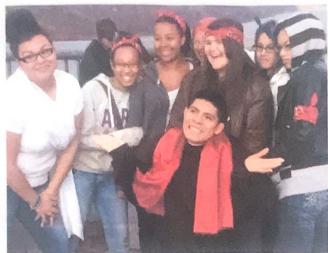
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Clockwise from left, Marissa Calderon, Nyche Tatum, Tykeisha Jenkins, Jackie Roman, Carrie Tudor, Immaculate Roman, Skye Mitchelle and Salvador Montes-Quitl are volunteers of the C.O.L.O.R.S. Foundation who recently filmed a video.

Red Hook H.S. senior, mentor co-direct 'Addams Family'

As part of the requirements for an International Baccalaureate diploma, Red Hook High School Senior Eve Romm co-directed "The Addams Family" with mentor Deborah Temple, a longtime employee of the Red Hook Central School District. "The Addams Family" ran for four performances in November.

"The Addams Family" began as characters in Charles Addams' New Yorker cartoons, was adapted into a two-year television series in the mid-1960s, inspired two movies, and now is touring as "The Addams Family - The Musical."

Romm's project was a series of vignettes from the television series woven into a story, complete with spooky props, including a hangman's noose and electric chair, sight gags, sound effects and punch lines galore, about the Addams family hosting a Halloween Party

Lead actors Riley Kiggins and Caleb Wootan portrayed Morticia and Gomez Addams, with supporting actors Claire McNeese (Wednesday), Will McNeese (Pugsley), Sun Dickson (Lurch), Trevor Kowalsky (Fester), Isabella Barbulo (Granny), Nikki Pinto (Mother Lurch), Katarina Salmon (Dementia), David Knag (Lumpy), Karim Ahmed (Bob Buckman), Alex Piaget (Flora Amor), Kaylee Kelsey (Fauna Amor), and Jonah Romm (Cousin Itt).

Students volunteer for video to help prevent hate crimes

The volunteers of the C.O.L.O.R.S. Foundation filmed their initial commercial/video on Nov. 10 at the Walkway Over the Hudson and Waryas Park. Students from John Jay High School, Poughkeepsie High School, Dutchess Community College and other constituents supported the foundation's mission by participating in its "Breaking through Barriers" video. The purpose of is to bring awareness to local communities about hate crimes and how to implement love as a solution, in order to decrease the rates of suicide, domestic violence, racism within culture and religion, gang initiation and bullying, according to a news release.

The C.O.L.O.R.S. Foundation is looking for additional youth volunteers to participate in its "March-in-Line" scene, spelling out "Love And Unity," in order to complete the commercial.