



SEO Scholars Program

March 2010 Update

Class of 2010 College Admissions

With the admissions season still in the early stages, 36 of the 60 high school seniors in the Scholars Program have already received college admission offers, many from top schools, including **Babson, Colby, Dartmouth, Mount Holyoke, Wesleyan** and **Williams**.

To date, scholarships and awards total more than \$450,000, with five students awarded full-tuition **Posse Foundation Scholarships**, and two among the 104 winners nationwide of \$20,000 **Horatio Alger Scholarships**.



SEO is grateful to our college and university partners for providing classroom and meeting space for the Scholars Program.

NYU Law School

Baruch College

NYU Polytechnic

LIU Brooklyn

These in-kind donations are essential to the success of the Scholars Program, providing facilities and services that give our students the chance to experience learning on a college campus.

Welcome Class of 2013!

In January 2010, SEO welcomed ninth grade students into the high school Class of 2013. Though we received more than 450 applications -- 100 more than last year -- we were forced to reduce the class size from 80 to 60 due to budget limitations.

These students, who attend 33 high schools around the city, will participate in all-day academic sessions most Saturdays during the school year, one after-school session during the week and the three-week Summer Academy.

They will also participate in the enrichment and college guidance activities that will help them gain admission to competitive colleges nationwide.

The average family income of students in the new class is less than \$33,000.



Two 9th graders solve a math problem together.



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The Fellowship Initiative

J.P. Morgan has been a long-time sponsor of SEO's Scholars and Career Programs and has recently selected SEO as one of the founding partners of **The Fellowship Initiative (TFI)**, a collaborative effort launched by the **JPMorgan Chase Foundation** to expand educational and employment opportunities for young men of color.

Beginning in the summer of 2010, the first cohort of 30 Fellows, all rising 10th grade students in NYC public schools, will participate in SEO's rigorous academic programming, which focuses on the core skills needed for college and career success.

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4.0 Expanding Career Horizons for Talented Youth

Fostering Agile Minds

Based on an evaluation of top research-supported approaches to math learning, SEO is piloting the **Agile Mind** system, developed at the Dana Center at the University of Texas based on research by Dr. Philip Uri Treisman.

specifically to support math achievement for underserved students.

In the classroom, the system enhances instructor-led teaching, and outside of class students can access Agile Mind online to review and further strengthen their understanding of the lessons.

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Agile Mind, which is delivered via the internet, is designed

College Scholars Winter Retreat



SEO Board Member Steven Wolfe Pereira helps College Scholar Marquita Flowers practice networking skills at the retreat.

The College Scholars Program Winter Retreat, co-sponsored by **Time Warner**, the **Museum of American Finance** and **NYU Law School**, was held in January.

In addition to 113 SEO College Scholars, students from **A Better Chance** and the **Jackie Robinson Foundation** attended.

The retreat equips students with effective strategies for thriving on campus, prepares

them to secure summer internships, and gives them the opportunity to meet experienced professionals representing a broad range of careers.

Executives from more than thirty companies, including **Citi, Con Ed, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs, Google, PricewaterhouseCoopers** and **Skadden Arps** led career information sessions, participated on panels, and attended a reception to help students practice networking skills.