

Internationals Connect

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Peer to Peer

Yadira Echevarria
Community Coordinator and Public Relations

The spirit of service is alive! **Internationals Community High School** this month applauds the work of team MNO's advisory class taught by Maria Damato and Besty Jones. This advisory class has begun a service unit which involves improving the school environment and creating a peer tutoring and mentoring program. The advisory class (consisting of 11th and 12th graders) is pairing up with 9th grade students, assisting them with school work in English and their native languages. The senior students are pleased to be able to take on a leadership role and junior students have the extra support and guidance that will help them with their content classes and the difficult transition of a new school and new country. Congratulations to the students and teachers involved in this initiative and for taking steps towards creating a school culture where students are empowered to become leaders amongst their peers. ■

Never too early to start your own business

Michele Hamilton
Economics Teacher

In the **International High School at Lafayette's** 12th grade economics class, student entrepreneurs received \$20 in start-up money from NFTE (National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship) to purchase a product or advertise a service in order to begin their businesses. Our young entrepreneurs first came up with a plan based on their skills and interests, then conducted market research on what consumers wanted, and finally began to sell their products and services. They recorded their profits, or losses, to see if the risk of entrepreneurship was worth the reward. Students presented their final business projects to their peers during the last week of the fall semester.



Attekhe Djigal (center) receives tutoring from upperclassmen, Alpha Diallo (left) and Modou Sylla (right)

California News

Julie Kessler
Instructional Coach

OIHS International's Senior Student Times

Oakland International High School's seniors are taking two English classes this year to get enough credits. One of the English classes is running a newspaper during the second semester as an online blog. Check it out here:

<http://oihsnews.blogspot.com/>

SFIHS Co-teaching and Field Trip to the Board of Ed

Two **San Francisco International High School** teachers joined their classes together and taught a combined interdisciplinary three-day mini unit this month around the budget cuts. In English class the students are studying human rights while in History they are looking at revolutions. Both the teachers and students of these classes met together to write letters about the school and its importance to them.

In this first round of competition, two, and in one case, three businesses from each class were chosen to compete in the final school round which was judged by a NFTE staff member. The winners as determined by NFTE: \$20 and honorable mention for each business went to Jai Hua You for Top Trend Pendants, Victor Cuevas and Paola Cardenas for P&J Love Cards, Aissatou Diallo for Chapeaux D'Hiver, and Rachelle Francois and Esther Paul for Gateaux Lakay. The 3rd place winner, Chiwa Yeung won \$60 for Sketch Ideas, 2nd place winners Kristina Kovtonyuk and Amy Xie won \$75 for E-Z Creations and 1st place winner, Nabounou Bamba received \$100 for Keep it Warm. All are eligible to compete in the regional competition where the top prize is \$250. Let's all wish them good luck!

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This culminated to the two teachers and 23 students attending a Board of Ed meeting and reading their letters aloud. They brought the house down. They were the only students in attendance and amazed the crowd with their thoughtfulness, wit, and urgency.

Congrats to BkIHS Students!

We would like to congratulate two students at **Brooklyn International High School** for their high achievements this past month:

Anais Nsang, a senior on Be the Change (an instructional team) won 2nd place in the Winter Youth Voices Network Writing Contest.

Kerline Louis's poem is published in the *Psychology Today* blog. Check it out here: <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/brainstorm/201002/haiti-living-hell>

Check out Internationals Network's blog!

<http://www.internationalsnps.org/blog/>

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