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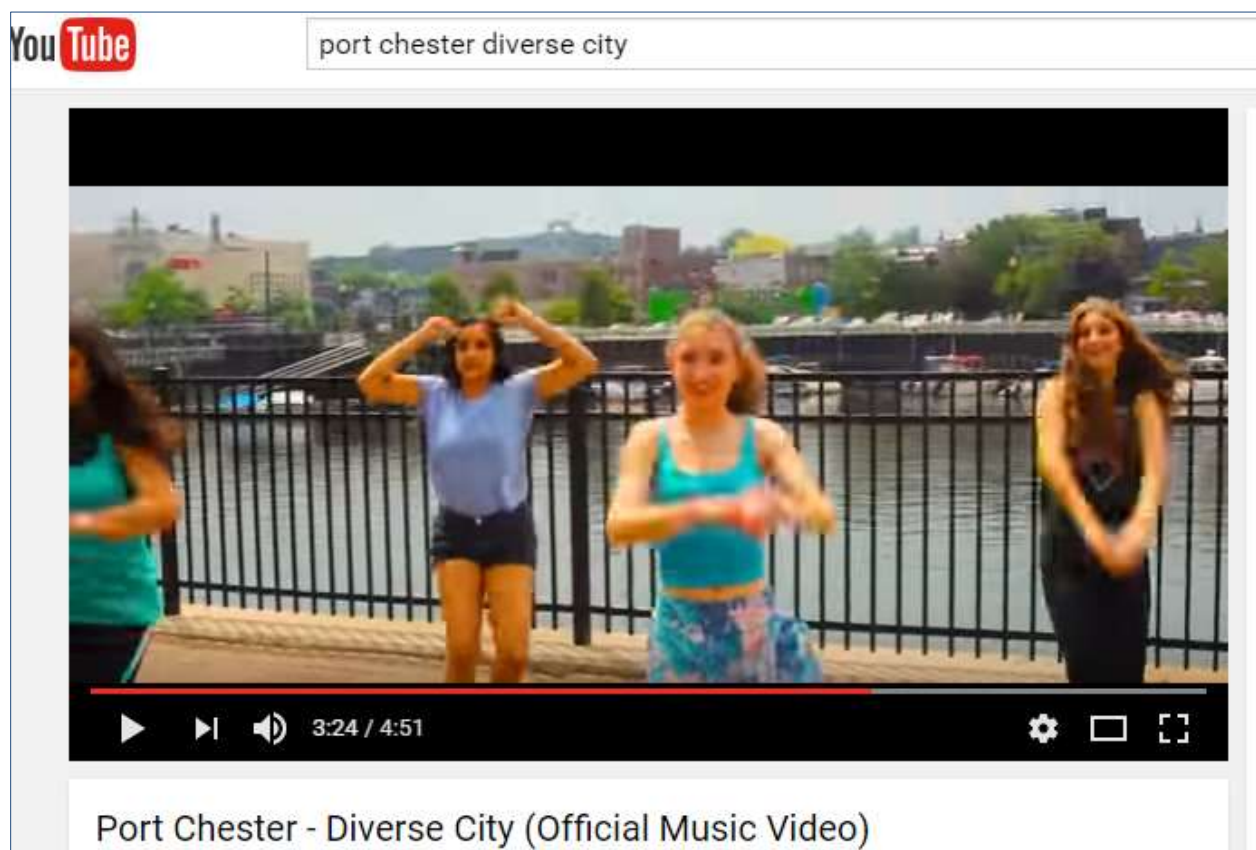
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Port Chester Teens Create “Diverse City” Music Video



Visitors to YouTube can view a remarkable music video created by 13 Port Chester teenagers who participated in an internship-like opportunity after school last spring and summer.

The teens collaborated to write and record the song and then perform and film the video. The result is a well-done music video called “Diverse City” with the key line “Diversity in our city. Let us show you the meaning of unity.” It was intended to inspire Port Chester pride.

The 13- to 18-year-olds were either members of the Port Chester High School Drama Club or students who attended the Carver Center After School Program. Writer/producer/director Taryn

Grimes-Herbert and the Carver Center of Port Chester's Kelly Gordon-Minott, Shawn McGhee and Joe Kwasniewski served as mentors.

Students were given the opportunity to take on the many roles involved in a video production: brainstorming, writing, composing, filming, choreographing, crew, technical, lighting, publicity/marketing, and finance.

According to Ms. Grimes-Herbert, the program "gave the kids actual experience in various fields that will help them prepare for college or be successful in the workplace."

Joseph Durney, Assistant Superintendent of the Port Chester schools, noted that the program was a grant funded activity that allowed for students to experience authentic project based learning.

"Our students were exposed to real world experiences that required cooperation, leadership, teamwork and that was educationally and vocationally meaningful. Our community can be proud of the process and the product created by this group of talented students and adults," said Mr. Durney.

The link to the Port Chester Diverse City (Official Music Video) – was uploaded on August 12, 2016: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vQM2zWhbiTs>

The following students participated in the music video project: Sam Brown, Alfred Dileo II, Dior Forest, Grace Herbert, Liam Herbert, Taylor Masi, Julia Morlino, Beatriz Rios, Julia Rios, Isabella Rios, Callie Shulta, Eli Taylor-Lemire, and Ava Quatorolo.

Cast and Credits

Finance Producer: Alfred Dileo
Production Coordinator: Kelly Cordon-Minot (Carver Center)
Consulting Producer: Taryn Grimes (mentor, producer, parent)
Directors: Liam Herbert and Eli Taylor-Lemire
Lyrics: Alfred Dileo and Dior Forest
Music Production Eli Taylor-Lemire
Audio mastering/producer: Shawn McGhee (Carver Center)
Orchestration: Michael Mastroianni (college student who performs in local theaters)
Video Editor: Eli Taylor-Lemire
Choreography: Taylor Masi

Performers:
Sam Brown
Alfred Dileo II
Dior Forest
Grace Herbert
Taylor Masi
Julia Morlino
Beatriz Rios
Julia Rios
Isabella Rios
Callie Shulta
Ava Quatorolo