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## STUDENTS AT CCA ACADEMY & AL RABY HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFIED TOO GOOD FOR DRUGS!

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Al Raby students take a break from their pizza party celebration to display their Too Good For Drugs Certificates.



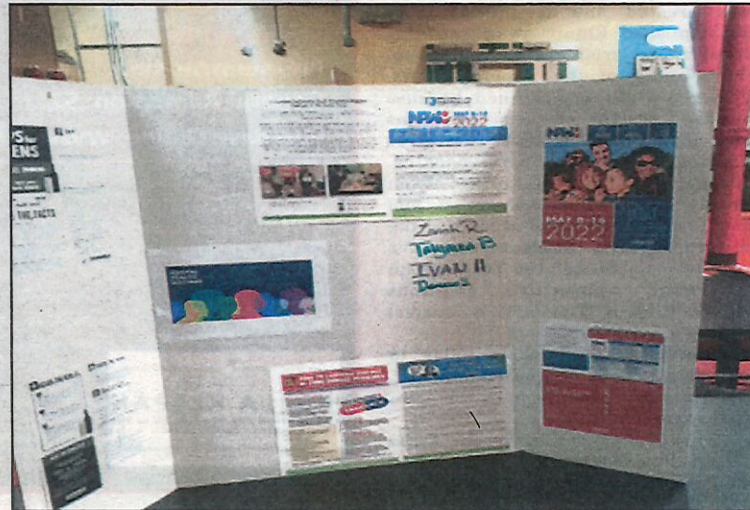
Students at CCA Academy in North Lawndale and Al Raby School for Community & Environment in East Garfield Park had reasons to celebrate during May. They successfully completed the *Too Good For Drugs Curriculum* developed by the Mendez Foundation. The 6-week course is conducted by The Prevention Partnership, Inc., located at 5936 West Lake Street. Prevention Partnership has served West Side schools and communities for 35 years and is recognized as a foremost clearinghouse for information and education on risk reduction from alcohol, tobacco, drugs, HIV & AIDS, plus providing direction in teaching young people peaceful conflict resolution. The proactive support of school administration and staff at both Al Raby and CCA enabled the success of programs at these schools. Students earned certificates and pizza parties sponsored by DoorDash.

Unit One of the *Too Good For Drugs Curriculum* focuses on social/emotional skills:

- Setting Reachable Goals
- Making Responsible Decisions
- Identifying and Managing Emotions
- Building Effective Communication Skills
- Learning to Bond and Build Healthy Relationships

Unit Two utilizes skills learned in Unit One as students are introduced to information about alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and the effects on their mind and body. Unit activities provide hands-on tools for students to cultivate a drug-free lifestyle.

The Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention Services (SUPR), and Illinois Senate President Don Harmon (39<sup>th</sup> District) actively support prevention efforts in our community delivered by The Prevention Partnership, Inc.



# NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK WRAP-UP

By Aimee Bates, Coordinator of Prevention Services, The Prevention Partnership, Inc.

The Prevention Partnership, Inc., in conjunction with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is highlighting our Chicago West Side community schools for their active participation in this year's National Prevention Week activities in May. National Prevention Week is an annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness of and action around, mental health and/or substance use disorders. Students at Community Christian Alternative Academy (CCA) created a poster board illustrating the importance of preventing underage substance misuse. Students at Michele Clark Magnet High School, Academy of Scholastic Achievement (ASA), and Al Raby High School shared knowledge and resources with their peers, families, and friends emphasizing the daily themes of the week:

- Preventing Substance Use & Promoting Mental Health in Youth
- Preventing Suicide - Everyone Plays a Role
- The Talent Pipeline - Enhancing the Prevention Workforce
- Prevention is Everywhere - Highlighting Efforts Across Settings & Communities
- Celebrating Prevention Heroes

**Strengthening Community Resilience - Substance Misuse & Overdose Prevention**



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*CCA Academy students show off their Too Good For Drugs Certificates during their pizza party celebration.*

