

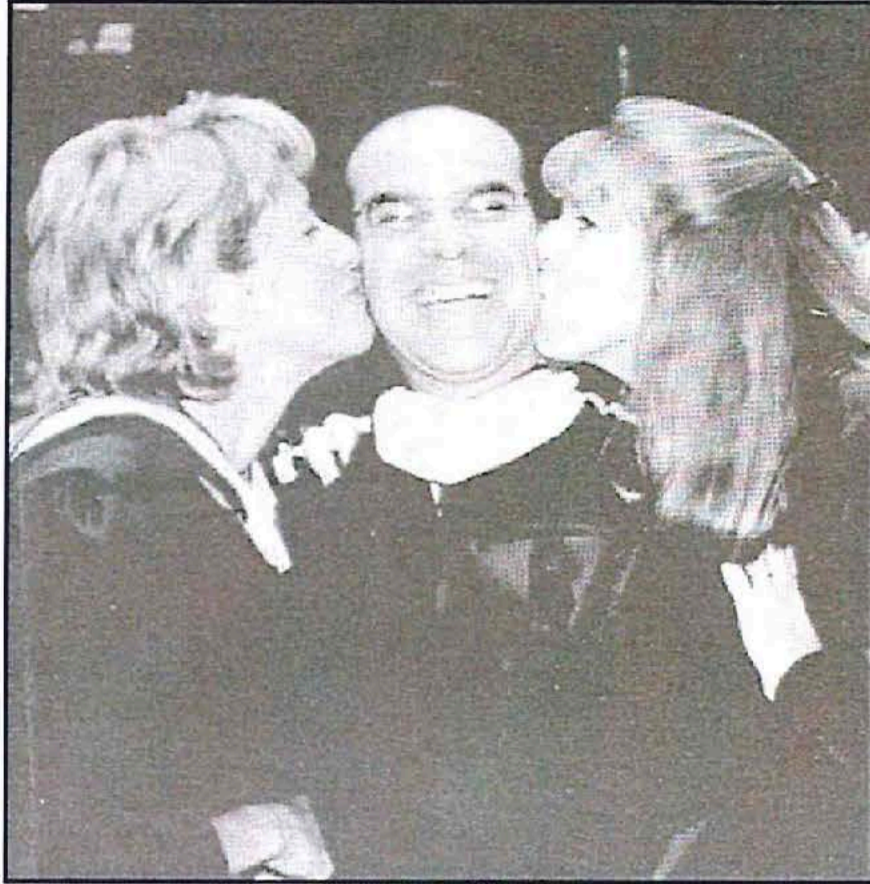


The Jan Henrick Achievement Award

NEWSLETTER

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Henrick's memory creates new traditions



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*

As the years go by so quickly, I'm finding it necessary to search my memory of all the wonderful things Jan stood for. I have resolved to share some of our personal lives with everyone in the hope that you, too, will have a very fond remembrance of your time with Jan.

Jan and I were both older when we got married. Our hopes were to start a family and settle down. Jan had taken the position of Guidance Counselor at Hunters Green Elementary and we decided to build a home in Pebble Creek (New Tampa).

On a Saturday just before school began, I arrived home and made my way into the bedroom to change. Upon entering the room, I saw covering the entire bed were piles of new, young boys' underwear and tee shirts neatly sorted into different sizes. My computer like mind quickly assessed the situation and within seconds concluded that I was going to be a daddy!!! Since my interaction with children had always been minimal, I obviously neglected to recognize that the diaper stage had been completely left out. Just then I heard Jan coming in the door. I rushed

down the hall to share in our good news, when I tripped over several large shopping bags and fell on the floor. While I gathered myself, I noticed strewn throughout the room were new young girls' underwear and tee shirts in many different colors and sizes. Twins I exclaimed!!! Jan is looking at me like I had lost my mind. Your pregnant with twins, the boys' and girls' underwear and tee shirts are for the babies, right? Immediately her hands went to her hips and with a chorus of "no, no, no", she went on to explain what was going on ...

