



An Exclusive Interview

With

Noe Luigi Antonio Groom for Super Saver

By: Jan Margerum with
Jack Cox interpreting

2010 has been a great year at the Backside Learning Center, working with returning students and making new friends who use the Center's services. The beginning ESL classes were well attended, and the students made much progress.

Luigi Noe Antonio began attending the daytime ESL class shortly after the 137th running of the Kentucky Derby this May. We soon learned that he has a very special horse in his care, Super Saver, the Derby winner! Noe is a groom of four horses in Todd Pletcher's racing stable. He is from Tecpan, in the state of Guerrero, Mexico.

Like many in the racing industry, he started as a hot walker and learned the necessary skills needed to become a groom. Noe told us a little about his work.

Jan: What is the worst part of your job?

Noe: Moving from track to track makes some of the horses get a little crazy.

Often, I am asked to help with horses that are feeling stressed and restless because I have a lot of patience, which helps calm and settle the horses.

Jan: What is the best part of your job?

Noe: Everything!

Noe: No, not really.

Jan: How did you hear about the Backside Learning Center?

Noe: From a friend who works in my barn. I thought I would try the class to learn more English.

Jan: What would you tell other people who have not been to the Learning Center?

Noe: I like the computers, the books in the library, and the teachers. The people here are friendly, and that is different from other American places.

Noe made good progress in the



Jan: Is Super Saver the first famous horse you have taken care of?

Noe: No. There are several very good horses in my boss's barn.

Jan: What is Super Saver like?

Noe: He is good, a good horse to work with.

Jan: Has anything been different for you since Super Saver won the Kentucky Derby?

ESL class, writing expressive and philosophical sentences and incorporating his sense of humor into his new language. It is a privilege to work with and to know him, and we hope to see him in the Learning Center again in spring 2011.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Friday, December 24th
BLC Closed

Tuesday, December 21st-31st
Jessica out

Louisville Visual Arts Association Multicultural Tree featuring panels by BLC students - **On display until December 31st** don't miss it!

CENTER HOURS:

Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:30pm

BLC Students Help Louisville Celebrate Christmas with Culture!

On Thursday, December 9th a "multicultural tree" was unveiled at the Louisville Visual Arts Association as part of the Wrap It Up! Boutique. The "tree" is constructed of a number of panels decorated by various organizations that serve the international community in Louisville. The Backside Learning Center was chosen to help represent the Mexican and Guatemalan population.

The Intermediate ESL class,



taught by Jeni Rogers, along with local artist Collis Marshall, put together two panels representing Christmas in Mexico and Guatemala. One panel was a 3-D representation of the Virgin of Guadalupe, who is a very important religious icon in Mexican and Guatemalan culture. The second panel was a quote by one of the students about Christmas.

Cesar Morales, when asked "What is Christmas?" responded, "It is the tenderness of the past, the value of the present and the hope of the future."

Pictured from left to right on page 1: Jonathan Valenzuela, Collis Marshall and Uriel Bravo working on the Virgin of Guadalupe.

The students who participated in this project included, Arturo Espinosa, Uriel Bravo, Daniel Orantes, Edgar Cano, Cesar Morales, and Jonathan Valenzuela. The "tree" will be on display until December 31st.

I hope you have a chance to go and see this incredible sculpture which also includes panels from Americana Community Center and other organizations in Louisville which provide services to immigrants from all over the world. We are proud to have contributed to this multicultural celebration.

Louisville Visual Art Association

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Pictured from left to right: Cesar Morales, Daniel Orantes and Uriel Bravo proudly displaying the final product.

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Award Presented to a BLC Everyday Hero

In our Fall newsletter we told you about BLC student Daniel Orantes would be receiving the White Horse Award. On Thursday, November 4th Daniel stood at the podium in the Jockey suites to accept his award and made a beautiful speech thanking Jack Cox and the Backside Learning Center for all they have done to help him. He recognized his cousin Calixtro (the injured exercise rider Daniel helped) and stated that he looks forward to returning to Guatemala to share the award with his family and friends. The speech, which Daniel made in English, left his coworkers, family, and friends with tears of emotion and pride.



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- Ladies Day at the Races

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Sold Out!

The 4th Annual Ladies Day at the Races sold out to 250 guests, more than double our 2009 attendance!! The net contribution to the Learning Center was \$24,000 more than 4 times the amount raised in 2009!!

The Ladies Day Planning Committee - Kimber Albarado, Julia Bacon, Donna Barton Brothers, Stephanie Deeley, Sara Dorman, Kitty Drake, Renee Hook and Jan Margerum - were instrumental in the event's success and did an incredible job! We appreciate their hard work and dedication.

We would also like to thank our student escorts. Each year BLC students escort guests to The Jockey Club Suites and then stay for a day at the Races on the front side of the track. This year Raul Martin, Edgar Cano, Uriel Bravo, Arturo Espinosa, Adalberto Perez, Pablo Orantes, Exadibal Orantes and Daniel Orantes were our escorts. We appreciate their support of the BLC – both at the event and at the Center!





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