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Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs to Receive "Woman of the Year" Award

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs of the 6th District will receive the 2009 Woman of the Year award this evening during the Career Youth Development, Inc.'s 39th annual Image Awards event.

The awards banquet, which honors the best and brightest youth as well as community and political leaders who have provided support to CYD programs, will start at 7 p.m. at the downtown Hyatt Regency Hotel, 333 W. Kilbourn Ave. Bishop Sedgwick Daniels of Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God In Christ will receive the 2009 Man of the Year award.

Alderwoman Coggs said she is humbled by the honor, which she noted comes from an organization located in her district and built by a woman who believed in giving back to the community and helping young people reach for their dreams. "When one thinks of CYD one automatically thinks of the late Ms. Jeannetta Simpson Robinson, whose work and contributions live on and will continue to touch Milwaukeeans in positive ways," said Alderwoman Coggs.

"Ms. Simpson Robinson was a strong, compassionate, and determined leader who not only fought for civil rights alongside her mother, Claretta "Mother Freedom" Simpson, but also worked tirelessly to create programs to help young people and children improve their lives and their overall quality of life," she said. "I'm a product of CYD, and receiving this award is truly an honor that I'll cherish."

This year's awards event will include a special musical selection dedicated to Ms. Jeannetta Simpson-Robinson.