

High schools celebrate opening of Memorial Peace Gardens

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Students from Downers Grove North and South each celebrate the sacrifices of alumni who lost their lives in service to their country during special ceremonies opening Memorial Peace Gardens at the two schools May 26.

DOWNERS GROVE - Downers Grove North and South high schools both took time to celebrate the lives and sacrifices of alumni who were killed serving their country with the May 26 unveiling of the new Memorial Peace Gardens at each school.

The two schools each hosted a dedication ceremony with several community members, speakers and veterans celebrating the sacrifice of 70 alumni throughout the years.

The two gardens include the names of the fallen and extensive stonework, benches and permanent sculptures with the phrase "May Peace Prevail on Earth."

At Downers Grove North High School, the Forest Street circle was remodeled into the memorial, while a memorial was installed at the west events entrance at South High School.

The district received a donation from a private landscaping company and raised thousands of dollars at its all-school fundraisers to cover the rest of the cost.

For information on the Memorial Peace Gardens or District 99, visit csd99.org.