

## A big THANK YOU to our EITC Donors!



On Thursday, January 12, The Silver Academy and The Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg joined together to thank our Educational Improvement Tax Credit, EITC, contributors with a Wine and Cheese sponsored by Saul Ewing. Our guest speaker was Otto Banks, Executive Director of Reach Foundation. The REACH Foundation, Road to Educational Achievement Through Choice, and its sister organization, the REACH Alliance, are Pennsylvania's grassroots coalitions dedicated to ensuring parental choice in education.

REACH Alliance was instrumental in the drafting, passage, and recent expansions of Pennsylvania's landmark Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. Since passage of the EITC, the REACH Foundation has worked with the state Department of Community and Economic Development to create user-friendly guidelines for the program and has assisted scholarship organizations with startup money and technical assistance. REACH continues to educate Pennsylvania citizens and the General Assembly to ensure that parents have a true choice in their children's education.

"Otto Banks distilled the educational mission of our school beautifully," according to Holly Engelman, The Silver Academy Board President. He stressed the importance of a well-rounded, diverse education that will groom our future leaders.

The awards given to our contributors and speakers were beautifully framed pictures made by The Silver Academy kindergarten and first grader students who drew pictures of their favorite thing about school. PNC Bank, Norman Gras Catering, Aaron Rubin & Sons Company and W&L were on hand to accept their awards. The Honorable Rob Teplitz was presented with an award of thanks for his work on house Bill 1606 which opened up more EITC dollars for school choice.

Joel Burcat, a Partner at Saul Ewing LLP said, "My law firm, Saul Ewing, and I are delighted to be able to support Jewish Education in Central Pennsylvania. We believe in both the education and the values that Silver Academy imparts to its students. We are grateful to all of the EITC contributors for their generous support of Silver Academy.