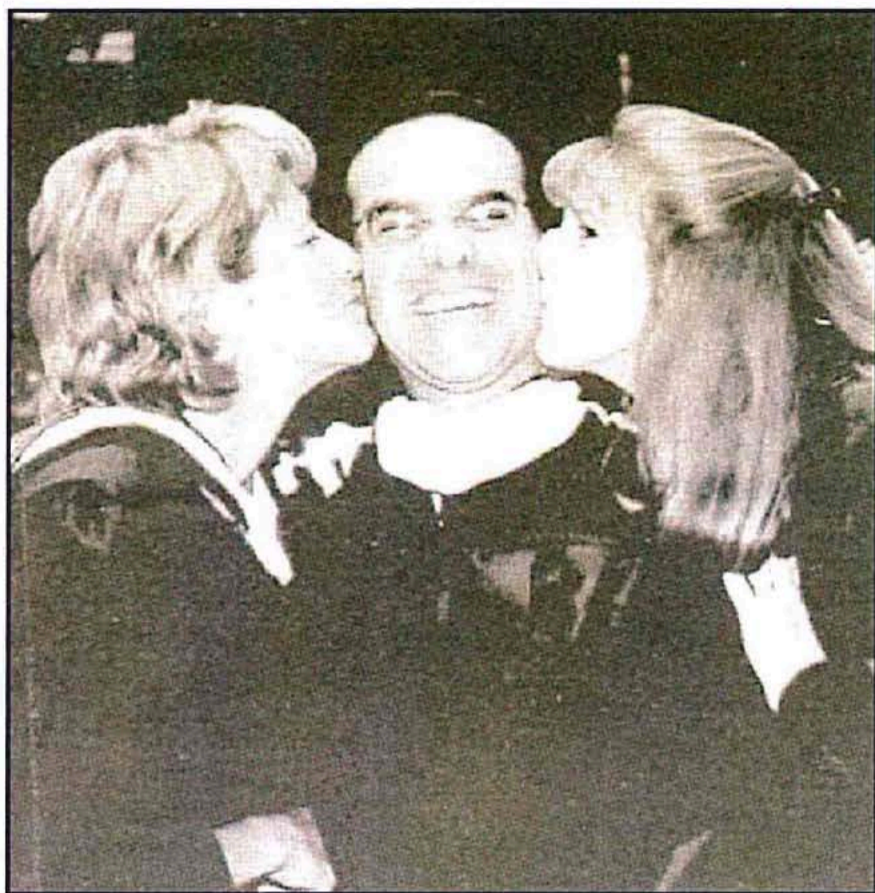




# The Jan Henrick Achievement Award

## NEWSLETTER

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Jan Henrick, former Wharton guidance counselor, Eric Bergholm, former Assistant Principal for Curriculum, and current Guidance Department chair Cindy Rodgers celebrate after graduation 1999, three years before Henrick was diagnosed with breast cancer. *Photo courtesy of Cindy Rodgers*

I remember my mother saying to me, "The greatest gift you can give someone is to listen to them." Being a young lad at the time, I wasn't too impressed with having to listen to "someone" talk and talk, especially when I knew everything.

Jan Henrick had a unique gift. She could talk and talk and she could listen to everything you were saying! Jan could relate to children, teenagers, young adults and the rest of us. She could be multi-tasking with five or more students and be totally aware of the young lady sitting in front of her who desperately needs help in obtaining enough credits to graduate with her class. Her athleticism made her a favorite with student athletes requiring counseling in maintaining their GPA. Teachers and other counselors sought her opinion. Parents besieged her at school, the pool, the grocery store and everywhere we went. Jan Henrick was a "listener." To unequivocally prove my point, I will share a true story.

Jan and I loved to canoe down the Hillsborough River.

This particular day was sunny and very warm. We did our picnic along the way and proceeded to the pickup point. While we waited for the canoe people to come, two canoes with three people each came ashore. They appeared lost but they spoke a foreign language, so I really wasn't sure. As I gathered our gear, Jan wandered over to the group. The bus pulled into the park area and I loaded our things aboard. When I turned around to call Jan, there she was leading the group to the bus. The six foreign students climbed on board, tired and very hungry. "What's up?" I asked. It seems the students are visiting area colleges for possible exchange opportunities. They rented the canoes like us, but had no idea where they were going. It had taken them six hours to get to the three hour part of the journey. Not one of them had a clue where they were and who was going to get them back to their car. How did Jan find out about all of this if none of the students spoke English and she doesn't speak their language? She described listening to each student and being able to decipher little bits of information until she saw their canoe rental form. She was able to communicate their location via the map and that help was on the way. Getting off the bus, all six students gave Jan a big hug before getting into their car.

