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Girls' Day at City Hall: A day of empowerment and engagement

Spaces throughout City Hall will be buzzing tomorrow (**Thursday, March 24**) as more than 100 young women take part in the 6th annual **Girls' Day at City Hall**, where they will be engaging with each other while being inspired by presenters and mentors about a path to future public service and leadership.

An official City of Milwaukee event, Girls' Day will be hosted by **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs**. Alderwoman Coggs said this year's program offers "something for every young woman" in attendance. "There will be panel discussions and workshops in addition to opportunities for active engagement and involvement with several public service-oriented organizations and entities, and the underlying messages of leadership, empowerment and optimism will be present throughout the day's activities," she said.

Mayor Tom Barrett will be attending tomorrow, and sessions and booths will include **PEARLS for Teen Girls; Girl Scouts; Girls in Action; Beyond the Bell**; and the City of Milwaukee **Fire and Police Commission** (Police and Fire Cadet Programs). Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to find out more about spending time with elected officials and others in public service during an upcoming "Shadow Day."

The morning keynote address will be provided by **Gerry A. Howze**, Executive Director of PEARLS for Teen Girls.

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Panelists during the programs tomorrow include: **Marcey Patterson**, Mayor's Office; **Bria Grant**, consultant; **Rayna Andrews**, Director of Community Engagement for Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin; **Leslie Silletti**; Vice President of Policy and Fund Development for Employ Milwaukee, Inc.; and **Ericka Lofton**, Founder/CEO of Girls in Action.

Other participants of note include: Municipal Court Judge **Valarie Hill**; State Representative **LaTonya Johnson**; Milwaukee County Supervisor **Peggy Romo-West**; Former State Representative **Elizabeth Coggs**, Vice President of WestCare Wisconsin; and **Sequanna Taylor**, candidate for Milwaukee County Board Supervisor of District 2.

Session moderators will be **Lelah Huntley** (Program Manager at Urban Centre) and **La'Ketta Caldwell** (Senior Program Manager for Arts at the Boys and Girls Club); facilitators will be **My Sista's KeepHer** and **Jayne Montgomery-Baker**, the President of Friends of Bronzeville; and the emcee will be **Ptoshia Davis**, CEO and founder of the Lauren Group, LLC.

Alderwoman Coggs will kick off the event at 9:20 a.m. in the City Hall rotunda, 200 E. Wells St., and the media is invited to attend the opening ceremony. Girls who have pre-registered must check in (starting at 8:30 a.m.) prior to the day's sessions.

The event's sponsors are (Senator) Lena Taylor @ PKSD, Maures Development Group, LLC, Pete's Food Market, 7th Street Foods, Target, the Boys and Girls Club, and Kiddie Land.