

‘Frontline’ Examines the Epidemic of High School Dropouts Sept. 25 on NET1/NET-HD

LINCOLN, Neb. (Sept. 13, 2012) – Each year hundreds of high school students drop out before graduating, severely limiting their futures and saddling the nation with a generation at risk for economic, social and psychological failure. PBS’ acclaimed series “Frontline” examines what it takes to keep students in school in “Dropout Nation,” airing Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 9 p.m. CT on NET1 and NET-HD.

The epidemic of dropouts is so out of control that nobody knows the exact number of students who quit each year before earning their diplomas. What is clear is that massive dropout rates cripple individual career prospects and cloud the country’s future. At Houston’s Sharpstown High, once a notorious “dropout factory,” a high-stakes experiment is under way to rescue students from the edge. “Frontline” reporters spent a semester immersed in Sharpstown High to produce an unforgettable portrait of four students in crisis and the teachers, counselors and principal waging a daily, personal struggle to get them to graduation. A troubling and inspiring journey through the maze of an inner-city high school, “Dropout Nation” investigates the causes, challenges, and potential solutions of a national emergency.

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