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**Pittsburgh Millions 6-12 Student Aisha Hughes to attend  
Junior Statesmen Foundation Summer School at Princeton University**

PITTSBURGH May 20, 2009 - Pittsburgh Millions 6-12 University Preparatory School ninth grade student Aisha Hughes was offered admission by the Junior Statesmen Foundation to attend the Junior State of America/Junior Statesmen Foundation Summer School at Princeton University. Ms. Hughes will travel to Princeton, New Jersey in June to begin the five-week program dedicated to enriching her passion for politics and a concern for world and national affairs. The Junior State of America/Junior Statesmen Foundation is a national non-partisan student-run youth organization. Their mission is to help high school students acquire leadership skills and the knowledge necessary to become accomplished college graduates, effective citizens and voters. These programs are also held at Yale, Georgetown, and Stanford Universities.

Ms. Hughes will enroll in the program's rigorous advanced placement U.S. history, government, and speech communications courses. She will also participate in the student run, interactive experiential simulations (IES) facilitated by the Princeton Congressional Workshops that will help Ms. Hughes and her fellow Junior Statesmen create and run a legislative body patterned after the U.S. Congress. Students will debate contemporary political issues, education reform and economic policy, among others.

In addition to a \$1,500.00 scholarship, the Junior Statesmen Foundation has supplied Ms. Hughes with an online sponsorship page where support in the form of in-kind donations is now being accepted. Visit <http://www.jsa.kintera.org> and click on "Sponsor a Student" to keyword search Aisha Hughes and become a friend of her fundraising campaign.

To learn more about the Junior Statesmen Summer School, visit <http://www.jsa.org/summer-school/summer-school.html>. To learn more about the Junior Statesmen Foundation, its programs and affiliates, visit <http://www.jsa.org/>.

**About Pittsburgh Millions 6-12 University Preparatory School**

On February 27, 2008 the Board of Directors approved the opening of the City's first university partnership school at the Millions facility. Pittsburgh Millions 6-12 University Preparatory School opened at the start of this school year with 9<sup>th</sup> graders. For the start of the 2009-10 school year, the school will grow to include grades 6-10 by adding the middle years 6-8. Since Pittsburgh Miller PreK-8 and Pittsburgh Vann PreK-8 will become PreK-5 schools in 2009-10, students who would have been anticipated for grades 6-8 will now attend Pittsburgh Millions for the start of the 2009-10 school year.

The University of Pittsburgh is collaborating with the District to create a rigorous system of support for students as they advance through their secondary education so that they are prepared to take advantage of *The Pittsburgh Promise*.

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