

Plainfield High School students support blood drive in record numbers

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Coach Carol Taffaro has been leading the Blood Drive at Plainfield High School for more than five years, but this year's recent event exceeded her best expectations.

More than 100 pints of blood was collected by the American Red Cross during the one-day drive conducted a few weeks ago in the school gymnasium, with more than 140 students participating by donating blood.

This was highest number of student donors and the most blood collected in the event's history.”

Elmer Maldonado with Nicole Torres seniors at North Plainfield High School and Arlene Carter Red Cross staff after giving blood.(Photo: Photo Courtesy of Plainfield Public Schools District)

“I would like to thank everyone at PHS, the American Red Cross Team,

and the community, for creating a successful blood drive, the best ever,” she said in a prepared statement.

“The focus the students had was from the month-long meetings and preparation they had prior to the day. The students who donated and volunteered were awesome. They were diligent in keeping the system smoothly running. They were caring and concerned to those who were nervous. They worked well together as a team,” added Taffaro, Plainfield High School's health and physical education supervisor.

According to the American Red Cross for every pint collected the benefits are tripled.