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New York City Students Celebrate Black History Month with Special Art Exhibition at LaGuardia Airport

New York Edge and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey host ceremony unveiling students' artwork and step performance

New York, NY – February 20, 2020 – In honor of Black History Month, 70 middle school students from [New York Edge](#) – the largest provider of afterschool programming in the New York metropolitan region – presented an art exhibition and delivered a step performance during a special ceremony at LaGuardia Airport.

New York Edge students worked together to create and present a series of artwork inspired by African American culture, which will be on display in the Marine Terminal through the end of February. The program's step teams also delivered a special performance that celebrated Black History Month and the organization's ties to the Queens community.

"We are so proud to commemorate Black History Month with the Queens community through a unique exhibition created by our students," said Rachael Gazdick, CEO of New York Edge. "Programs like this enable our students to hone their talents, discover their passions and expand their horizons. We are grateful to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for partnering with us to provide a platform for local students to express themselves, and we encourage the public to visit this wonderful artwork."

During the ceremony, New York Edge CEO Rachael Gazdick presented a piece of artwork from the exhibit to Interim General Manager of LaGuardia Airport Tony Vero.

"LaGuardia Airport's Marine Air Terminal is a little slice of aviation history, and we are delighted to continue its legacy with the help of New York Edge," said Tony Vero, Interim General Manager of LaGuardia Airport. "We are proud to honor the individuals and the organizations who continue to celebrate and keep African American history alive in our community."

For more than 25 years, New York Edge has addressed the needs and goals of under-resourced schools through customized, curriculum-based afterschool programming. Today, the nonprofit provides more than 40,000 students in grades K-12 with rigorous, innovative programs designed to give them the edge needed to succeed.

About New York Edge

New York Edge, formerly known as the Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation (SASF), is a non-profit organization and the largest provider of afterschool programs in all five boroughs of New York City and the metropolitan region. With more than 40,000 students from over 300

programs in grades K-12, the organization provides under-resourced students with year-round programs to give them the edge needed to succeed. www.newyorkedge.org

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