A young person with glasses and a denim jacket is shown in profile, playing a silver flute. The background is dark and out of focus, showing other people and warm, bokeh-style light spots, suggesting a concert or rehearsal space.

# UConn School of Fine Arts & Charter Oak Cultural Center Partnership

Huskies partnering with a vibrant community to  
do the work of social justice through the arts

The Charter Oak Cultural Center is a non-profit, multi-cultural arts center committed to offering performances, exhibits, classes, lectures and cultural programming, and after school programs for inner city youth. The UConn School of Fine Arts is piloting a service-learning project in which music and art students act as mentors and lesson assistants – supervising homework, hosting dinner, and assisting in the jazz band class.











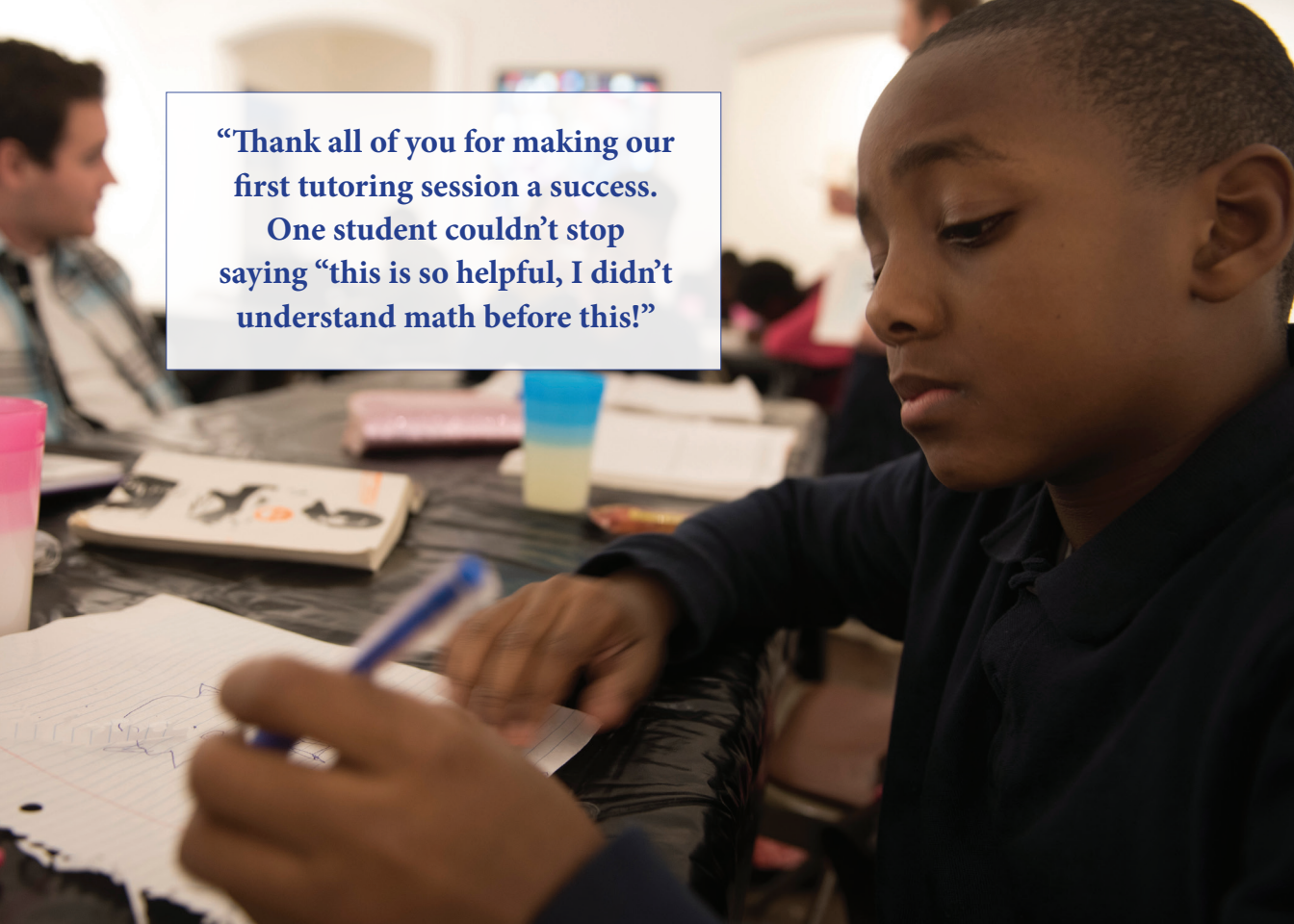


**“I just had to share my enthusiasm and appreciation for everything you’ve done for our Charter Oak children. Last night’s tutoring/dinner/rehearsal probably seemed very ordinary to everyone else, but it was powerful for me”**









**“Thank all of you for making our  
first tutoring session a success.**

**One student couldn't stop  
saying “this is so helpful, I didn't  
understand math before this!”**











**“Many of the parents don’t have the time to help their kids with homework. So, this is a valuable resource.”**











**“The UConn students have been absolutely wonderful with the kids. We have something very special growing here. Thank you so much for the partnership!”**





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