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GOPA Welcomes Noted Hispanic Author



The Student Government Association of the School of Government and Public Administration at Eastside (GOPA) celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by inviting educator and historian, Jose E. Velazquez Luyanda to speak to the student body. Mr. Luyanda spoke about the rich and diverse cultures that comprise Latin America, while encouraging the students to become more united by not looking at their differences, but focusing on their similarities. He ended his visit by donating

his book entitled: [The Puerto Rican Movement Voices from the Diaspora](#), to the school's library. In addition to his talk, the audience was entertained by wonderful Dominican Independence Day outfits designed by members of Aspira, an organization created to enrich the lives of the Latino youth.

Teacher Lectures on Pollution Solutions

Academy of Health Science (HARP) teacher Fatema Sheikh participated in the recent *Great Falls Teachers' Collaborative*. The Paterson group attended the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Ms. Sheikh collaborated with colleagues and presented before teachers and science enthusiasts about work that was completed last summer. The presentation was entitled: "Great Falls Summer STEAM: A Design Thinking Approach to Community Improvement." During the presentation, Ms. Sheikh and her group demonstrated the student instruction used to deliver the *Engineering Design Process*, and how that process can be used to solve community issues. Students brainstormed and executed creative and innovative solutions to multiple problems such as pollution and storm water runoff. Students also designed a solar powered filtration system and a submarine that finds pollution and collects it in storage using pollutants as fuel! The presentation was well received and praised by conference attendees. "I am so honored to have had the opportunity to work with such inspirational and amazing teachers," said Ms. Sheikh.





Last night's 4th Ward Community Education Forum presented by Acting Superintendent Eileen Shafer, and held at School 21, was among the best attended so far. Along with Ms. Shafer's presentation, more than 100 attendees were treated to student performances and recognition of students who were chronically absent last year with perfect attendance so far this year!

“The greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say, “The children are now working as if I did not exist.”

Maria Montessori – Italian physician, educator, and innovator

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