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Girls’ Day at City Hall Again Pairs Young Women with Public Service

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs is hosting the second annual Girls’ Day at City Hall TOMORROW, Friday, March 23, to pair local leaders with young women in the community. The event will once again focus on bringing young professionals who serve as elected officials or community service leaders together with teens to take part in activities that will empower the students to realize the multiple ways they can impact their community.

“We are seeing that women are significantly underrepresented in elected offices,” Alderwoman Coggs said. “Too many women are discouraged from pursuing public service and public office because they see it as a male-dominated arena.”

“With Girls’ Day at City Hall, we are showing these young women that they can make a difference in public service and politics, and that the opportunities before them are many,” she said. “This inspirational event is a means to show young women what their options are and what it means to serve the community, and I believe we can have a big impact on women representing their communities by showcasing some of our strongest leaders as mentors.”

Guest speakers will include Mayor Tom Barrett and state Sen. Lena C. Taylor, who will open the event as an honored speaker. Panelists include Shanee Jenkins – executive director of Northside/Parklawn YMCA Family Centers, Priscilla Coggs-Jones – founder of Urban Grass Roots Inc., Gracelyn Wilson, neighborhood strategic planning coordinator of the Northwest Side CDC, Administrative Law Judge Carolina Stark, Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy Rimo-West, and Milwaukee County Supervisor Nikiya Harris.

Alderwoman Coggs will kick off the event at 9:30 a.m. in the City Hall rotunda and the media is invited to attend the opening ceremony. Girls must pre-register (starting at 9 a.m.) to attend the day’s sessions.

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