



highschoolNGOconnect.org™

*...where high school students meet global change makers
in nongovernmental humanitarian relief organizations (NGOs)*

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New film highlights global-minded extracurricular enrichment launched in 2017 in Paterson

A six-week pilot program, **highschoolNGOconnect.org**, introduced high school students to leaders of global non-governmental humanitarian organizations, known worldwide as NGOs. Interviews feature outstanding students in a city where tight budgets curtail conventional academic enrichment. The students, said International High School principal Dr. Robina Puryear-Castro, “gained far more than they ever could have seated in a classroom with a book in front of them.”

The program will return to International High School next semester and is poised to expand in schools where global-minded academic enrichment resonates.

The four-minute film can be seen on YouTube:

[Academic Enrichment Without Borders](#)

[URL: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0_uesZBydc]

Background: The Paterson Public School District is a diverse urban school district located in northern New Jersey. As the third largest school district in New Jersey, the district enrolls over 28,000 students in 56 schools to accommodate students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. The school district’s strategic plan focuses on four priorities: Effective Academic Programs; Creating & Maintaining Healthy School Cultures; Family & Community Engagement; and Efficient & Responsive Operations. For more information, visit www.paterson.k12.nj.us.

HighschoolINGOconnect.org supplies nonprofit, global-minded academic enrichment to urban, suburban and rural high schools where more than half of the students are eligible for free or subsidized meals. Launched in 2016, **highschoolINGOconnect.org** adheres to a rigorous curriculum taught by local teachers. The core skills-building mission 1) connects students via Skype to inspirational change-makers in worldwide non-governmental humanitarian relief organizations (NGOs), 2) equips compassionate students to champion humanitarian goals, and 3) spurs bold nonprofit leadership that eases local social problems. The program is poised to expand in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York State and Connecticut high schools under the banner of the High School Network for Global Philanthropy, Inc., in Montclair, New Jersey.