Even if we don't speak the same language, we just have to listen a little more attentively and the message will become understandable.

Kevin



Special thanks to all of Jan's volunteers for their continued support: Joyce Jakubowski-Administration, Lydia Mangual-Accounting, Steve Barnier-CPA, and special thanks to the Runyan Family-David, Michele, Kristina and Amanda. Also Rick Henrick, for his ongoing involvement and guidance.

*In Loving Memory of Jan Henrick*  
July 28, 1954—February 4, 2004







# Letters of Appreciation...

Dear Kevin Bohne,

Thank you for allowing me the chance to be able to join you on November 29, 2008 for dinner. Although I couldn't attend the Jan Henrick Achievement Award ceremony due to family issues, I thank you for taking your time to allow the other winners and I to join you for dinner. I would have been glad to meet you and any other guests present. I'm sure that Mrs. Henrick was an amazing person and I would have been glad to meet her as well. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Nathan Acety

Dear Mr. Kevin Bohne,

Thank you so much! I feel so honored and more inspired to serve my community. I hope we can all continue to influence each other for the best.

Once again, thank you!  
Sincerely,

Gladys Garcia 2009

Dear Kind Sir,

I'm so sorry for missing the awards ceremony. I REALLY wanted to go to the ceremony and meet you, but unexpectedly I got sick. So now I'm writing this letter saying that I'm truly sorry for making you do all of that for me and then I didn't show up. I just wish that you would understand and I also wish that I wouldn't have gotten sick on the same day as the ceremony. So, kind sir, I appreciate what you did for me and again, I'm so sorry for missing the ceremony.

Signed,

Cynthia Mejia

P.S. Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!!!

Kevin Bohne

I want to say thank you so much for the Jan Henrick Achievement Award. To show how much this award means to me I even wrote it in cursive the same way the award was written to me. Since I won the award, things have gotten better. This is probably the only year I have been this happy and it's getting better. I feel so lucky to have won the award because I can't remember winning anything. I see now when you do good things great things happen to you. I had a lot of things happen that I want to write about but I'm running out of time and need to get on my class work.

From: Jrakkar Jenkins

Dear Mr. Bohne,

It was and is a privilege to be honored with the Jan Henrick Achievement Award. How amazing that your tradition continues to recognize students' achievements; building self-esteem and encouragement. I am truly appreciative of the recognition. Thank you.

With Best Wishes,  
Katelynn Graham  
Wharton High School

Dear Kevin Bohne,

I would just like to start off by thanking you again for the great award I received from you. It is an amazing gift, which will greatly help me this Christmas. I am going to be spending it all on my family. I already picked out a beautiful bracelet that I am going to get for my mother! My parents were recently divorced, and it has been a very rough time in my life. I have never really had enough money to get exactly what I wanted to get my family for Christmas. The Jan Henrick Achievement Award is going to allow me to get the things I have always wanted to give to my family. I do my best in everything I do, in and out of school. I make all the right choices in my life just like my mother has taught me. I have finally been noticed and rewarded for it! The award has really impacted me and made me realize that people are always watching, and doing what's right is one of the most important things in life. It is a wonderful experience to win this award and I have you and Mrs. Scholl to thank. I really appreciate it. I cannot say thank you enough!

THANK YOU!

Matthew Noble

Dear Jan Henrick's Family,

Thank you for allowing me to be one of the recipients for your award. I used all of the money to support my family as well as myself. They were appreciative and wanted to say thank you as well. I cannot thank you enough in words, but I really am grateful and my blessings go out to your family.

Thank you,

Jasmine St. Clair

Dear Mr. Bohne,

I am writing to let you know how much I appreciate the Jan Henrick Achievement Award. I deeply regret my absence at the awards dinner. My family and I had already purchased airline tickets to Michigan for Thanksgiving. We were very disappointed we could not be there.

My family and I are very proud of this award. Achieving the Jan Henrick Award keeps me motivated and focused to continue to work hard at school, and it makes me feel good to know my hard work is recognized.

Thank you again,

Tyler Ericson

Dear Mr. Bohne,

I would like to thank you for your enormous generosity.

