

## Internationals Connect

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### International High Schools' Haiti Earthquake Response Effort

Cindy Choi, Miguel Antunes, and Pamela Taranto

In response to the earthquake in Haiti, many of our schools have launched their own fundraising efforts:

The student government at the **International High School at Lafayette** raised \$400 in less than one week. The money came from teachers and students from our school as well as student and staff members of other schools in the building. All of the money is being donated to Doctors Without Borders, and our students are continuing to look for ways to support the people in Haiti.

**The International High School at Prospect Heights** organized a successful fundraiser for local Haitian organizations on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. The Haitian Fundraiser at The International High School at Prospect Heights successfully raised over \$4,000 for relief efforts in Haiti by virtue of the generous donations of staff members, community partners, and many friends.

**Brooklyn International High School** purchased 1,000 bracelets to raise funds for Haiti (see photo below) and are going to sell them for \$2 each. If you would like some for your school, please email: [PTarant@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:PTarant@schools.nyc.gov)

It would be great to sell all of them and raise \$2000 for Haiti relief efforts!! ■



'The United Messenger' staff

### Stop the Press!

Yadira Echevarria  
Community Coordinator and Public Relations

Last year **Internationals Community High School's** staff and students saw the launch of our school newspaper, 'The United Messenger'. Students across all grades were able to contribute to the publishing of the paper, a space for current events and community building. This year, we are proud to announce the next launch phase in the school paper: a slicker, more professional and streamlined paper that has been printed professionally and has become almost entirely operated by the students. Under the guidance of teachers Amy Roberts and Irmgard Kuhn, The United Messenger staff sourced stories, edited, created art work and even designed the layout. Having an extracurricular activity that allows students to have almost complete autonomy is a powerful experience. "The newspaper club is a positive place where students can be "in the know" about people and events at school," says Amy Roberts of the student's efforts. All of the staff was delighted and excited to receive their copies and appreciate the opportunity for students to demonstrate their journalism talents. We look forward to fostering some future New York Times stars! ■

## PAIHS News

Carly Fox  
Director of School Programs and  
Community Partnerships

**Pan American International High School** had a robust month of January events. The highlight was the launching of our first annual Science Fair on Friday January 22nd. Our school's 9th and 10th graders went through two rigorous rounds of competition to display their work. Projects covered a diverse set of research such as biodiversity, composting and waste, alternative energy, scientific method, alternative pesticides and fertilizers, and water purification. Students enthusiastically presented their research and experiments in English to rotating classes, specially selected judges and visitors. Several community members came to volunteer as judges, students dj'd music as students, teachers and guests visited each display, and the energy escalated when the top three winning groups were selected and awarded with trophies. A special thanks to our science teacher Tamara Eklof who spearheaded the event.

Our 11th graders also had an exciting day on the 22nd when they ventured over to NYU's Center for Caribbean and Latin American Studies Department to present the research papers in their Latin American History class. PAIHS students presented on topics such as the Cuban Revolution, the Zapatistas, the Bolivian Water Wars, NAFTA, deforestation, U.S. policy in Latin America and Social Movements in Latin America, to professors and Ph.D candidates from NYU. We are excited to continue our collaboration with CLACS in the years to come.

Finally, the PAIHS Social Justice class students mailed \$1650 in donations we raised from the sale of the book written by students "On the Edge of My New Life" (2009). The money was divided among three groups - a humanitarian group, an educational mural effort and a grassroots organizing group on the U.S. Mexican border all working for human rights on the border. ■



PAIHS Students with their  
Science Project



The Social Justice class with their book,  
"On the Edge of My New Life"

### Other Network News

Internationals Network has a new blog!  
"On Being International" can be found at:  
<http://www.internationalsnps.org/blog/>

Over the next coming months, the teachers, leaders, coaches, students, and alumni of Internationals will reflect on the five Core Principles and what it means to be Internationals. Comments are invited. If you are interested in writing for the blog, please e-mail:  
[blog@internationalsnetwork.org](mailto:blog@internationalsnetwork.org)

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