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COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES APRIL AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
Prince George's County Students Shadow Council Members for the Day

The Prince George's County Council recognized April as National County Government Month with a proclamation ceremony and "Student Shadow Day" program on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

Following the proclamation ceremony, 24 select Prince George's County high school "Student Shadow Day" participants received commendations from their respective Council Member; participated in Council session; and accompanied their respective Council Members throughout the legislative day to better understand the daily responsibilities of elected officials. In keeping with the theme of National County Government Month, "Serving our Veterans, Armed Forces and their Families," students heard from Prince George's County Commission for Veterans Chairman Henry Turner, LTC (Retired), USA during a luncheon with elected officials that culminated the day's events.

Prince George's County Council Chair Ingrid Turner (D) – District 4, says Student Shadow Day is an important mentorship opportunity for the Council and we look forward to participating each year.

"The purpose of National County Government Week is to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of local government, so this was a wonderful opportunity to engage our young people with an expressed interest in public service. Our shadows witnessed, first-hand, how County Government operates and experienced a day in the life of an elected official. The students were wonderful and I look forward to great things from them in the future."

Nkemdilim "Kimmy" Ndum, a Bowie High School senior and Vice President of her Student Government, was invited to participate in "Student Shadow Day" by Council Chair Turner. Kimmy was grateful for the opportunity to learn more about the work of a Council Member.

"It was very interesting to see what a Council Member does behind the scenes and see how County Government works from inside. It was a great experience and I really learned a lot."

Sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo), National County Government Month is an annual celebration of county governments created to raise public awareness and understanding about the role and responsibility of the nation's counties.



Prince George's County Council and "Student Shadow Day" participants.

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The following is a list of participating students, respective schools and the Council Districts represented:

District 1 – Mary Lehman

Sheena Patel
Chelsea Joseph

High Point High School
Laurel High School

District 2 – Will Campos

Ocie Banks

Northwestern High School

District 3 – Eric Olson

Sagen Kidane,
Edwin Motton,
Nallely Arriaga

Parkdale High School
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District 4 – Ingrid M. Turner

Nkemdilim “Kimmy” Ndom
Jordan Washington
Delonte’ Ross

Bowie High School
Eleanor Roosevelt High School
DuVal High School

District 5 – Andrea Harrison

Devonte Harris
Sarajulie Tchokovani
Jasmine Price

Charles Flowers High School
Fairmount Heights High School
Bladensburg High School

District 6 – Leslie Johnson

Cadet Major Nichell N. McMiller
Davon Williams
Claudius Solomon
Paige Telesford

Forestville Military Academy
Tall Oaks High School
Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School
Central High School

District 7 – Karen Toles

Imani Durham
Krystelle Oliveros

Suitland High School
Potomac High School

District 8 – Obie Patterson

Victor Wynn
Markietta Owens

Crossland High School
Oxon Hill High School

District 9 – Mel Franklin

Cassius A. McCormick
Erika Liggins
Kenneth Brown
Indasha Bynum

Gwynn Park High School
Friendly High School
Surrattsville High School
Frederick Douglass High School