

Foundation for a Drug Free World The Americas Chapter





The Drug-Free World New York chapter takes June by storm with events across the city from the Puerto Rican Day Parade, to the United Nations, to a Heroes Awards Gala and more.

To say that our [New York Drug-Free World \(DFW\)](#) chapter has

been busy is an understatement. When the US Department of Health and Human Services declares the opioid epidemic a public health emergency, there is no time to rest.

June 2018 is but one example of their tireless work. It all started with a Drug-Free Basketball Tournament at the Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, co-hosted by Bobby "Zorro" Hunter, Chairman of the Retired Harlem Globetrotters.

Next came the 11th Annual Drug-Free Heroes Awards Gala, recognizing 15 awardees for their dedication to drug education. They included members of the New York Police Department, a New York state trooper, Miss New York and others. . . with Hugues SANON/ Ambassador for a Drug Free world and Human Rights advocate joined State ...

On its heels followed the 2nd Annual Truth About Drugs Concert in Brooklyn's Canarsie Park, joined by the nonprofit My Time Inc., the Speak Life Tour, the local New York Police Department and various artists.

On that same day, held at the United Nations was the International High-Level Conference on Drug Education, Sports and Cultural Empowerment, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Senegal and the International Human Rights Commission. Also speaking was General Edwin Najera, Director of DFW Guatemala, officials from New York City and more.

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But in the city that never sleeps, they rolled right into a Drug-Free World float in the Puerto Rican Day Parade, joined by the Harlem Wizards and Miss Manhattan, Michelle Ley. The Wizards performed basketball acts with the crowd and 4,000 *The Truth About Drugs* booklets were distributed along the way.