



STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

SCHOOL: Allentown High School

ACTIVITY: Wing Bowl

DATE(S): 2/4/11

CATEGORY: Community Service

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PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THIS PROJECT:

The Wing Bowl has become one of Allentown High School's most anticipated and exciting events. The Student Council hosts this event, in which students and faculty gather in the gym to watch as contestants compete for title of chicken wing eating champion. As far as the rules go, in order to compete in the Wing Bowl each prospective contestant is given a jug to collect donations in at the beginning of the week. The contestants are then asked to create an Entourage, a group of eight to ten friends who support their leader. The Entourages are very enthusiastic, creating themes and acts to show their support for their contestant. The contestants have two five minute periods to shove as many chicken wings down as they possible can, being sure to clear the bone entirely in order for it to be counted. In between the two sessions we have an Entourage Challenge, where members participate in the chicken dance and other silly activities. Each contestant is also given each a "Wingador" or "Wingette", a student council member who would refill their bucket, get them more water, and count their wings. Awards are given out to Best Entourage, Most School Spirit, which goes to the contestant who raised the most money, People's Choice, and of course 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

DESCRIBE THE PLANNING & EXECUTION OF THIS PROJECT:

For the second year in a row we have had our Wing Bowl in the high school auditorium in attempt to get the entire school involved! In preparation for the event we went to local restaurants to ask for any wing donations. This year we were lucky enough to have La Piazza, Via Roma, and Woody's, all local restaurants, donate a total of 600 wings, which was awesome! Members also made sashes for the winners to receive, and a crown was made for the winner, decorated with fake chicken wings of course. All the money the contestants collect throughout the week also must be counted before the event in order to know who collected the most and our total donation.

DESCRIBE THE BENEFIT OF THIS PROJECT BENEFIT TO SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY:

Several years ago the idea of having a Wing Bowl was proposed by Mike Asprocolas, a former AHS student and Student Council member who is now serving in the marines. The current student council members decided to run the event for him and all the other men serving over seas. All of the money collected is donated to Operation Redbird, which is a school organization that assembles care packages to send to community members and AHS alumni serving overseas. We always receive letters from the men appreciating what we do, so it is definitely worth while. This project also benefits our school by creating a lot of school spirit because everyone gets really excited for this event!

EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PROJECT, REFLECTING ON ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES YOU MIGHT CONSIDER:

Between the donations the contestants collect and the selling of excess wings, this year we raised over \$1,000. Student Council saw this as a great opportunity for our school to help out the troops in any way possible, so all profits made from the event would be donated to the men and women in the marines. This year the Wing Bowl ran very smoothly and everyone seemed to enjoy it. The Wing Bowl has been a great success the past few years, and hopefully it only continues to grow. This event is great for increasing school spirit as well because a lot of new students really get involved in this fun day! The Wing Bowl is not an ordinary school fundraiser, which makes it unique and exciting. Student Council is definitely proud of how successful this event has been, especially because it received recognition as a Top Ten Project this year by the NJASC!