summer scholarship opportunities for off-site programs: In addition to attending the EHS Summer Session, many of our students participate in at least one camp or summer program. This year, we leveraged over \$40,000 in scholarship funds for our students to attend summer camps and programs.

ADMINISTRATION & DEVELOPMENT

Continued Raising Funds for \$15M Capital Campaign: In October 2005, EHS publicly announced *The Campaign for The East Harlem School*, a multifaceted \$15M capital campaign to build a new facility on the Exodus House site and create a general endowment. We are thrilled to announce that EHS has raised \$11.25M to date, and construction on the new building has progressed steadily. We will open for the 2008-2009 academic year in our new school building.

Improved and Strengthened the Efforts of the School: EHS continued strengthening the Board of Trustees with the addition of two new members, Debra Beard and Christopher Heinz. The School worked to re-energize and collaborate with the Young Volunteers Committee to plan six Super Saturday volunteer events offering the opportunity for EHS students to spend time with young professionals. This year's Super Saturday events included mock interviews, ice skating, and holiday decoration making for a nearby community center. The YVC also sponsored an EHS spring field day and a trip to the Museum of Natural History. In addition, the development team and YVC and collaborated to plan and execute the School's annual spring Poetry Slam.

PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS

Amherst College, Great Books Program
 Asphalt Green Athletic Center
 Brearley School Summer Start
 Camp Kabeyun
 Carter Burden Center for the Aging
 CityLax
 Cornell University's "Cornell Kids"
 Cornell University Urban Semester
 Facing History and Ourselves
 Fieldstone Middle School
 Figure Skating in Harlem
 Independent School Athletic League
 Jewish Museum
 Lawyers Alliance for New York
 Christodora Manice Education Center
 Miss Porter's Summer Challenge
 National Dance Institute
 New York African Film Festival
 Northwaters Wilderness Program
 Outward Bound School
 Piano School of New York
 Polo Ralph Lauren
 Princeton Class of 1969 Community Service Fund
 Take a Kid Fishing Foundation
 Westover School Summer Program
 Valley's YES Program
 Youth Services Opportunity Project

I can attest that The East Harlem School has been like an oasis in the middle of the desert for my family. The School aims to create well-rounded responsible leaders who, like my daughters, are not only committed to making a positive difference in the world, but also maintaining ties to the East Harlem community.

-Venecia Nunez, EHS Parent