

Horizons Academy Technology, Learning and Resource Center Opens

Horizons Academy, located at Abraham Lincoln High School, unveiled its Technology, Learning and Resource Center at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 1.

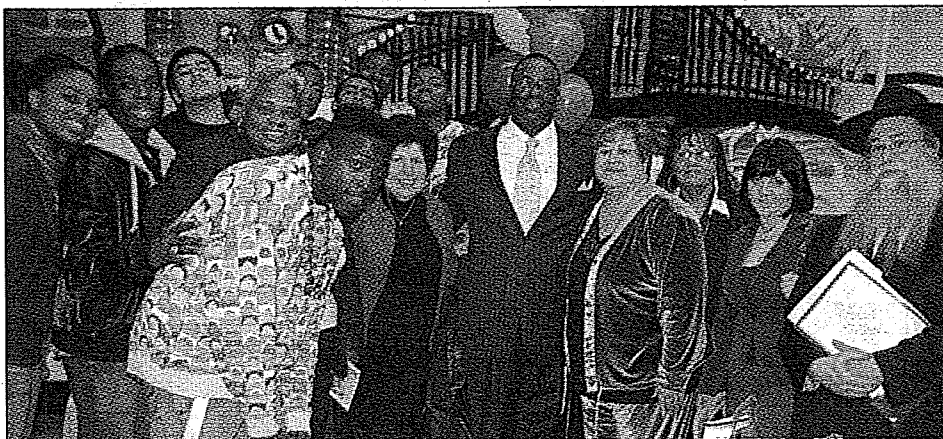
Horizons Academy, a program of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island (JCCGCI) and funded by the NYC Dept. of Youth and Community Development, provides programs for 200 at-risk 11th and 12th grade students at Abraham Lincoln High School and Liberation Diploma Plus High School in college preparation, career-readiness and leadership development.

The new center has 15 computer workstations, as well as a network of printers, scanners, and copy machines for use by Horizons Academy students.

Lincoln/Horizons students helped to paint the room, along with the assistance of Hyman Dennis, professional house painter and Coney Island resident. The students even came to the school to paint during their winter vacation this past December, and volunteered their time to work on New Year's Eve. In addition, Lincoln High alumnus and artist, Miles Wickham, donated his time and talent to re-create a stylized graffiti-inspired version of the Horizons Academy logo on one of the lab walls, which was originally created by David Anderson, development director at Horizons Academy, and Kinna LeBlanc, special events coordinator.

Dickins Alexis, a former Horizons student who was among the speakers at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, said: "I am so thankful for the staff at Horizons Academy and all they did for me."

Other speakers at the event were Rabbi Moshe Wiener, executive director, JCCGCI; Ari Hogenboom, principal, Abraham Lincoln



Participants at the Technology Lab's grand opening (from left): Georganna Deas, economic development specialist, Astella Development Corp.; Judi Orlando, executive director, Astella; David Anderson, director of development, Horizons Academy; Dilia Schack, district leader, 46th Assembly District and representative for Councilman Domenic Recchia; Nadine Dabney, representative for Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny; Yelena Lanchinskene, director, community affairs for Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny; Rabbi Moshe Wiener, executive director, JCCGCI; and Horizons Academy students



Horizons Academy students who gave the school's new technology center walls a fresh coat of paint

High School; and from Horizons Academy: David Anderson, director of development; Marissa Sperling, acting director; and Kinna LeBlanc, special events coordinator.

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Cutting the ceremonial ribbon (from left): Rabbi Moshe Wiener, executive director, JCCGCI; David Anderson, director of development, Horizons Academy; Ari Hogenboom principal, Abraham Lincoln High School; and Horizons Academy students