

## City staff help teens envision career options

A job shadowing event for Roosevelt High School students and a career fair at Edison High School are two recent examples of how City staff are helping teens envision future career opportunities.

During a Feb. 19 job shadowing event hosted by the Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED), staff members helped 17 Roosevelt High School students make the critical link between the classroom and the workplace.

CPED volunteers stressed the importance of STEM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and demonstrated how they use these skills every day on the job. The students learned about the many different kinds of public sector careers and gathered valuable information that will assist them in preparing for their future.

In addition to job shadowing, the students and their hosts participated in a walking tour of The Mill City district, a visit to City Hall with a stop at the Mayor's office and City Council chambers, and a hands-on development project demonstration.

CPED staff who worked on the job shadowing event are: Miles Mercer, Kelly Hoffman, John Smoley, Tom Leighton, Lee Peterson, Nikki Newman, Jeff Schneider, Paula Mazzacano and Ed Daley.

In another example of recent efforts to reach out to young people, a group of City staff — most of whom are also Edison High School alumni — participated in a March 12 Career Fair at Edison.

Connie Korman - Public Works, Barbara Sporlein - CPED, David Burbank – Police, Kevin Reich - City Council, Al Daher – Fire, and Maryam Williams – 911 were on hand at Edison to talk with young people about public service careers with the City of Minneapolis. They talked with students about staying in school, the Minneapolis Promise/Power of U, and what education is needed for different careers.

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