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VANGUARD SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT FOR SUMMER PROGRAM

Paoli, PA – The Vanguard School received a grant award in the amount of \$40,000.00 to support its innovative summer program, SUMMER MATTERS. Drawn from recreational roots but with conscientious education efforts, this program offers students the opportunity to participate in experiential learning initiatives such as wooden boat-building, experimental science, theatre/visual arts and sailing, among other programs.

In its inaugural year, SUMMER MATTERS boasted an impressive syllabus and received tremendous accolades for its adventurousness. After reviewing feedback and analyzing reports, Director of Summer Programs, Holly Zipperer, extended the repertoire to involve even more offerings, including a Scout Camp and a Backpacking Trip in Maine. In turn, this expansion has led to an increase in participation, including students who do not attend Vanguard.



Students at SUMMER MATTERS 2007.

Grant awards and other generous contributions are critical to the success of this program because it is offered free of tuition for students and their families. This particular grant was sought in an effort to maintain an impressive magnitude of comprehensive learning opportunities, to further support children with special needs. Vanguard extends its deepest appreciation to this foundation and other grant makers who champion its success.

For more information about the SUMMER MATTERS Program, please visit

www.summermatters.org.

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The Vanguard School is a non-profit, Special Education school with a current student population of 250. For nearly 50 years, Vanguard has provided a powerful alternative to public education for students with special learning needs. Learn more at www.vanguardschool-pa.org.