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Lindbergh High School students start club that links education with industry

40 students join together to make a world of difference, will soon build houses with Habitat for Humanity

RENTON, WA October 14, 2008—Those who believe that teenagers lack motivation or are not interested in learning hands-on skills while helping others haven't met students at Lindbergh High School.

Forty students at the school, led by Lindbergh's graphic arts teacher Jim Goodwin, have started a new club called SkillsUSA. The club is part of the national SkillsUSA organization that



works to partner students and teachers with industry representatives to work together to ensure America has a skilled work force.

Lindbergh's SkillsUSA club performs community service projects including repainting USA maps on elementary school playgrounds. The maps use playground space to supplement classroom teaching by providing students with a large illustration of the 50 states.

Lindbergh students soon will be a part of a much larger project when they join with Habitat for Humanity to help build low-income homes in Renton. Habitat is looking to purchase and develop land to build a 41-home neighborhood that will benefit families who will, for the first time, be able to experience affordable homeownership.

“When I told students about the chance to work with Habitat for Humanity, and build homes for people in need, the response was incredible,” said Goodwin. “These students volunteer to be a part of this club and are eager to work hard and be a part of something that betters their community.”

The club also teaches leadership skills, said Goodwin. Students rotate leadership responsibilities for each project, and local business leaders will routinely visit with students to share their insights and knowledge.

Club members recently started their own tee-shirt screen-printing business to fund school projects. Other activities students will take on include competing in a variety of competitions from culinary arts to welding, plumbing, robotics, photography and more. The club will also hold workshops to teach students employability skills such as resume writing and interviewing.