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Inauguration Ceremony Wednesday for Milwaukee Youth Council

There will be a public inauguration ceremony for members of the **City of Milwaukee Youth Council** (<http://city.milwaukee.gov/YouthCouncil>) at **4:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, December 3, 2014 (tomorrow)** in the third floor Common Council Chamber at City Hall.

The meeting Wednesday will be televised live on City Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable and on AT&T U-Verse (Channel 99) in the City of Milwaukee. It can also be viewed via streaming video on the city website at www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

The 2014 Youth Council, composed of young leaders between 14 and 18 years of age, will serve and advance the interests of city youth as a representative body in government through a working partnership with the Common Council and the mayor. After an outreach campaign, several young people applied for the council, and members (representing the city's aldermanic districts) were selected from a group of nominated finalists interviewed by a panel of independent community volunteers.

The Common Council approved the 2014 Youth Council's term on November 25, and **Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.**, who first suggested the City of Milwaukee Youth Council in 2004, said the 2014 Youth Council is "composed of talented, bright, and energetic young people looking to make a positive imprint on Milwaukee."

"This fine group of young leaders is looking to lend their ideas and energy to improve the quality of life for their peers and for the city as a whole," he said. "I am looking forward to watching them deliberate, and to listening to what they have to say."

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City Clerk Jim Owczarski said former members of the Milwaukee Youth Council have gone on to great academic and professional success. “Its first president, Ms. Arlee Vang, was a scholarship student at Georgetown University, and our last, Keenan Gibson, is a freshman at George Mason,” Mr. Owczarski said.

“Along the way we’ve had members attend universities all across the United States, and some didn’t even go into political science. Their collective record of achievement is something of which the Common Council is justly proud,” he said.

The 2014 City of Milwaukee Youth Council:

District 1: Abena May

Abena is a sophomore at the Milwaukee Lutheran High School. Abena graduated with honors from Hickman Academy in June 2012 and was named Valedictorian. She also worked and volunteered at the Community Baptist Church, City of Milwaukee Housing Authority, Agape Community Center and Community Baptist Church.

District 2: Anthony Richmond

Anthony is a senior at Messmer High School. He is involved in several extracurricular activities which include Cross Country, SMART Team, Tablesetters, Cooking Club and Broadcast Media. He also worked as a summer intern for Alderman Joe Davis, Sr.

District 3: Gabrielle Tietyen-Mlengana

Gabrielle is a sophomore at Rufus King High School. She has volunteered for the Milwaukee Youth Council, River Keeper Cleanup, Wisconsin Humane Society and several other organizations. She is also involved in several extracurricular activities which include Music, Softball, Swimming, Milwaukee Youth Council, Latin Club, National Honor Society, Student Government, Improv Comedy and Middle School Forensics.

District 4: Ayanna Ellzey

Ayanna is a student at Rufus King High School. She was elected Freshman Class Treasurer of the Student Government and was involved in golf and cheerleading. She served as a campaign volunteer from 2013-2104 and volunteered as a child caretaker and a pantry assistant.

District 5: Payton Wade

Payton is a junior at the Divine Savior Holy Angels High School and is a member of the New Testament Church, where she is involved in the youth program. This summer, she was involved in Mayor Barrett’s Earn and Learn Program as an intern at City Hall. She says she is most proud to call herself an entrepreneur as she is in her third year of running a dog walking business and second year of babysitting.

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District 7: Sydnei Parker

Sydnei is a student at the University School of Milwaukee. She volunteered for the 29th street Alumni Association, MPS Team Up College Access Centers, Golda Meir, Redline Arts Organization and This House is a Home. She also has many achievements which include the honor roll, Milwaukee Youth Task Force, National Student Athlete Champion and co-creator of SWAT.

District 8: Cesar Gonzalez

District 10: Erin Barrett

Erin is a junior at Divine Savior Holy Angels High School. She worked as a food server at St. Sebastian Parish fish fries for four years and as a cashier since 2011. She has had distinguished leadership roles in the Drama Destination Club Office (DSHA) and Classroom Student Council Representative (St. Sebastian School).

District 12: Corina Estremera-Maldonado

St. Anthony high school freshman Corina Estremera-Maldonado is experienced in public speaking and is very passionate about neighborhood and community issues such as gang violence, racial profiling, homelessness, underage drinking and reducing gun violence. She received the Fruit of the Spirits Award by Victory Christian Academy for her positive spirit.

District 13: Carol Yang

Carol is a junior at Greendale High School. She enjoys singing, performing, and participating in school activities. As an active member of her community, Carol is involved in Teens Against Tobacco Use (T.A.T.U), Health Opportunities for Students of America (HOSA), Women's Choir and Math Club.

District 15: Morgan Hines

Morgan, a junior at Divine Savior Holy Angels High School, served on the student congress for three years. She enjoyed serving for student congress because it allows students to have a voice and weigh in on decisions that impact the DSHA community.

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