I had a great time at the banquet. The food was delicious and the atmosphere inspiring. The amount of effort you put toward this program is simply astonishing. For what it's worth, you have my utmost admiration. If only you knew how much this award affected me. To know that someone has acknowledged my struggles and accomplishments is simply inspiring. I always believed that Christmas was the season of miracles, but I never thought I would be so lucky to embrace it. For the first time ever, I was able to buy Christmas presents for my family. So I just wish to say thank you for the gift cards and thank you for selecting me for the Jan Henrick Achievement Award.

Sincerely,  
Victor Salgado

P.S. Have a Merry Christmas.





# Letters of Appreciation...

Dear Mr. Bohne,

I apologize for not attending the Jan Henrick Achievement Award Ceremony. My family decided to go to my uncle's house in Orlando for the Thanksgiving holiday. I am honored to receive this award and would like to thank the Committee for selecting me. I will put this money to good use and strive for excellence in the memory of Mrs. Henrick.

Thanks again,

Arlex Tarazona

Dear Mr. Bohne,

I am very thankful to be able to receive the Jan Henrick Achievement Award. I never thought I would be given anything like this. It made me extremely happy and proud because I have been working really hard to be able to graduate in May 2009 with my class. I go to Plant City High School full time and take about 3 online classes through Florida Virtual. And when I was given this, it made me want to work 10 times harder. I'm behind in credits but I'm doing everything that I can to reach my goal and be able to walk across the stage with my fellow classmates. Thank you so much for the \$150 gift card to Walmart and giving me this award. I hope to see you again in May.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Thompson

Dear Mr. Kevin Bohne

I wanted to say I am honored for being picked for the Jan Henrick Achievement Award. I am very sorry that I could not make it last Saturday. I hope you and your family have a happy holiday and God bless you and your family for honoring me and the other students for this. I just want to say thank you one more time and I am very sorry I could not make it for dinner.

Sincerely,

Derek Walters

I want to say thank you very much for giving me such an amazing award. It's absolutely wonderful and I was very happy that I got picked to be one of the people to receive it. Hearing my name called for this award was amazing and wonderful. I'm thankful and very appreciative and excited, and just many more things. I'm not sure what I did to get an award like this but thank you very, very, very much. I don't think I've ever been given such a gift as this. I really can't compare this to anything I've gotten. But I just want to say thank you and I'm very happy because of you. Have a wonderful day and bye.

Sincerely, Heather Waite

12/16/08

Dear Mr. Bohne:

My name is Amber and I recently received the Jan Henrick Achievement Award and I wanted to write you a letter and thank you. I have never personally received an award before and I took the money to Walmart and for the first time in 18 years bought my family members a gift that I can actually say was from me.

The dinner was wonderful and I just wanted to say thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,  
Amber Willhite

Dear Mr. Bohne,

I wanted to thank you so much for the award, the dinner, and the gift cards. It was all great. The dinner was really nice, and the gift cards were even better. I never thought that I would get an award like this, but I am very happy that I did. I have recently won a college scholarship for a four-year tuition to any college in Florida. I would love to go to the University of Florida. I want to be a veterinarian one day as I love animals. Again, I just wanted to thank you for the award, the dinner, and the gift cards.

Thank you so much,  
Sincerely,

Ashlyn Wasden

## Thank You

I would like to thank the family of Mrs. Henrick for giving me a chance to be recognized for being a good person and doing something positive. As a former foster teen I have always lived with the idea that most people feel that foster kids are all bad. So it's a great privilege to receive the Jan Henrick Award. Now I have something to tell the teens that I talk to in foster care: That if you do good things and people see you doing good things, good things always happen to you no matter where you come from.

Renaldo Gordon

Dear Mr. Bohne,

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With Best Wishes,  
Katelynn Graham  
Wharton High School



# CAMINITI EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION CENTER

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*From left to right: Rick Henrick, Kevin Bohne and Robin Hilgenberg (Caminiti)*

Dear Mr. Bohne:

Thank you for the generous gift of \$1,500 from the Jan Henrick Achievement Award. The support you continue to show Caminiti Exceptional Center is appreciated so very much.

Approximately 200 students ages 3 to 21 years are educated at Caminiti. The school vision is "To actively pursue the concept of full citizenship for our students, so that they are perceived as contributing members of the community."

