



Washington University NF Center Visits Baton Rouge High School

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Episcopal High School in Baton Rouge hosted The Washington University Neurofibromatosis (NF) Center as part of an effort to raise awareness about NF.



Dr. David H. Gutmann, Director of the Washington University NF Center, addressed students ranging from Kindergarten to High School. In his talks, he spoke about the research in the NF Center focused on translating basic science research discoveries into improved care for individuals with this common genetic disorder. Dr. Gutmann answered questions from the students on topics ranging from “how people get NF” to “how advances in medical genetics result in better cancer treatment”.

The visit to Baton Rouge was the brainchild of Aaron Posner, a current Episcopal sixth grader and one of Dr. Gutmann’s patients. Aaron decided that his Bar Mitzvah project would be to teach his classmates about NF and to raise money for the Washington University NF Center. For his project, Aaron addressed his school at a general assembly, and explained what having NF means to him. In addition, Aaron distributed NF Center “Team NF” bracelets.

“It was a wonderful experience for me to interact with children of all ages”, says Gutmann, “and to share with them the excitement and promise that research holds for the betterment of the human condition.”