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Moved by the power of student leadership: new podcast, article, and Summit



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Dear Friends,

Like so many of you, I've been awed by the groundswell of student leadership that has emerged from the Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy. The power of youth in this movement energizes me and fills me with great hope.

I'm excited to share other inspiring stories of young people with power. These students are working to make their high schools safer and more supportive for themselves and their peers. One high school is located in New York City's Harlem, and the other over 500 miles away in rural Snow Hill, North Carolina. While the schools undoubtedly differ, both are committed to developing their students into leaders who help their peers succeed and have leveraged CSS's support to do so. We are proud that students in both schools have been recognized in recent weeks for leadership:

- [Hear](#) peer leader Adriana Hernandez discuss how Peer Group Connection (PGC) has helped her build relationships with younger peers at Central Park East High School in a New York Times podcast about effective strategies for improving attendance.
- [Read](#) about how PGC peer leaders at Greene Central High School are creating a positive school culture while increasing their academic achievement.

I'm also thrilled to share that two of our PGC peer leaders - Katty Rojas (Flushing High School) and Rudianny Zapata (Fordham Leadership Academy) - will attend the [Youth Activation Summit](#) on April 25-27, powered by PeerForward and hosted by Facebook Education. This special gathering brings together a diverse community of stakeholders from across the country - incredible youth leaders, school and district innovators, nonprofit innovators, and thought-leader funders and researchers - to accelerate the impact of young people solving school and community challenges. I'll be there as well and can't wait to tell you all about it!

Warm wishes,

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P.S. Please check out [open positions](#). And, as always, if you'd like additional information about anything you've read, simply hit reply and let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.