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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**15th Annual Girls’ Day @ City Hall set for Thursday, March 13**

The 15th annual Girls’ Day @ City Hall event, which seeks to expose girls of middle school to high school age to possible careers in public service and elected office, is set to take place **TOMORROW** - **Thursday, March 13** from **9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** The event was created by **Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs** and is supported by **Alderwoman Andrea M. Pratt, Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa, Alderwoman Larresa Taylor, and Alderwoman Sharlen P. Moore.** The event is at capacity for attendees, but media coverage is invited.

More than 250 girls will be in attendance to participate in a day centered on public service. Attendees will participate in two panel discussions. The first panel is titled **“Why I chose to run and serve in elective office,”** and panelists include: Judge **Kori Ashley**, Milwaukee County Circuit Court Branch 19; **Andrea M. Pratt**, City of Milwaukee Alderwoman, 1st District; Chairwoman **Marcelia Nicholson**, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisor, 10th District; **Priscilla Coggs-Jones**, Milwaukee County Supervisor, 13th District; **Larresa Taylor**, City of Milwaukee Alderwoman, 9th District; **Safiyah Osman,** freshman at Rufus King, Youth Council Representative 5th District; **Ingrid Walker-Henry**, MTEA President; **Sharlen P. Moore**, City of Milwaukee Alderwoman, 10th District; **Marina Dimitrijevic**, City of Milwaukee Alderwoman, 14th District; and **Milele A. Coggs**, City of Milwaukee Alderwoman, 6th District.

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The second panel is titled **“Why I chose a career of service,”** and panelists include: **Jackie Carter,** City of Milwaukee Port Director; **Amber Danyus,** Mayor’s Liaison Officer; **Jamila Benson,** Program Director, Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum; **Tiffany Shepherd,** DPW Marketing & Communications Officer; **Shana Sappinton Crittenden,** Ascension President; **Mildred** ‘**Millie’ Coby,** Director of Community Engagement Agency Impact, Employ Milwaukee; **Arleta Slaughter,** Entrepreneur Youth Advocate, Sexual Health Instructor, and Educator; **Zoe Chambers,** a junior at Golda Meir School and the current Miss Juneteenth; **Sanaa Tyler,** Milwaukee Police Aide; and **Jezamil Arroyo-Vega,** Commissioner of the Department of Neighborhood Services

Panel moderators are **Cree Ellzey**, Student at Rufus King High School; **Kayle Phillips**, Student at Ronald Reagan High School; **Andrea Bester**, CEO/Founder/President, Cutting Edge; and **Mia Moore**, Freshmen at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The event will be led by the Mistress of Ceremonies, **Denise Thomas**, Founder and Owner of The Effective Communication Coach, and **Christine Neumann-Ortiz**, the Executive Director of Voces De la Frontera, will deliver remarks in the morning session.

Girls’ Day will also include a lunch program at 1:00 p.m. that will include the presentation of the Vel R. Phillips Trailblazer Award to **Dr. Lia Knox, Carla Wertheim** and **Adrian Spencer**. This award is presented annually to recognize female Milwaukeeans who exemplify Vel R. Phillips’ legacy of selfless service and trailblazing work toward improving the quality of life for residents in Milwaukee. Additionally during the lunch program, the Girl’s Day Scholarship will be presented.

Event sponsors include Alderwoman Coggs, Alderwoman Pratt, Alderman Dimitrijevic, Alderwoman Zamarripa, Alderwoman Taylor Alderwoman Moore, the City of Milwaukee, Brewers Community Foundation, Inc., Summerfest, HGA, Ascension, and The Trade Hotel.

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**Where:    City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

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