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**BIZ 2008: A SUMMIT AND SHOWCASE FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS—
A HUGE SUCCESS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

More Than \$10,000 in Scholarships at County's First Entrepreneurial Education Summit

Prince George's County Council Member Ingrid M. Turner (D) – District 4, in partnership with The Prince George's Community Foundation, awarded \$10,000 in scholarships during ***BIZ 2008: A Summit and Showcase for Young Entrepreneurs***, the County's first educational summit designed to showcase Prince George's County high school and college student entrepreneurs, on March 1, 2008 at the Camelot of Upper Marlboro.

BIZ 2008, which attracted 75 student participants, representing 21 high schools and colleges, featured 23-year old business icon and author of ***Reallionaire*** and ***Get Real, Get Rich***, Dr. Farrah Gray; President and Chief Academic Officer of Innovative Study Techniques, LLC, Riche' L. Holmes, Esq.; and WPGC News Director, Guy Lambert. A number of noted business experts were also on hand to conduct workshop sessions and mentor summit attendees. The event also included a networking luncheon and business plan competition with more than 30 entries.

Council Member Turner noted the significant interest in business ownership demonstrated by the County's young people.

"*BIZ 2008* accomplished the goal of encapsulating the fundamental aspects of entrepreneurship in a one-day, interactive program for young entrepreneurs. It was also good to see so many business owners and leaders in Prince George's County come out in support of this event. We must continue to work together to motivate and inspire our young people to pursue business ownership."



Council Member Ingrid Turner (D) – District 4, and Business Plan Competition Finalists.



Business Plan Competition Winners: Christopher Pollock, Kailyn Cage and Jonathan Gadson.

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Business owner and mentor Kevin Logan, was among the conference attendees.

“The summit was superb. It gave insight to an array of opportunities and resources available to young entrepreneurs. Not only was there a wealth of information provided by the presenters, there was audience interaction and involvement, role-playing exercises designed to enhance skills and abilities, and resources to help attendees go to the next level. I can’t wait for BIZ 2009!”

Among the scholarship recipients: 1st Place, Capitol Christian Academy senior Jonathan Gadson, owner of Zippstar, LLC which manufactures low budget, high-quality shoe covers called “Zipp’s Shoe Glove”; 2nd Place, University of Maryland sophomore and Largo High School graduate Kailyn Cage, owner of Kailyn’s Catering, a vending company specializing in catering; and 3rd Place, Bowie State University junior and Charles H. Flowers High School graduate Christopher Pollock whose business “The Networking Loop” provides results-oriented advertising, marketing and event promotion services.

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