



More than just fun and games. Point Webster Middle School Human Rights Squad members can get things done ... and have a good time simultaneously.

New Schools in 2001-2002:

As we start our trainings for the 2001-2002 year, we are excited about the opportunity to work with several new schools this year. Over 40 students who are involved with the Citizen Schools after school program at the **Shaw Middle School** are on their way to becoming a Human Rights Squad.

The Citizen Schools have 11 sites throughout Boston where they offer after school "apprenticeships" for 9-14 year olds. The students involved in the program are able to participate in various projects with professionals from law to web design. Check out the web project one Citizen School group made on racism: www.citizenschools.org/wowsites/animation_nation/

Project TEAMWORK staff began working with students from **Point Webster Middle School** in Quincy, MA and **Bartlett High School** in Webster, MA. We also hope to continue to add more schools as we try and prevent hatred and discrimination through education about diversity.

Message From the Director,

Welcome returning members and administrators. On behalf of Antwaine, Amy and the rest of the staff at Sports in Society I would like to thank you again for your participation last year in your Human Rights Squad. We were honored you made the commitment to take part in such an important and needed program and your continued participation is both greatly anticipated and appreciated.

Our hope is to expand this year to include more schools and to have the Human Rights Squad members become involved in even more worthwhile projects. The work completed last year was great, but now that some of you are seasoned veterans we expect you to push yourselves harder and make an even bigger impact this year.

I cannot end without making some mention of the incidents that have taken place over the last two months. Everything that has occurred surrounding the events of September 11 could have been avoided if tolerance and conflict resolution were greater priorities than hate around the world. This illustrates how important it is that we move forward with the work that we do and continue to reach as many people as possible.

– Susan Leitao

Director, Project TEAMWORK





With a purpose. Lynn Tech's Human Rights Squad members are one of Project TEAMWORK's most ambitious and effective sites.

Lynn Tech observes World AIDS Day

The Human Rights Squad from Lynn Vocational Technical Institute volunteered at this year's World AIDS day on November 29, 2001 at their school. Approximately 30 high school students spent the day helping to educate younger students from all over Massachusetts about Aquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

The event featured quilts that were made to memorialize those who have lost their lives to AIDS. Human Rights Squad advisor Dianne Conlin said that it was one of the most successful events she has helped to oversee at the school. She attributed the success to the positive attitudes and hard work of this year's Human Rights Squad.

Check out these websites for more information and interactive resources on diversity:

www.tolerance.org

www.tolerance.org/hidden_bias/index.html

www.mtv.com/onair/ffyr

The Facts about Muslims:

Due to recent events, we wanted our schools to be more familiar with the Muslim people of the Islamic religion

- ◆ Muslims are the followers of the religion of Islam.
- ◆ Muslims should not be confused with Arabs; Muslims can be of any nationality or race.
- ◆ Terrorism is not a basic belief of Muslims
- ◆ Muslims believe that there is no superiority of one race over another.
- ◆ There are approximately five (5) million Muslims in North America.

(Source: The Institute of Islamic Information and Education)



A force to be reckoned with. Lynn Tech senior members of the Human Rights Squad are leaders in their school on diversity issues.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

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