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High School students begin communications internship program

Trenton, NJ -- The Trenton Public Education Foundation (TPEF), along with local media outlets and area corporations, kicked off the third year of the Trenton Youth Communications Partnership with a celebration event at Trenton Central High School yesterday.

“The seven Trenton Central High School students chosen to take part in the program were able to meet some of the mentors and hear details about their internships,” said Pamela Pruitt, TPEF board president. This year’s program will run through May 31, with final projects being presented at a showcase on June 7, she said.

The Trenton Youth Communications Partnership is a program that pairs journalists, public relations practitioners and other professionals with high school students interested in pursuing careers in media and communications. “With the guidance of their mentors, these students will get a first-hand look at what it takes to succeed in these fields,” said Pruitt.

Partners in this mentor-based internship program include: Capital Health System; Children's Futures; Community News Service, LLC; Thomas Edison State College; Educational Testing Service (ETS); Learning for Life; Mercer County Community College - TV, Radio WWFM 89.1 and Upward Bound; New Jersey Network; Princeton Communications Group; Princeton Plasma Physics Lab (PPPL); PSE&G; Rutgers University; The College of New Jersey-Collegebound; The Next Level Consulting, LLC; The Times of Trenton; The Trentonian; Trenton Central High School Media Technology Academy; Trenton Public Schools; Trenton Thunder; Vagabond Vistas Photography; Verizon; and WIMG AM 1300.

By leveraging community resources and creating opportunities through innovative programs like the Trenton Youth Communications Partnership, TPEF continues its mission to enhance the education of students in Trenton Public Schools. For more information visit the TPEF Web site at www.tpef.org.

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Mary Burks (Coordinator, Workforce Relations, Trenton Central High School), Ashley Harris (Junior), Rafael Feliciano (Junior), Pula Jusu (Senior), Tanasha Scott (Learning for Life Director), Pamela Pruitt (President, Trenton Public Education Foundation), Eriesha Artis (Junior), Deja Jones (Senior), Latifah Chambers (Senior), Susette Jackson (Teacher Leader, Media Technology Academy, Trenton Central High School)

Missing is Zair Ayers (Senior)