During her previous years working at the Elementary level, Jan knew that young children would have accidents. Whether it was a toilet accident or spilled milk on their shirt, that child would have to spend the rest of the day feeling uncomfortable. When that child came to Jan's office, the child was given either the underwear or the tee shirt. Not only did the new stuff feel good, but it restored that child's self esteem. In Jan's words, "It takes a bad day and makes it a little better."

Kevin



"Original Wharton Staff"

In Loving Memory of Jan Henrick

July 28, 1954—February 4, 2004



Letters of Appreciation...

Dear Mr. Bohne:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to meet you that Saturday evening. It was a nice experience shopping that day. Also it was very nice to know the story of your wife's life. Even though she is gone, you were strong to share with us her life. After knowing your wife's life, she became a role model in my life and one day I want to be able to do the things she does for others. After receiving the gift it made me feel proud of myself for doing the right thing at school.

Once again, thanks for the money because I really needed a make over in my room and I was able to do it.

Sincerely,

Jenivette Laureano

Dear Committee,

I want to thank you for the award money. I want to do you a favor. You name it. I appreciate the hard work you put into this award so thank you again for all your hard work.

One of the Winners,
Ashley Weeks

Dear Jan Henrick Committee:

I would like to take the time to thank you for the hundred and fifty dollar gift card to Wal-Mart. I appreciate someone realizing I work very hard in school. I just want to assure you that I will continue to work hard because you've shown me you will be rewarded for doing good things. Once again I thank you with all my heart.

Sincerely,

Heather Mallory

Thank you for the \$150 during Christmas time. We were going to have problems with the lack of Christmas funds. With the money I received, I bought myself, my little brother and my sister gifts. They enjoyed the gifts and still play with them.

Thank you (again),

Kanaan Pinkney

Mr. Bohne:

Thank you once again for the award you made possible for the students of Plant City.

Mr. Bohne, have a very Merry Christmas with your family.

From: Jose Sanchez

Dear Kevin Bohne:

I think it was very nice of you to give us the money for all of our hard work and smart decisions. I appreciate it very much. It was very kind of you to be giving money to us. We all thank you a lot. I think what you are doing and the team that helps you out with this are great because some students like me have problems with money and not to make you feel sorry for me, but it helped me out and probably other students as well.

Once again thank you very much and I read the pamphlets that you have given out and I will always look back and remember Jan and you. I'm sorry about what happened to Jan and also bringing it up. But you're strong and I can see that. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Ian Eastman

PS Hope you can read this!



Dear Mr. Kevin Bohne,
Thank you very much for the award, the gift certificate, and for choosing me for the award. I know there were many to choose from, and by choosing me, I realized that I was doing good and should keep it up.

Thank you Mr. Bohne,

Sincerely,
Aciel Bincha

Dear Mr. Bohne:



I thank you so much for our award. It means a lot to receive your warm hot chocolate kindness. Just the thought of your generosity brightens my cloudy days with your sunshine.

My appreciation grows admirably and will always remain a special place in my heart. Since that day, I became more grateful and happy to receive your gift, and even though others can't celebrate Christmas, it gave me an opportunity to give back to the ones I love. It's nice to know that average people can get rewarded for the simplest things in life. I wish more people could be like you and your kind warmth. I wish you well and a good year.

Thank you soooooo much.
It means a lot!

Yours sincerely,
Bianca Fleming





Letters of Appreciation...

To the Jan Henrick Achievement Award Group

At this time I would like to thank the group for the \$150 gift. I appreciate the award very much.

Sincerely,

Anthony Rivera

Dear Jan Henrick's Award Association:

Thank you again for the award. I have spent my Christmas extra special. I never thought that I would get an award from school. The award made me motivate myself to do better and I will keep on doing my best.

Sincerely, So Woo Yu

Thank You

I would like to thank you for this wonderful award. I appreciate what you & Jan have done to recognize the students in their achievements. I will continue to do my best, and maybe someday in the future, I will be able to give to students the same recognition for their achievements.

