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Clerk Dorothy Brown Hosts DuSable High School Students For Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2005

CHICAGO (February 4, 2005) - The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, hosted 20 DuSable High School students for the eighth annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Clerk Brown greeted the students at the Daley Center and matched them with members of her Senior Staff. The students then "shadowed" their mentors as the staff members went to work in their respective areas of the Clerk's Office. Students attended meetings, toured the Daley Center and worked alongside the Clerk's Office staff in an effort to achieve practical experience in the working world. The students were able to observe firsthand how skills learned in school relate to the workplace.

"I am proud to participate with my staff in a national program that allows students to learn what takes place during the course of a day at work," said Clerk Brown.

Groundhog Job Shadow Day is a nationwide program established in 1998 by America's Promise, an organization that has taken on the challenge to make youth a national priority. America's Promise has created a diverse and growing alliance of more than 400 national organizations. Groundhog Job Shadow Day was designed to give students across America the chance to shadow a workplace mentor as he or she goes through a day on the job.

"My office is already actively planning for next year's Groundhog Job Shadow Day," said Clerk Brown. "Not only did the students benefit from this program, but my staff and I did as well."



Photo caption: The Honorable Dorothy Brown (seated center), Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, poses with DuSable High School students (seated) and members of her staff who were paired for “Groundhog Job Shadow Day” on Feb. 2. The students “shadowed” the mentors to experience what a typical workday at the Clerk’s Office entails. Ms. Emika Canty (seated right of Clerk Brown), a DuSable teacher, accompanied the youth on the trip to the Daley Center.

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