



**HORIZONS**  
Sacred Heart University

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**Inspiring. Building. Transforming.**

## Let's Tee It Up for Horizons SHU



On Tuesday, **June 26, 2018** we will be teeing it up in support of our Horizons SHU scholars. Please join us for our inaugural event at the extraordinary Great River Golf Club in Milford, CT. From Brunch to the Hole-in-One Contest to the Cocktail, Auction and Dinner Reception following a great round of golf this is an event not to be missed. Get your friends together and enjoy a rare opportunity to play a great course while supporting our scholars.

All proceeds will benefit Horizons SHU.

**Sign up quickly, sponsorships and space is limited and going quickly!**

## Horizons SHU Tutoring Academy Achieves Great Results in First Session



Under the dedicated leadership of Professor Thomas Pesce we have added an intensive reading tutoring program to our school-year enrichment program. This specialized program was developed for scholars in our program who were considerably below grade level in their reading ability. This winter we had 58 students participate in the program over the course of 12 Saturdays.

We saw measurable success in each student who participated. On average, students gained three to twelve months' worth of growth in their reading ability. Everyone at Horizons SHU is incredibly pleased with this growth given instruction took place only one day a week! It was particularly satisfying for the teachers to see not only the growth in reading proficiency but to see the positive change in the student's attitudes toward reading. The parents of the students involved in this program witnessed considerable improvement in both willingness to and ability to read at home, they also shared with us that their school teachers noticed this improvement as well, and credited this growth to the student's participation in our Horizons SHU Tutoring Academy.

We can't wait for these students to return to the Horizons SHU summer program where they will be able to further focus on and improve their reading ability. We can only imagine the growth we will see during their summer at Horizons SHU!

## It's Coming... 24 Hours of Giving

Mark your calendars for Horizons Giving Day on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>! We have a challenge for you: help us to raise \$5,000 in 24 hours and we have a donor who will match that amount so that we can send not one, but **TWO** students to Horizons SHU for one year! This is an opportunity to show your continued support for Horizons SHU and to be the positive force behind improving the lives of our Horizons SHU scholars. Every donation counts and with special prizes for both donors and Horizons affiliates, everyone can be a winner!



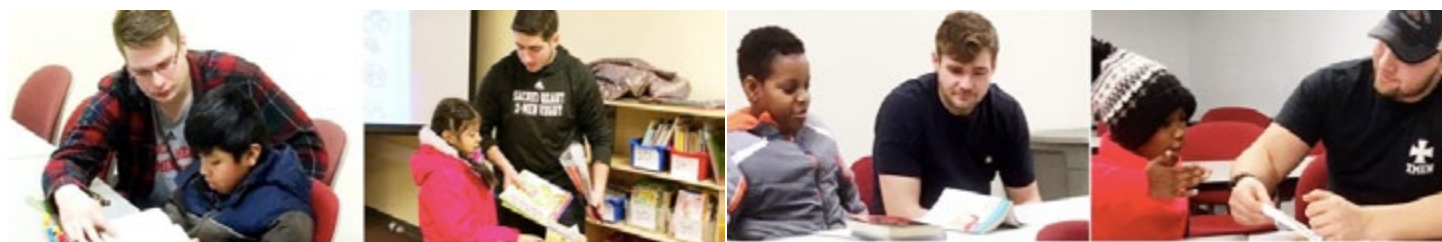
### Calendar

Check out our upcoming scheduled events [here](#).

*"What we are, as teachers, really doing is creating the desire within children to be lifelong learners. In order to do this the child must enjoy the process of learning. You are doing that by making reading, math and writing enjoyable. Not only are you creating enjoyment, you are also enabling the children by building stamina within each child to stick to a task for longer and longer period of time."*

– Professor Thomas Pesce

## Why I support Horizons: Volunteer Spotlight



The Horizons SHU scholars who participated in the Horizons SHU Tutoring Academy had some extra help from an extra special group of Sacred Heart students...the Men's Rugby team. Team members volunteered their time every Saturday morning during the Tutoring Academy to help the scholars learn to read, and have fun doing it. The enthusiasm they brought to the program was contagious and we feel so lucky to be a part of the Sacred Heart University community – what great role models these rugby players are for our scholars.

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