

New Horizons Educational Foundation Scholarships

The *New Horizons Educational Foundation* at its Board of Directors meeting on January 22, 2009 approved **\$32,500** in scholarships, honorariums, and incentives to NHREC students. Although the Foundation's Golf Classic revenue was lower than 2007-2008 (due to economic times), the Foundation agreed to use savings to keep scholarship funding at the same level and in fact increase honorariums by \$1,000. Fantastic business support! Funding will support: **CTE scholarships - \$17,500 (8 at 2,000 and 1 at \$1,500), Governor's School scholarships - \$5,500 (2 at \$2,000 and 1 at \$1,500), CTE Honorariums (offset expenses entering employment) \$5,000 (10 at \$500), and Special Education Incentives (rewards for academic and behavior achievement) - \$4,500.** Applications for scholarships will be distributed the first week of March and must be submitted with counselor recommendations by April 13, 2009.



NHREC Annual Counselor/Administrator Appreciation Breakfast



Although weather predictions canceled the January 20th session, the session on the 21st was most successful and **received great praise from over 125 counselors and administrators** in attendance. The theme "Preparing Innovators/Technologists for the Peninsula Workforce" featured guest speakers James Batterson - Former NASA Scientist and Special Assistant to Virginia Secretary of Education, Dr. Robert Leber - Chair of Virginia Workforce Council/The Apprentice School at Northrop Grumman, Rhonda Bunn - Human Resources/Public Relations Manager at Canon Virginia, and Robert Baker - Plant Manager for Alcoa Howmet Castings. Those present also received an orientation to the Governor's Academy for Innovation, Technology and Engineering (GAITE) which is being facilitated by NHREC and focuses on Engineering Technology, specifically Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Technology, and pathways to TNCC and ODU that involves Modeling and Simulation.

\$2 Million Manufacturing Grant

Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC) was recently awarded a \$2 million Department of Labor Community Based Grant in partnership with area businesses and NHREC. This was a wonderful collaborative effort coordinated by TNCC and will assist in providing a pipeline of employees for the expanding Peninsula workforce in Machine Technology and Welding. **The grant will help NHREC to return Machine Technology to a full-time a.m. and p.m. program with a focus on Computer Numerical Controls (CNC), assist in retrofitting the old welding lab at New Horizons' Woodside Lane Campus, and expand its training capacity through the use of TNCC facilities.**

CFA Student Nathan Roney Participates in Leadership/SCA

Nathan Roney, a Newport News student at New Horizons' Center for Autism, participates in Leadership/SCA and serves as group photographer. The Leadership/SCA group meets twice a month and generates ideas on how to improve the school environment and give back to the community. Students are chosen for being good citizens and promoting the 4 B's of behavior in the school: Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Corporative, and Be Respectful. Projects have included a canned food drive in November and a coin collection in December to purchase basic need items for homeless citizens in Newport News. Additionally, the group reads to kindergartners for half an hour each day. Nathan's photos will be used in the school's yearbook and to promote the Leadership Committee's achievements and contributions throughout the year.

