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Eastside Holds Interact Club Inductions

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On December 6th, 2017, history took place at the Eastside Campus. The Rotary Club of Paterson, Great Falls chapter, held an induction ceremony for the Eastside Interact Club. The induction ceremony began with SOIT Vice-Principal, Ms. DiMartino, calling up the sponsor, Rotarian and teacher of Social Studies, Ms. Sharon Smith, to the podium. Ms. Smith greeted everyone and explained the nature of the Interact Club as a *service organization*. She then acknowledged advisors Ms. Noble, and Ms. Scimeca. As an honor for their service, she surprised them both with special gifts.



New Interact Club officers then took their oath of commitment. New officers include Ruth Omoyinmi, President; Pameley Garcia, Vice President; Alondra De La Cruz, Secretary; and Adonis Taveras, Treasurer. After each officer took the oath, the name of each student inductee was read aloud. Next, Principal Mrs. Gaines, Ms. DiMartino, Ms. Scimeca, and Ms. Smith all assisted with the “pinning” of the new members. Students confidently walked up to the podium to receive their Interact Club pin. Each pin indicated the officer’s name and position engraved on it. Senior Dionte Brown stated, “This club has given me a sense of companionship, leadership and the rewarding feeling of giving back to the community.” While senior Belinda Miller proclaimed, “We have participated in a cancer run, a dinner to feed the needy and wrapped gifts. It’s important to give back to your community any way you can.”

Membership to this club offers new opportunities for students to participate in meaningful service projects along with personal growth, communication, and leadership skills. The Interact Club desires to be a valuable part of the community and is dedicated to live up to its motto, “Service above Self.”

Educating the *Individual* at School 13



School 13 has begun implementing Universal Design for Learning (UDL) under the leadership of Ms. Bundick and the school’s administration team. Teachers have volunteered their free time to attend workshops, as well as a book study that takes place once a month. UDL embraces a set of principles for curriculum development that give all individuals equal opportunities to learn. UDL focuses on creating instructional goals, methods, materials, and assessment that work for everyone. The concepts emphasize that there is not a single,

one-size-fits-all solutions for learning; rather, it engages flexible approaches that can be customized and adjusted to meet the needs of individual students. [Click here to learn more about this bold, new approach.](#)



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