



Horizons at Warner wishes you the best in 2019!



## Thank You...

As we march into 2019, we would like to thank you for the incredible impact that you have on our students' lives. We at Horizons at Warner are grateful for all of your generous support.

*Because of you, Horizons at Warner has had nine incredible summers. Your support has allowed founder Dr. Lynn Gatto to develop the program into a quality summer enrichment resource for improving the lives of children and families in the Rochester City School District that are living in poverty. Additionally, Lynn has given Julia Postler the opportunity to work side by side with her on innovations such as year-round tutoring for K-3rd grade, a LEGO Robotics League, parent engagement throughout the year, and Kindergarten recruiting through a partnership with Summer LEAP. Using the tools Lynn has provided her, Julia is looking forward to her new role as the Executive Director of Horizons at Warner.*

## Barnes and Noble Blowout!

Our 2018 book fair event went great, thanks to everyone that came out to support us.

This year we included fun science games with UR Neuroscience students. The big winner of a science-themed gift basket was our very own student, Akeem Jeffries!

Thanks to your support, we



were able to raise over \$600 for books in the coming summer.

## In Search of: Professional Skills Speaker

You all have a skill to share that is important to Horizons at Warner. Maybe you are an expert at writing resumes, maybe you have great phone skills, maybe you are familiar with tax forms...

As part of our 9th grade workforce preparation curriculum, Teacher Assistants in Training (TAITs), we are introducing daily workshops on a range of job and life skills from **experienced professionals**. This instruction is **critical** for our young adult participants, who will soon **transition into adulthood**, and will focus on basic functions like how to manage a bank account, who to ask for a letter of recommendation, how to find job listings that match their credentials, and more.

If you are interested in conducting a training session, please email Julia!

## 2018 Volunteer and Board Expo!

We had a great time exchanging ideas with fellow non-profit organizations around Rochester and meeting volunteers from the community at United Way's 3rd annual Volunteer and Board Expo on November 7th.

If you know someone who may be interested in volunteering or serving on our Horizons at Warner Advisory Board, please contact Julia Postler.



## Volunteer Highlight

Our 2018-2019 AmeriCorps VISTA, **Jaima Cicero**! The VISTA is responsible for the behind the scenes of Horizons at Warner, creating systems for sustainability, recruiting volunteers, and building capacity through program outreach and community partnerships. The position is a one-year federally founded one, allowing us an extra set of hands in transforming our students' academic and professional journeys. We



are searching for our next VISTA to start in June. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Julia.

## Coming Up...

### Mentor Bowling Event

Thanks to the generosity of a Horizon's supporter, this year we are able to host our first Critical Friend gathering. This event, which is being held in January at L & M Lanes, will allow mentors, consisting of Horizon's donors and friends, and student mentees to meet and share resources with one another.

### Kindergarten "K" Day

In February, Julia will host our new Kindergarten students and their families for a meet-and-greet, where they will learn the details about Horizons at Warner and their responsibilities to the program! There will be refreshments and fun activities for the children.

*Don't forget to like us on Facebook at Horizons at Warner/University of Rochester!*

*Sincerely,  
Horizons at Warner*

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