



Prince George's County

COUNTY COUNCIL Legislative Branch

COUNCIL MEMBER INGRID M. TURNER HOSTS YOUTH LEADERSHIP BOWIE

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Prince George's County Council Member Ingrid M. Turner (D) - District 4, hosted the members of **Youth Leadership Bowie** during a visit to the offices of the Prince George's County Council on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

While at the Council, Youth Leadership Bowie students participated in a mock public hearing, discussing legislation regarding casinos in Prince George's County, and sharing their perspectives on the positive and negative aspects of gaming. Students also toured the Office of the County Executive and the County Council Hearing Room.

Council Member Turner said the participation of students in the mock public hearing was impressive.

"I was extremely proud of the Youth Leadership Bowie students as they deftly presented their views and provided keen insight on the aspects of the subject matter. I appreciated their eagerness to be an important part of the decision making process."

Teen Mentoring Program Coordinator Rhonda Simon, expressed her appreciation to Council Member Turner for the opportunity to bring the students to the County Council.

"This is a great opportunity to get students interested in how County Government works and provide a personal look at how the County works with the city and state."

Among the Youth Leadership Bowie student participants are: Desiree DaCosta, Annapolis Area Christian School; Langmia Fonjoe and Bradley Peters, DeMatha High School; Bennett Garner, Steven Rigby, Cesi Taboada and Leah Walker, Bowie High School; Dylan Harris, St. Vincent Pallotti High School; Cariann Hithon and Faith Walker, St. John's College High School; Amy Pierson and Francisco Pizarro, Archbishop Spalding High School; Luke Smith, Gonzaga High School; and Darius Thompson, Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Youth Leadership Bowie, a program sponsored by the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce, is designed to expose young people to a variety of potential career opportunities by providing a glimpse into the world of business and government.

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All legislative powers of Prince George's County are vested in the County Council. The County Council sits as the District Council on zoning and land use policy, and as the Board of Health to govern and guide health policy. The County Council meets as a legislative body on Tuesdays in the Council Hearing Room on the first floor of the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. For more information on the Prince George's County Council, please visit www.princegeorgescountymd.gov.