Through dedication, commitment and generous donations, our children benefit daily from our community and people like you who assist them in achieving their goals. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Haupt  
President  
Caminiti Exceptional Center PTA

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**Caminiti Exceptional Center** has taken the monies from the Jan Henrick Achievement Award and combined them with some PTA monies in order to purchase a Mogul Slide to add to the existing playground on campus. We always try to purchase something that we know Jan would have liked to use when she and Robin taught Adapted Physical Education together.

Thanks for thinking of us and our special students!

Robin Hilgenberg and Anne Smith  
Adapted Physical Education Specialists



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**SCHOOL VISION:** To actively pursue the concept of full citizenship for our students, so that they are perceived as contributing members of the community.

**SCHOOL MISSION:** To expand our community participation and increase the appropriate interaction between handicapped and non-handicapped individuals in order to improve the community's perception of our students.

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## PASCO EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

Dear Mr. Bohne:

On behalf of the Pasco Education Foundation, Inc., thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000.00 at our "Building the Dream" luncheon. We are honored that you chose to share the time with us and for your pledge of support over the next five years. This award will allow us to better serve the students and employees of Pasco County public schools.

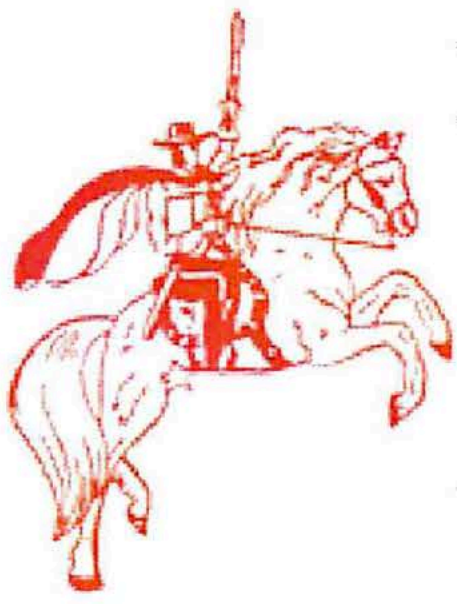
Since 1991, the Pasco Education Foundation has provided enhanced educational opportunities to the students and employees of the District School Board of Pasco County. We strive to support and promote Pasco County Schools and to recognize the achievements of its employees and students through recognition events, classroom grants and scholarship opportunities.

The Pasco Education Foundation, Inc. allows individuals, like you, the opportunity to offer meaningful support to our schools and students. The beneficiaries are our most precious resource, our children. On behalf of Pasco Education Foundation Board of Directors, the staff, and especially the students we serve, thank you again for your support.

Warmest regards,

Chip Wichmanowski  
Executive Director





# PLANT CITY HIGH SCHOOL

# 2008 Award Winners

*Alton Honors  
 Kayla Lunsford  
 Ricardo Martinez  
 Cynthia Mejia  
 Craig Morrison  
 Victor Salgado*

*April Sapp  
 Elexus Shaw  
 Jessica Thompson  
 Ashlyn Wasden  
 Tia Watson  
 Amber Willhite*



