

SPOOKY OFFICE SPACE:

Employees still must dress appropriately with Halloween costumes.

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Grace Bunemann (left) and Howard Collings prepare to move a string of hands from the floor and tape them to the wall.

Students link hands for tolerance

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HIGH POINT — Linking hands is a powerful gesture that can mean many things.

At Central High School, students wrote about their passions on paper hands as part of the school's "Hate Hate?" program. The program was aimed at encouraging students to be aware of the dangers and damage that can be caused when hate rises to the scale that prompted the recent murder of six Sikhs in Wisconsin and other violence against Jews, Muslims and Chris-

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tians across the world.

Several of the students, who became ambassadors for the National Conference for Community and Justice of the Piedmont Triad Inc., helped lead the proj-

ect. They also taped the linked paper hands on hallway walls last week.

"This shows that we can come together on things other than sports and open our eyes to being friends," said senior Laura Rivera.

Ambassadors follow NCCJ's mission to fight bias, bigotry and racism and participate in leadership training.

"I learned that there was a lot of interest in this project, and a lot of people asked about it in class," said Horacio DeLeon, a NCCJ ambassador and Central High senior. "This shows what

making an effort can do."

NCCJ presents assemblies and leads other projects to educate students about the dangers of bias, bigotry and racism. Ambassadors are involved with NCCJ year round and participate in leadership training.

"I love that they saw that these things happen and that they saw this project as needed," said science teacher Kathy Cooper. "They did something to make more people aware."

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