Feda Shalabi

Dear Mr. Bohne,

Thank you so very much for the Jan Henrick Award. I'm one of the students chosen by my staff at Wharton High School.

I can't believe the kindness, love, and generosity behind this award. You're so kind to continue on with it in your wife's behalf. A sparkle was added to my holiday season and I appreciate it so very much. Mr. Bohne, you're truly "one in a million."

Sincerely,

Dalton Gerst

How weird was that to be randomly chosen out of so many other nominations? What else to say but a big fat thank you. I've never won anything like that before. \$150 of my own money is just wonderful. The nomination was from none other than Ms. Woolley. She has got to be the nicest, most generous teacher in this school.

Receiving the Jan Henrick Achievement Award was definitely unexpected, and to hear the story behind that award, and how it got started and why, is simply inspiring. So, Thank You Jan Henrick for seeing the glass "just plain full" and for being such a strong, giving and caring individual. Thank you for having believed in your students and creating this organization to award them. Her memory lives on and is very much alive.

An overall thank you to Kevin Bohne for continuing with the award fund, to Florida Gas & Electric for sponsoring it, to Ms. Woolley for being her lovely self and nominating me out of countless others, to Ms. Scholl for being awesome and always excited about something, and also for caring so much for the students of Wharton High School, as does Ms. Woolley. A final thank you to Jan Henrick. If it wasn't for her determination and always seeing the glass as "plain full," I and those other 11 students would not have even been thought about, so thank you very much. My endless appreciation to all of you.

Sincerely,
Bethsy Plaisir

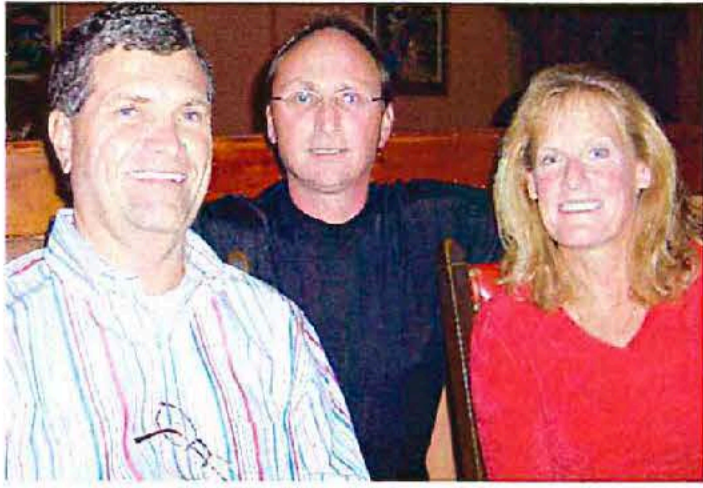
Dear Kevin and Committee,

Thanks a lot for choosing me and giving me the pleasure of receiving the award of \$150.00 gift card to Wal-Mart. I was thrilled to have the opportunity of celebrating the most precious, valuable, exciting couple of hours with you guys and the rest of the lucky students that also won. I think in a way, I deserve this since I'm a senior and trying my hardest in school right now. I come to school everyday, I make good grades, and I'm always on my best behavior. When I got called down to the office I didn't know what to think. I was kind of surprised knowing that I haven't gotten into any trouble or been in any conflict with anyone.

Thanks a lot for everything. Wal-Mart was real and Wal-Mart was very nice. Well, hey, Wal-Mart was real nice and thanks again. It was also an honor to know that someone actually sees the actions I'm taking and is congratulating me for them. I appreciate Jan Henrick Achievement Award for selecting me and wanting me to be the one to spend their money.

