



Brockport High School, NY

Freshman Seminar Students Lead Hygiene Drive/Community Service Project

Period Partner® donates over 22,000 period products to worthy cause:

The 9th grade students in the course Freshman Seminar at Brockport High School worked on a Community Service Project for their Global Citizenship unit. Freshman Seminar is a Tier I intervention course that almost all Freshman Students take. This course is credited and graded, but most importantly it helps support students during their 9th grade transitional year. This course is also aligned with NYS Portrait of a Graduate requirements. Global Citizenship is one part of NYS Portrait of a Graduate Requirements. To teach them more about being a Global Citizen, the teachers created different activities for students to engage and participate in. The particular activities below have taught students about how to be active members in their local and global community.

For their community service project, students wanted to focus on doing a hygiene drive for Brockport Central School District. The drive went from March 2nd- March 27th.

Teachers tell the story:

Their first step was to research and choose different companies to reach out to. From there, we directly taught students how to properly write a formal letter. They also taught them how to address envelopes, which was surprisingly a new experience for many! We placed over 150+ envelopes in the mail. Students were eagerly anticipating a response from the company they chose! I have attached a photo of the model we gave students for addressing an envelope. Many laughed as they would address it upside down, incorrect order, and needed a few attempts to perfect it. We felt this was a very important skill to teach.



While waiting for a response, students also had to complete an activity from the "hygiene choice board" to help promote the drive locally as well. This was well received! Students wrote announcements to be shared over the morning announcements. Students made fact sheets to display in the hallways. They also created slideshow presentations that were being displayed on our screens and televisions in the hallway. Students decorated boxes that were displayed in main offices across all schools. Students also researched and reflected the importance of hygiene drives and the impact it can make on a local community.





Many companies were generous, but Period Partner's donation from Hospeco Brands Group was outstanding. The communication was phenomenal. We really appreciated the time Period Partner took to zoom with our school. The donation that was sent was remarkable. The student, Asher, who wrote the original letter to Hospeco Brands Group was so excited to see the response. Most importantly, Asher was filled with gratitude knowing the effort she made was going to help so many people.

Our school decided to do a "fill a bin" drive day after school. Students who participated received the "Period Partner" shirts. We displayed all of the donation items and staff members came by to fill up their bucket with any materials needed. Students helped staff fill their bins, refill materials, organize materials, and more! Our high school was able to provide staff members with bins for each of their classrooms filled with donation items. The most requested item from students at the high school are feminine hygiene products. Period Partner's donation was able to help us provide a variety of items to be placed in bins and easily accessible all over our school. At our school, staff have done a wonderful job at normalizing needs. We each have a bin in our room that allows students to come in at any time and take what they need without asking. We also allow students to bring a friend to a room to grab an item that is needed without asking. We allow them to use the items throughout the school day or take home with them. Students feel very comfortable accessing materials throughout the day without embarrassment or shame. The most common items are deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shampoo/conditioner. Feminine products continue to be the most requested item. I am glad that our school has established a way for students to feel comfortable accessing anything they may need throughout the day. I also love that students know where to go if they need to help a friend in need. I love this about our school!

Period Partner's donation was so large and greatly appreciated that our BHS students decided to take it one step further and reach out to the other schools on our campus to share the donation. We gave feminine products to the middle school in our district to make products more easily accessible.

We are truly so grateful for Period Partner's donation.

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