



**Modern-Day Slavery:
Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle talks with New Jersey's Student Ambassadors**

February 19, 2013 - Teaneck, New Jersey - Middle and high school students from Morris and Bergen counties will participate in a day of global learning and enrichment about Modern-Day Slavery at the Metropolitan campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) followed by an afternoon tour of the United Nations (UN) in New York City. The day-long activity is one of many events initiated by the Student Global Ambassador Project (SGAP).

During the morning briefing, assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle (D, 37 District) will present tangible facts about trafficking to the students and share ways they can increase awareness within their communities. Huttle who authored the *Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection and Treatment Act*, stated "there are two important messages contained in this bill. To victims: You're not alone. To perpetrators: We're coming after you."

Following assemblywoman Huttle's presentation, Diana Cvizan, Director of the Office of Global Learning at Fairleigh Dickinson University - with the help of FDU students - will lead several small break-out teams. SGAP student ambassador teams will address how to eradicate human trafficking locally and globally. Solutions include building awareness within their communities, and volunteering their time to organizations dedicated to eliminating human trafficking like the Polaris Project, Free the Slaves and UNICEF.

The overarching goals of SGAP are to expose middle and high school students to global issues, to teach students about the role and function of United Nations, to provide a venue to facilitate a discussion about global issues, and to showcase to our students that their contributions are valued. Lastly, SGAP seeks to ignite a keen awareness and sense of responsibility regarding global citizenship among our students. Over the past three years, SGAP teamed with the Office of Global Learning at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Covanta Energy, First Energy and the Urban League of Morris county, and has touched over one hundred students locally.

Randolph High School Junior and SGAP Student Executive, Subroto Sinha participated in several SGAP activities and plans to launch the SGAP Club at his high school next Fall.

"The Student Global Ambassador Project allows teens to make a real difference in their global community. We envision that SGAP will continue to grow and continue to positively influence the minds and the spirit of the global leaders of the future," stated Michele Joseph, executive director of SGAP.

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