Sincerely,
Kenyetta Holt

CAMINITI EXCEPTIONAL CENTER



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

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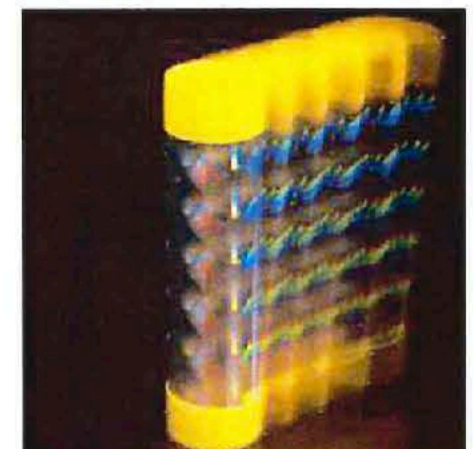
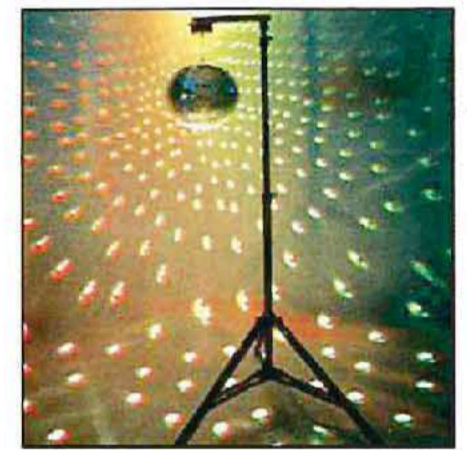
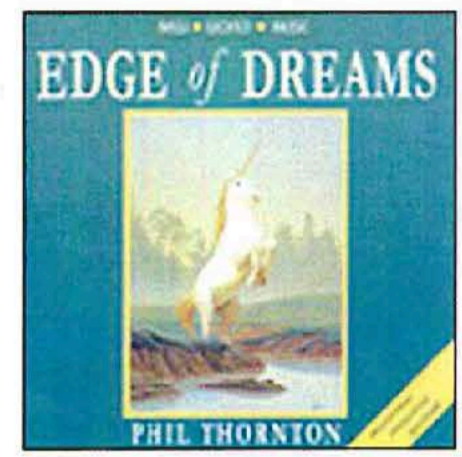
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous contribution towards instruments for Caminiti Exceptional Center. With these funds, we have purchased six drums and three tambourines. All of our students love to play the new instruments and love the colorful sound.

The Jan Henrick Achievement Award Fund has truly improved each and every student's musical experience here at Caminiti Exceptional Center.

Thank you again!

Sincerely yours,
Lois Bassim
Music Specialist
Caminiti Exceptional Center

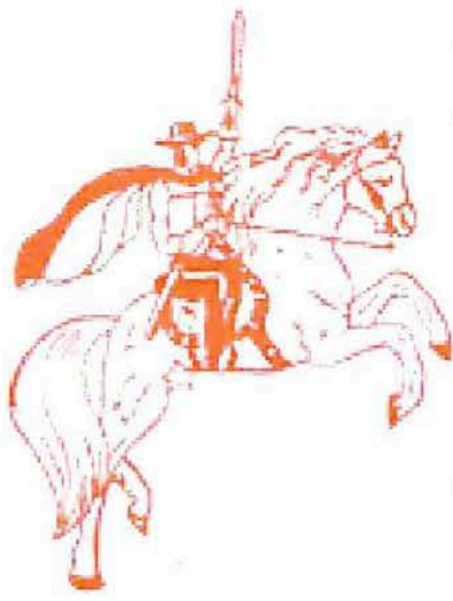
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SCHOOL VISION: To actively pursue the concept of full citizenship for our students, so that they are perceived as contributing members of the community.

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.

