

Rear Admiral Peter Brown visits Miami's Northwestern High School

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On Friday, November 14th, 2014, Rear Adm. Peter Brown, the Assistant Commandant for Response Policy, addressed 150 students at Miami Northwestern Senior High School in Liberty City, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Rear Adm. Brown, who spent many years stationed in and around Miami, took this occasion to talk about USCG opportunities, college, education and commitment to self. In addition to showing two USCG videos, he fielded a myriad of excellent questions from students.



Rear Adm. Brown address students and faculty



Rear Adm. Brown tours aquaponics tank with Education Effect Director Dr. Lovett at Miami Northwestern High School

Prior to speaking to students, Rear Adm. Brown and other USCG members received a campus tour by Florida International University (FIU) Faculty and staff assigned to Miami Northwestern to coordinate the university-community-school partnership called The Education Effect. The partnership with FIU was established to align the university's expertise, resources and research-based intervention programs to address the pressing educational and social needs of students at Miami Northwestern HS. FIU highlighted their urban nutrition education and social entrepreneurship initiative called Plant it Forward. The USCG, who just signed a memorandum of agreement with FIU to establish a partnership to improve the USCG's outreach and recruitment

efforts, looked forward to working with local USCG Partnership in Education units to support FIU's efforts.

Northwestern has over 50 students enrolled and active in its Army JROTC program. Colonel Marc Garcia and Sergeant First Class (SFC) Joseph Simpson, both U.S. Army retired members, lead the program. SFC Simpson shared with RDML Brown and the students that in his 14+ years working at the high school it was the first time he recalls the USCG ever visiting and looks forward to increased involvement.



Rear Adm. Brown Poses with JROTC Students

Northwestern is one of the top predominantly African American institutions of secondary learning in the Miami area, Demographics: 93% Black, 6% Hispanic, and 1% White non-Hispanic.