

NEW TECHNOLOGY LAB DEBUTS AT LINCOLN H.S.

After-school students at Horizons Academy can now explore their college and employment dreams in cyber space – plus, enjoy the fruits of their labors – in a state-of-the-art technology laboratory they helped renovate at Abraham Lincoln High School.

The new learning room was celebrated with a ribbon cutting at Lincoln, 2800 Ocean Parkway, where students in the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island-run Horizons Academy were, visibly, delighted with the result: a freshly-painted room with 15 computer workstations, a labyrinth of printers, scanners and copier machines, and a “full resource” of available college and career preparation materials for students to peruse.

Horizons is funded by the



Horizons Academy student Dickens Alexis delivers a testimonial about the program.

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Department of Youth and Community Development, and runs programs for economically-disadvantaged youngsters at Lincoln High and Liberation Diploma Plus High School in Coney Island.

Through SAT prep courses, math and science tutoring, and career service, Horizons helps prepare juniors and seniors for higher education, or entering the workforce, after graduating high school.

Plenty of “spirit” that can be “seen everywhere” accompanies the lab’s arrival, said Acting Director Marissa Sperling, adding, “From the donation of the room by school officials wanting



Lincoln High School junior Sonia Isaac checks out a new computer.

to provide the program with a permanent home, to Horizons Academy students using their free time to paint and clean the room, to the Abraham Lincoln alumnus who designed the artwork on the walls.”



Snip, snip, hooray! Executive Director Rabbi Moshe Weiner, Horizons’ Director of Development David Anderson, Principal Ari Hogenboom, and students Sonia Isaac and Gurwinder Singh help cut the ribbon (from left).