



LONG ISLAND LESSON PROGRAM

Thanks to your generous support, the D'Addario Foundation Long Island Lesson Program students had an incredible year! There are countless opportunities and reasons for celebration, and while we realize there are many variables that affect the trajectory of a child's early life, it is extremely gratifying to see how well the students are doing in this program.

AT THE LONG ISLAND LESSON PROGRAM, D'ADDARIO PROVIDES:

30+ weeks
of free stringed instruments
and instruction

3 days a week
during after school hours
and Saturday morning

8 hours per week =
over **200** hours of instrument
training each year



Thanks to our partners at the not-for-profit Harmony Program, the general management and facilitation of instruction is led by the Harmony team; teaching recruitment, training, and review is also managed by Harmony. Because the Harmony Program conducts its lesson programs across Manhattan, our Long Island students benefit by being able to participate in larger events that include students from other sites.

The goals are two-fold:

- First, provide students with high quality immersive instruction that makes it possible for teachers to really dig in and for children to learn very quickly.
- Second, to build a close-knit community and sense of belonging and achievement for these students.

For the students in our program, **2016** was a year of discovery and **over-the-top accomplishments.**



SATURDAY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

At the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, busing allowed the Long Island program students to join peers in other Harmony Program sites for a Youth Orchestra experience in Manhattan each Saturday morning for 2 hours. Sharing time with young musicians from other Harmony Program sites, the Long Island students enjoyed the chance to perform in a larger orchestra. Those participating in the Saturday program added 2 hours to their instruction per week for a total of 8 hours of free instruction per week this school year.



ALL-STAR SELECTION

Two students from the Long Island Lesson Program, Jennifer Caulderon and Victoria Wheby, were selected to join the Harmony All-Star Orchestra in the 2016-2017 school year.

FULL-DAY WORKSHOP WITH NY PHILHARMONIC

On April 1st, students in D'Addario's Long Island Lesson Program were given the opportunity to participate in a full-day workshop at the United Palace Theater in Washington Heights with members of the New York Philharmonic. The full day of coaching culminated in a performance with Harmony students playing side-by-side with NY Philharmonic members. D'Addario provided bussing for both student and family members so they all could participate in this invaluable experience.





SUMMER 2016

In the summer of 2016, a full scholarship valued at \$5000 was awarded to one student from the Long Island Lesson Program to attend the Usdan Summer Camp for the Performing Arts. Jennifer Caulderon has been a dedicated participant in the Long Island Lesson Program from its inception. She has received awards for perfect attendance and leadership all three years.



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A parent from our program recently wrote:

I want to start by saying thank you for coming to the concert and of course to the D’Addario Foundation because it’s really a great program and I’m glad my son has been able to take part in it. The kids have learned so much and their abilities are so impressive. I don’t know what the future of the program is at the school but I and the other Harmony parents would love for it to be able to continue. Just wanted you to know that the students and parents are very grateful!

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SUMMER 2017

In summer of 2017, Long Island Lesson Program students were given the opportunity to participate in an intensive music camp. Transportation was provided to and from the ROC Learning Center in Manhattan, 5 days a week for 8 hours a day, totaling an impressive 200 hours of music-making and fun at no cost to the students.



LONG ISLAND LESSON PROGRAM STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

We are so proud of the **amazing accomplishments** of the students in our Long Island Lesson Program. A few highlights include:

JENNIFER:

- Honor roll for all four quarters, won 4th grade science fair
- Attended STEP at Farmingdale State College for science summer program
- Harmony Program All Stars Musician and worked with the NY Philharmonic (received a medal)
- NYSSMA level 3 for voice (27/28)
- Wrote essay and got into English Honors and Social Studies Honors
- Recipient of full scholarship to Usdan Performing Arts in 2016

JASMIN:

- Honor roll for 1st quarter
- Earned 2 medals for NYSSMA level 3 piano and level 4 voice
- Won gold with distinction for chamber chorus

JESSINA:

- Honor roll for all four quarters
- Honored citizen
- Red belt in Tae Kwon Do and trophy for 2nd place

KIERAH:

- All A's in every subject all quarters (perfect score)
- Honor roll and citizenship awards
- Presidential award
- Community service award
- The Senator Award
- The Writing Award
- The Harvard Leadership Ambassador Award
- Art Contest Award (won a \$50 gift card)
- Fire Safety Essay Award

CAITLYN:

- Academic Improvement Award
- Won the essay contest with a poem
- NYSSMA level 2 Flute (Outstanding)

VICTORIA:

- 5th Grade Class President
- NYSSMA level 4 violin perfect score
- Honor roll for all four quarters
- Harmony Program All Stars Musician and worked with the NY Philharmonic
- Presidential Award
- The Citizenship Award
- Won award for writing an essay for veterans

ASHLEY:

- Received academic citizenship and effort for all four quarters
- Mostly 3s and 4s (out of 4)
- Perfect Attendance Award
- Involved in the 2017 Harmony Program Gala

ZION:

- Received the Gold Presidential Award for Educational Excellence
- Award for Academic Excellence in Science

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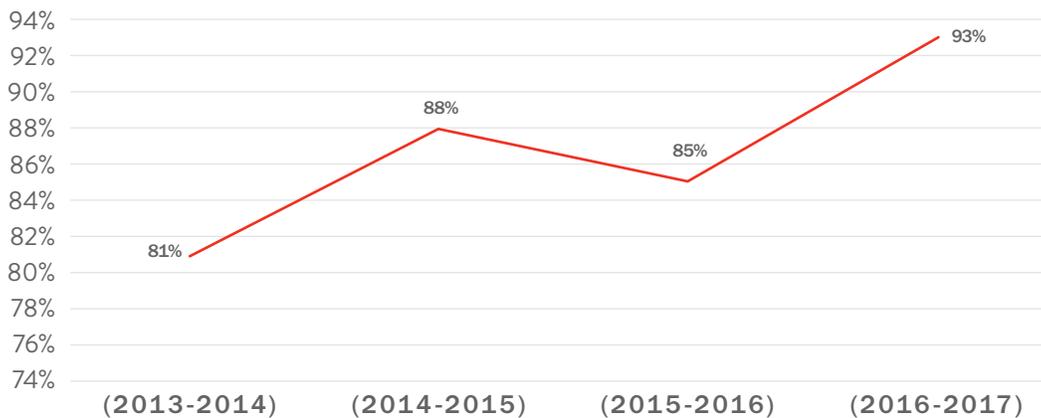
Hollywood Banners - \$5000



It is nothing short of remarkable that while demanding a substantial amount of students' time to participate in this rigorous program, we are able to maintain such **high attendance** rates.

We attribute this to the quality and dedication of the teachers and staff and the discipline of the students and families involved.

D ' A D D A R I O S T U D E N T A T T E N D A N C E



The entire nucleo of students who began in D'Addario's Long Island Lesson Program over 3 years ago is moving on to the Copiague middle school, having finished their elementary education. This transition to a new building will allow access to a larger lesson room and auditorium for performances. While entering the middle school years introduces more competition for students' time, we are encouraged by the students' and families' desire to continue the lesson program and cannot wait to see what these students will accomplish in the years to come.

Your support is vital to this effort so we may continue to provide this opportunity and follow the journey of these incredible students. In order to execute programming which includes costs for management to Harmony Program (teacher's salaries and general operating costs), instrument repair and acquisition, and transportation, we need to raise \$70,000.

Please consider making a donation at www.daddariofoundation.org/donate