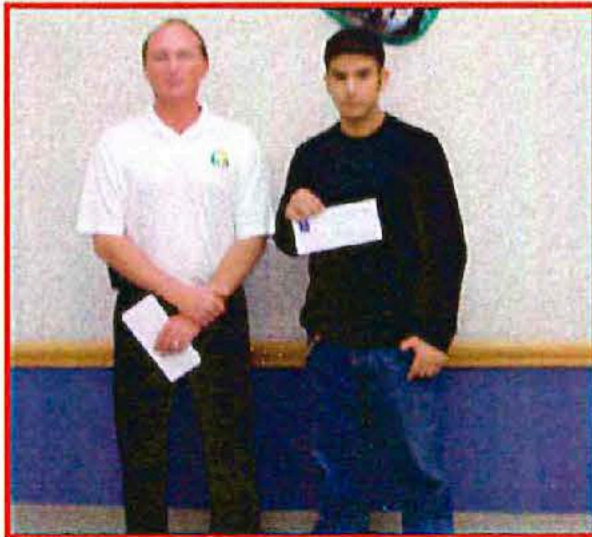
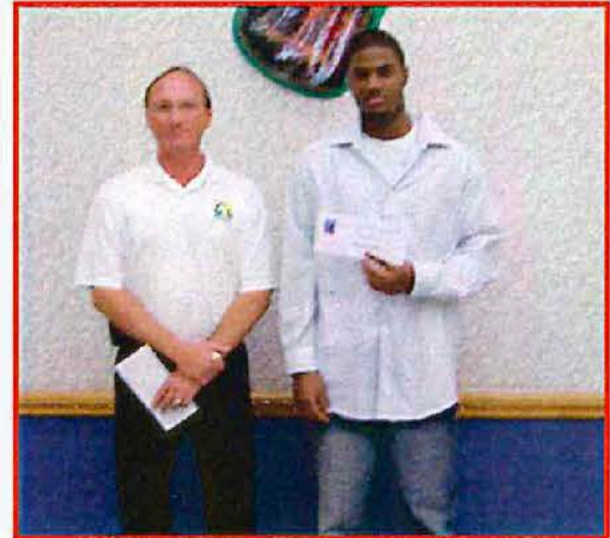


PLANT CITY HIGH SCHOOL

2007 Award Winners

*Aciel Binzha
Yajaira Gasca
Pablo Monzon
Jose Sanchez
Sade Silverio
Xavier Vega*

*Devin Brewster
Charles Lucas
Marissa Ordaz
Feda Shalabi
Joaquin Torres
Brittney Yates*





PAUL R. WHARTON HIGH SCHOOL

2007 Award Winners

*Ian Eastman
Dalton Gerst
Jenivette Laureano
Kanaan Pinkney
Anthony Rivera
Ashley Weeks*

*Bianca Fleming
Kenyetta Holt
Heather Mallory
Bethsy Plaisir
Alfonso Guerreiro-Rodriquez
So Woo Yu*



2007 First Annual Jan Henrick Achievement Award Benefit Golf Tournament

Below are pictures from the First Annual Jan Henrick Achievement Award Golf Tournament which was held on October 5, 2007 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.

A great round of golf and dinner were part of the day's activities along with presentations by Marcie Scholl and Robin Hilgenberg (Caminiti).



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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.



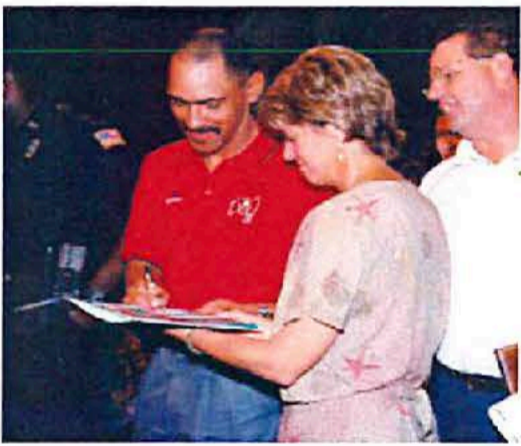
The Jan Henrick Award is also awarded to Caminiti Exceptional Center, which is a special education school. Your contributions help give these students equipment for their play yard and high-tech equipment that can be used as teaching tools. This is made possible by Robin Hilgenberg.

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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