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### **High School students begin communications internship program**

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

“The thirteen 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 1, 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.

“Because we received overwhelmingly positive reviews from both students and mentoring organizations last year, we decided to expand the program. This year we have more than double the participants,” said Pruitt.

Partners in this mentor-based internship program include: Capital Health System; Children's Futures; Community News Service, LLC; Dow Jones - Wall Street Journal; Thomas Edison State College; Educational Testing Service (ETS); Janssen, LP and Ortho-McNeil Neurologics, Inc.; Learning for Life; Mercer County Community College; Mercer County; Department of Communications, New Jersey Network; Princeton Communications Group; PSE&G; Rutgers University; The Times of Trenton; Trenton Central High School; Trenton School District; Trenton Thunder; The Trentonian; Verizon; WIMG AM1300; and WZBN-TV, Inc.

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](http://www.tpef.org).

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PHOTO CAPTION: The Trenton Central High School students selected to take part in the 2006 Trenton Youth Communications Partnership mentoring program are pictured with Trenton Public Education Foundation Board President Pamela Pruitt (center), TCHS Director of Workforce Relations Mary Burks (left), Media Tech Academy Teacher-Leader Susette Jackson and Learning for Life Coordinator Tanasha Scott (back row right). The students are (l to r) Shaheed Morris, Sharee J. Hunter, Yakima Hall-Ledi, Andrea Godoy, Chinasa Tyler, Carla Baylor, Yeshire Benitez, Amanda Haynes, Deja Jones, Tiffany Guevara, Katherine Nieves, and Donovan Smith.