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**ADVENTURE AQUARIUM AWARDS H.B. WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ITS 2010 CAMDEN SEA STAR SCHOLARSHIP**

Camden, NJ – In an effort to help promote science, conservation and earth-friendly projects and initiatives to the City of Camden and the youth who reside within it, Adventure Aquarium on the Camden Waterfront recently awarded its 2010 Camden SEA Star Scholarship to H.B. Wilson Elementary School. H.B. Wilson was awarded the scholarship in support of its Urban Farming project, in which students will be exposed to all aspects of conservation as it relates to urban gardening and farming.

Initiated in 2009, Adventure Aquarium’s Camden SEA Star Scholarship (SEA = Student Environmental Advocates) provides one elementary school within the City of Camden with up to \$4,000 in previously identified school “Wish List” items that will help inspire and/or challenge students through the exploration of science and nature. Adventure Aquarium has also set aside an additional \$1,000 to explore with school leaders the possibility of installing a live animal component at H.B. Wilson Elementary to help inspire an understanding of, and appreciation for, aquatic animal care and conservation. Most excitingly, the scholarship awards the entire student body a FREE class trip to Adventure Aquarium!

“Like many of their counterparts, our students will share the awesome responsibility of managing a fragile ecosystem and the role of the average citizen in caring for the Planet,” asserted an H.B. Wilson representative in the school’s written SEA Star application. “The new and exciting role of urban gardening and farming will allow students to make a significant contribution to their community right now!”

The “Wish List” items submitted by H.B. Wilson for its Urban Farming project included things such a composter, a rain barrel, wire fencing and posts, organic seeds and plants, soil, books with a gardening theme, a video camera and laptop to document and share their results with other students, and a class trip to Johnson’s Farm in Medford, NJ. As the recipients of the Camden Sea Star Scholarship, the 436 students enrolled at H.B. Wilson and a pre-set number of chaperones will also be granted free admission to Adventure Aquarium in the Spring of 2010.

“We are so pleased and excited about the opportunity to support H.B. Wilson’s urban farming concept,” said Greg Charbeneau, Adventure Aquarium’s Executive Director, who will present representatives from H.B. Wilson Elementary School a check in the amount of \$4,000 at the next Camden City Schools Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2010. “Teaching young and impressionable children about the importance of creating their own garden and about eating healthy, right here in the City of Camden, is extremely important, as there are very limited opportunities within the immediate area. This program is not just making use of the most recent fad or the latest technology, but rather it is teaching students valuable skills that will last a lifetime.”

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It's 2010 Camden Sea Star Scholarship
Tuesday, January 26, 2010**

