

“Leading By Example” Held for GHA Youth



GHA Youth and PNRC Officers visited International Civil Rights Museum during the Youth Leadership Academy.

The Greensboro Police Department’s PNRC Unit held “Leading by Example”, its first Youth Leadership Academy, on June 24-26 2014, for youth residing in Greensboro Housing Authority communities. This academy provided 25 of the best and brightest youth in grades 7-9 with the opportunity to use logic and reasoning to solve problems, develop conflict resolution skills, and learn how to work together for positive change in their community. Participants were given the opportunity to work with police officers, and members of the community through exchanging ideas, positive feedback and team building activities.

A field trip to the International Civil Rights Museum during the academy gave the youth an opportunity to view the history of civil rights and the sit-in movement. The museum is housed in the former F.W. Woolworth’s Department Store in downtown Greensboro where, on February 1, 1960, four Greensboro NC A &T University students began the sit-in movement by seating themselves at the segregated lunch counter.

At the conclusion of the academy, the youth received a CPR certification, conflict resolution skills, and the will to change their communities. The participating youth were honored at a graduation ceremony where the youth were presented a certificate of completion and graduate pin symbolizing their crossing over to new opportunities. The academy was held at the Tann-Sternberger meeting room at the Central Library, 219 North Church Street, in downtown Greensboro.



Four GHA youth stand behind the footsteps exhibit at the International Civil Rights Museum. The exhibit recognizes the courageous act of four college freshman who refused to give up their seats at the segregated lunch counter of F. W. Woolworth's.