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## Girls' Day at City Hall showcases public service careers for young women

The palette of speakers and role models for young women interested in public service continues to expand in the third annual **Girls' Day at City Hall**, hosted **TOMORROW, March 20, 2013** by **Alderdwoman Milele A. Coggs**. Envisioned to pair local leaders with young women from 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.

"It's very heartening to see so many professional women who are leaders in their community come forward to serve as role models for teens," Alderdwoman Coggs said. "Women are still underrepresented in elected office, but participants in Girls' Day at City Hall are inspiring examples of how women are competing and leading in the modern public sphere."

Among the day's activities are two panel discussions, the first of which, "*My Journey to Public Service*," will be moderated by Lelah Huntley and will include panelists Rosalynn Wolfe of the League of Young Voters, Martha De La Rosa of the Center for Progressive Leadership, Nikki Purvis of the Office of Small Business Development and Sarah Dollhausen of Tru Skool.

The second discussion, "*The Role of Women in Politics*," will be moderated by LaShawndra Vernon and will include panelists Judge Valarie Hill, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy Romo-West and State Representative La Tonya Johnson.

**Mayor Tom Barrett** will also speak to participants, and in a new feature this year, Pearl for Teen Girls will facilitate a workshop entitled "*Leadership and Personal Growth*."

Alderdwoman Coggs will kick off the event at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall rotunda, and the media is invited to attend the opening ceremony. Thelma Sias from We Energies will give opening remarks. Girls must pre-register (starting at 8:45 a.m.) to attend the day's sessions.

Event sponsors include United Way, McDonalds, WestCare Harambee Community Center, Port Super Market and Cuppie Cakes.