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**\$200,000 grant from Time Warner Inc. expands *Summer on the Hill's* college-bound program for 150 public middle and high school students**

**Bronx, NY:** *Summer on the Hill* received a \$200,000 grant from Time Warner, Inc. to expand an enrichment and college counseling program for 150 academically talented, disadvantaged public school students in the Bronx and upper Manhattan.

An 11-year-old, non-profit organization based at the Horace Mann School, *Summer on the Hill (SOH)* recruits promising public school children in the second grade and works with them through high school. *SOH's* rigorous program for accepted students includes a summer and academic-year after-school program in small classes, extensive guidance on school choices, and ongoing encouragement from a dedicated staff over a ten-year period.

Dr. John McIvor, Executive Director of *SOH*, says, "Time Warner support will help us motivate 150 promising adolescents to stay focused on learning and their future. The new Wednesday and expanded Saturday programs will give our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders more enrichment so that they can prepare for the New York City public high school exam and participate in the arts and sports – two areas where opportunities in the public schools are limited."

Director of Post-Placement will work full-time with high school students." The Time Warner grant will help *SOH* to:

- Implement a Wednesday high school test-prep/sports program for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, from 4-6:30,
- Expand the Saturday academic program with new classes in writing, performing arts, and sports for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders,
- Hire a full-time Director of Post-Placement to offer college preparation and counseling services for *SOH* public high school students, and
- Hold workshops for *SOH* parents.

Since 1994, *SOH* has worked with 400 boys and girls of diverse backgrounds. *SOH* students have been accepted to the NYC specialized high schools, and to the DeWitt Clinton MACY program, De la Salle Academy, Fordham Prep, Horace Mann, and other selective schools. This fall, 100% of *SOH* 2004 and 2005 high school graduates will be attending such colleges and universities as Columbia, CUNY Honors, Duke, Georgetown, SUNY, the University of Pennsylvania. Two-thirds of *SOH* students are the first in their families to go to college.

With the Time Warner gift, *SOH* will have a greater impact on the direction of the next generation of Bronx and Manhattan students and their families.

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