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GLASSBORO TEENS GET AN INSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Civic Interns Receive Stipend for Three-Week Program Working in Municipal Departments

GLASSBORO—For the past decade, Glassboro teens have been invited to participate in a three-week summer program that provides broader knowledge of how their local community runs. Developed by Councilwoman Ingres Simpson in 2000, the Glassboro Civic Intern Program recruited seven 14-15 year old students for the 2011 session.

"This is a terrific program for Glassboro's young people. The municipality receives the addition of helping hands and the young people gain insight about how local government can have a positive influence in the life of the community," said Simpson.

The internship wrapped up July 28. The students spent their time working with Borough employees in the Highway Department, Finance, Park & Recreation, Economic Development, the Public Library and the Construction office. They also attended a Borough Council Meeting, toured the Highway Department and Water & Sewer Treatment Plant, visited the County Justice Building in Woodbury and received CPR training. Each student received a \$160.00 stipend upon completion of the program.

"I can't think of a better way to teach children about local government. This is an experience they will carry with them for the rest of their lives and they can share what they learned with their friends and family," said Councilman Joe D' Alessandro.



Caption for “Civic Intern Program 2011.jpg”:

Glassboro’s 14-15 year old civic interns toured the Justice Center in Woodbury as part of the three-week program this July. Shown at the start of their tour are (l-r) Luke Wible, Juwan Johnson (back), Jason Skidmore, Andrew Holden (back), Shalesah Hall, Shamir Ogawa (back) Freeholder and Glassboro resident Heather Simmons, Taylor Minatee, Councilwoman and Civic Intern Program coordinator Ingres Simpson and Gloucester County Ombudsman Sandra Lopez, who coordinated the Justice Center tour.

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