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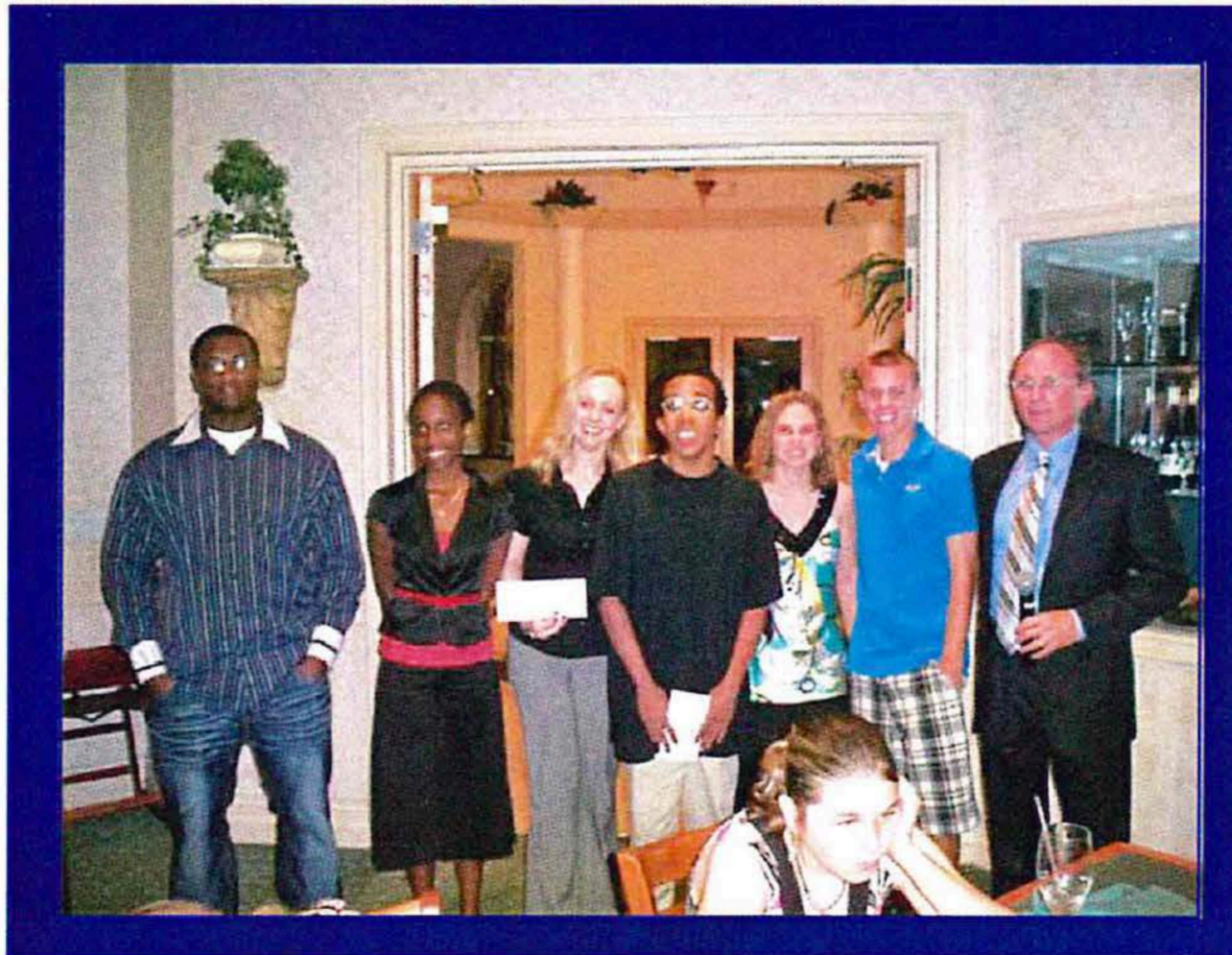


# PAUL R. WHARTON HIGH SCHOOL

## 2008 Award Winners

*Nathan Acety  
Tyler Ericson  
Gladys Garcia  
Reynaldo Gordon  
Katelynn Graham  
Jrakkar Jenkins*

*Matt Noble  
Anthony Perry  
Jasmine St. Clair  
Arlex Tarazona  
Heather Waite  
Derek Walters*



Some Student Photos Not Available



# 2008 Second Annual Jan Henrick Achievement Award Benefit Golf Tournament

Below are pictures from the Second Annual Jan Henrick Achievement Award Golf Tournament which was held on November 29, 2008 at Heritage Isles Golf & Country Club in Tampa, Florida to raise funds for the Jan Henrick Achievement Award Fund. All proceeds from the tournament were given to students from Wharton and Plant City High Schools as well as the Caminiti Exceptional Center in Tampa and The Pasco Education Foudation.

A great round of golf and dinner with the students and their guests were part of the day's activities, along with presentations by Marcie Scholl (Wharton High School), Sherrie Mueller (Plant City High School), and Kevin Bohne, Director of the Jan Henrick Achievement Award.

## Hole Sponsors For the Second Annual Jan Henrick Achievement Award Benefit Golf Tournament



And The Winners Are.....





# The Jan Henrick Achievement Award

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Just before Christmas 2002, Jan and I had discussed what we could do that would bring hope and happiness to someone for the holidays. Jan, having retired from the school system, wanted to give something back to the school. From our efforts, we were able to enlist the support of Wharton High School, Plant City High School, and agreed on the following: twelve (12) students (chosen by faculty members) who, during the year, had turned their lives around in some way, i.e., better grades, attendance and overall positive attitude, even when faced with great odds would each receive \$150 to spend as they pleased.



The Jan Henrick Award is also awarded to Caminiti Exceptional Center, which is a special education school and the Pasco Education Foundation, Inc.

Thank you everyone for your continued generosity. Your contributions will help bring hope and happiness to these special students. **Remember, all proceeds (100%) are given to the students.**



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