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Local High School Students Gain Experience, Insight in “Engineer for a Day” Program City’s “Engineer of the Year” Also Honored During City Hall Ceremony

(Columbus) The potential next generation of City of Columbus engineers today got a glimpse at how they could help build the City future infrastructure during annual Engineer For A Day Activities. Twenty central Ohio high school students considering college degrees in engineering met face-to-face with current city engineers and toured city facilities as part of the program. The program showcases showcase careers in public engineering to local students in the process of making career choices.

“Engineer For A Day is a great chance to mentor aspiring young professionals who will go on to earn their engineering degrees and then start their careers and their families, hopefully here in Columbus,” said Mayor Michael B. Coleman. “These students will learn first hand how they can make Columbus a stronger, more competitive city for decades to come.”

The day began with a reception at City Hall that included the awarding of the Engineer of the Year to Norman Braughton, P.E., of the Department of Public Service. Following the ceremony, participating students were paired with engineers from the city’s departments of Public Service and Public Utilities. Each student was able to spend significant one-on-one time with a professional engineer and all received guided tours at their choice of city facilities including the Dublin Road Water Plant, the Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Division of Transportation’s Maintenance and Materials Testing Lab and the Traffic Signal Control Room.

“Participants in this program can see firsthand how a career in engineering and public service can combine to improve the lives of Columbus residents,” said Councilmember Eileen Paley, chair of the Public Utilities Committee. “Our City employees strive for excellence everyday and are valuable role models for these students.”

“I am so proud of Norman Broughton and his hard work that earned him the Engineer of the Year Award,” said Public Service Director Mark Kelsey. “He exemplifies the standard of excellence that all our engineers bring to work every day, and I can think of no better group for these students to learn from than our entire staff engineers in Columbus.”

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“Engineer for a Day is a great opportunity for the students to meet with the best in the business and for our engineers to help mentor the next generation of engineers,” said Department of Public Utilities Director Tanya Arsh. “We need these students to get their engineering degrees and put their talents to work to benefit our customers.”

Engineer for a Day is sponsored by the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers, and has long enjoyed strong support from the city’s departments of Public Utilities and Public Service.