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

Spaces throughout City Hall will be buzzing tomorrow (Wednesday, March 14) as more than 200 young women take part in the 8th 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. “There will be workshops with women from diverse backgrounds sharing what led them to their civic minded careers,” said Alderwoman Coggs. “I am excited for inspiring and empowering conversations between these community leaders and the girls in attendance.”

The event begins at 9:00 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. Event registration is closed.

Alderwoman Coggs will kick off the event at 9:00 a.m. The Mistress of Ceremony will be Tammy Belton-Davis, Founder of Athena Speakers Bureau. The morning keynote address will be provided by La’Ketta Caldwell, Arts Director at Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee.

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Panel discussions and workshops include the following.

**My Journey to Public Service**
Astar Herndon, State Director for 9to5 National Association of Working Women
Britney Morgan, Public Allies/YWCA
Taryn Webb, Administrative and Security Coordinator for Siebert Lutheran Foundation
La Toya Sykes, President/CEO of Our Next Generation, Inc.
Raynetta “Ray” Hill, Associate Director for the Historic King Drive Business Improvement District

**The Role of Women in Politics**
Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Rebecca Dallett
Municipal Court Judge Valarie A. Hill
State Representative JoCasta Zamarripa
Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy West
Milwaukee County Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson

**Loving Who I Really Am**
Presented by My Sista’s KeepHER
Facilitated by Tina Nixon and Shelly Conley

**Double Dutch to Dream**
Presented by Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee
Facilitated by La’Ketta Caldwell and Ebony Haynes

Following the workshops, lunch will be provided at the Performing Arts Center (929 N. Water St.) where the first-ever Vel Phillips Trailblazer Award will be presented.

The 2018 sponsors are University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Mount Mary College, City of Milwaukee, AAUW West Suburban Milwaukee, Unite MKE, Our Next Generation, and RJR.

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