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Annual Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant Winners Announced

Recipients to be honored at Common Council meeting today

For 35 years, Northcott Neighborhood House has presented the Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant to showcase the best of African-American youth in Milwaukee. The winners of the 35th annual pageant were recently announced, with Miss Juneteenth and Mister Juneteenth (ages 14 years old to 18 years old), and Little Miss Juneteenth and Little Mister Juneteenth (ages 8 years old to 13 years old), being selected for their excellence and commitment in both school and their community.

In addition to participating in the Juneteenth Day Parade and festivities, the Common Council will formally recognize the city's 2026 Juneteenth Pageant winners at its regular meeting **TODAY - Tuesday, June 23 at 9 a.m.** in the Common Council Chamber at **City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.** Those recognized will include: **Miss Juneteenth – Gianna Cooks; Mister Juneteenth – Jace White; Little Miss Juneteenth – Ava Garry; and Little Mister Juneteenth – Michael Terry, Jr.**

Alderman Milele A. Coggs, a longtime Juneteenth supporter whose 6th District includes the home of the annual Juneteenth celebration, said she believes it is important to honor the young pageant winners. "Every year, a tremendous group of young people who have demonstrated excellence both in school and in their communities are selected to represent their peers and the spirit of Juneteenth," she said. "I believe it is important that we, as city leaders, take a moment to recognize their hard work, accomplishments, and support them along their journey."

Today's Common Council meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Common Council Chamber on the third floor of City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. The meeting will be streamed live on the City Channel (channel 25 on Spectrum Cable and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse in the City of Milwaukee) and via streaming video on the city website at city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.