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Inauguration Ceremony Wednesday for Milwaukee Youth Council

Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. will deliver remarks during a public inauguration ceremony for the members of the second **City of Milwaukee Youth Council** (<http://city.milwaukee.gov/YouthCouncil>) at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow (**Wednesday, November 10**) in the third floor Common Council Chamber at City Hall.

The 2010 Youth Council, composed of young leaders between 14 and 18 years of age, is designed to serve and advance the interests of city youth as a representative body in government through a working partnership with the Common Council and the mayor. After an aggressive and strategic outreach campaign, a total of 142 young people applied for the council, and the 15 members (each representing one of the city's 15 aldermanic districts) were selected from a group of 28 nominated finalists interviewed by a panel of independent community volunteers.

The Common Council approved the 2010 Youth Council's term on November 3.

Alderman Joe Davis, Sr., who first suggested the City of Milwaukee Youth Council in 2004, said the 2010 Youth Council is "composed of talented, bright, and energetic young people looking to make a positive imprint" on Milwaukee.

"This fine group of young leaders is looking to lend their ideas and energy to improve the quality of life for their peers and for the city as a whole," he said. "I am looking forward to watching them deliberate, and to listening to what they have to say."

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2010 Youth Council/ADD ONE

The 2010 City of Milwaukee Youth Council is:

District 1: Hikeem Williams-Davis, 14

Hikeem is a 9th grade student at Messmer High School. Hikeem wants to join the council to increase youth voice, meet new people, and give back to the community. He believes Milwaukee needs more resources for youth. He is an active member of the TAB advisory board. Youth violence is an issue that Hikeem wants to address as a council member.

District 2: Marissa Steinbach, 15

Marissa is a 10th grader at Riverside University High School. She has a strong interest in politics and believes that young people in Milwaukee need more positive opportunities. She is a member of Pearls for Teen Girls. She listed violence is an issue she would like to address as a council member.

District 3: Francis Klein, 16

Francis is an 11th grader at Pius XI High School. Francis is active in several organizations and programs focused on music, theatre, and civic engagement. Francis was encouraged to apply for the council by his father. As a council member he would like to address environmental issues in Milwaukee.

District 4: Ben Scotty, 14

Ben is an 11th grader at Rufus King High School. He is an enthusiastic young leader committed making Milwaukee a better place. He plays soccer, violin, and is an avid reader. He wants to join the council to contribute ideas to address issues important to him and the community.

District 5: Shavon Rudolph, 16

Shavon is an 11th grade student at Rufus King High School. She is active in forensics, debate, and model UN. She applied for the council to make a difference in the community. She is committed to improving MPS and wants to work on education issues as a council member.

District 6: Takiya Eiland, 14

Takiya is a 9th grader at Community High School. She was referred to the council by her teacher, and is an active member of the NAACP Ambassadors for Peace Program. She also plays basketball. She is committed to addressing education issues particularly in MPS.

District 7: Deja Hoskin, 15

Deja is a 10th grader at Riverside High School. She learned about the council from her mother who encouraged her to apply. She is an active member of Student Council and plays basketball. Violence is a key issue that she would like to address as a council member. She enjoys living in Milwaukee and would like to work as a council member to increase programming for youth.

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2010 Youth Council/ADD TWO

District 8: Shaquille Harris, 16

Shaquille is an 11th grade student at New School for Community Service. He is an avid basketball player and is very concerned about making Milwaukee better. As a council member he would like to increase the number of youth outlets for young people.

District 9: Danielle Sherrer, 15

Danielle is an 11th grader at Milwaukee High School of the Arts. She is also a member of National Honor Society. She learned about the council from her father. She is very passionate about the city and would like to work on environmental issues as a council member.

District 10: Zachary Komes, 16

Zach is an 11th grade student at Rufus King High School. He is co-captain of the debate team and is co-chair of the Amnesty International chapter at his school. He learned about the youth council online and decided to apply. He said he is very concerned about poverty, crime, and education in Milwaukee.

District 11: Kayla Schmeling, 15

Kayla is an 11th grade student at Milwaukee School of Languages. She is a member of National Honor Society and has performed with the Milwaukee Ballet. She speaks multiple languages and plays the piano. She was referred to the council by her high school social worker. As a council member she would like to increase young people's knowledge and involvement in the electoral process.

District 12: Dyanmond Lewis, 15

Dyanmond is a 10th grade student at St. Joan Antida High School. Her career goal is to become a biomedical engineer. She maintains a 4.0 GPA and is an active member of Pearls for Teen Girls who likes to help others. As a council member Dyanmond would like to address the issue of violence in the community.

District 13: Juan Zavala, 15

Juan is a 10th grade student at Wisconsin Career Academy. He plays football and likes to hang-out with friends. He applied to join the council to help ensure that his neighborhood would be safe for him and his mother. As a council member he would like to focus on improving public safety in his district.

District 14: Amanda Wood, 16

Amanda is an 11th grader at Pius XI High School. She is involved in church, Key Club, track, and is trained in local disaster response. She has a strong interest in economics and business. As a council member she would like to work on education, poverty, and improve local transit.

District 15: Shiquita Freeman, 15

Shiquita is a 10th grader at Milwaukee Vincent High School. She plays basketball and wants to ultimately be a lawyer. She plans to attend Marquette or Duke University. She decided to join the council so that she could make a difference in Milwaukee. As a council member she would like to focus on increasing public safety throughout the city of Milwaukee.