



FUTURE LEADERS IN
AMERICA'S GOVERNMENT

2017 YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

FLAG CONQUERED ATLANTIC CITY, NJ.

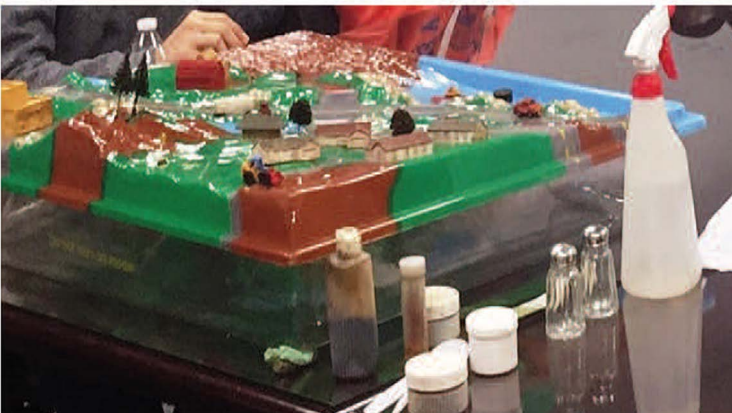


More than 80 students took part in the 2017 BIG FLAG Youth Leadership Summit. It focused, in part, on career readiness, personal and professional branding, and drug awareness. The summit fostered an environment to prepare the new generation of American leaders to act as advocates for the employment and general welfare of blacks employed by federal, state, and local government tomorrow by learning. Captivating workshops and current event discussions highlighted the diverse backgrounds and beliefs of participants while fostering fellowship and mutual respect.



MAJOR GENERAL ANTHONY P. GERMAN, ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK PROVIDED OPENING REMARKS, WHICH TRULY RESONATED WITH THE STUDENTS.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



WARREN HOWARD, A RETIRED EPA ENGINEER AND MEMBER OF THE GREATER BOSTON CHAPTER OF BIG, GAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING PRESENTATION USING THE ENVIROSCOPE® —A WATERSHED MODEL. THE ENVIROSCOPE® HELPED THE STUDENTS BETTER UNDERSTAND THE SOURCES AND PREVENTION OF WATER POLLUTION THROUGH VISUAL, HANDS-ON INTERACTION. THE ENVIROSCOPE® MADE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN WHAT WE DO ON EARTH AND THE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. KNOWN FOR ITS BALANCED APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WITH A FOCUS

ON PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, THE MODELS ARE IN USE AROUND THE WORLD.

IN HIS PRESENTATION, MR. HOWARD DISCUSSED ISSUES RELATIVE “NON-POINT SOURCE” POLLUTED RUNOFFS (RUN-OFF THAT OCCUR AFTER A RAIN STORM). HE DESCRIBED THE VARIOUS SOURCES OF WATER POLLUTION THAT PEOPLE ENCOUNTER EVERY DAY IN THE WATER SHED. HE ALSO DISCUSSED VARIOUS PREVENTIVE POLLUTION METHODS. HE CONCLUDED HIS PRESENTATION WITH A DISCUSSION ON THE FLINT WATER CRISIS CAREERS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES. MR. HOWARD SERVED AS THE FIRST BLACK ENGINEER IN THE NEW ENGLAND REGION OF THE EPA.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION/ DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION



FBI AND DEA REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NEWARK, NJ, AND PHILADELPHIA, PA, FIELD OFFICES VOLUNTEERED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2017 BIG-FLAG YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT SERVING IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES. AS EVIDENCED BY STUDENT SURVEYS, THE FBI PRESENCE AT THE BIG FLAG CONFERENCE HELPED BRIDGE THAT GAP BETWEEN PERCEPTION AND REALITY OF HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AFFECTS THE BLACK COMMUNITY.



STATE DEPARTMENT

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT
AMBASSADOR STEVE MCGANN



THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE SOUGHT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN DIPLOMACY AND TO EDUCATE THE STUDENTS ABOUT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS AND CAREER OPTIONS. U.S. AMBASSADOR STEVE MCGANN ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH THE FLAG STUDENTS-- WHO ARE FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS-- AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONSIDER CAREERS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE SHARED STORIES ABOUT HIS WORK IN AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHILE REVEALING HIS PERSONAL PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY. HE ALSO TOUCHED ON A NUMBER OF YOUTH PROGRAMS THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPONSORS TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY LANGUAGE INITIATIVE FOR YOUTH- NSLI-Y.

THE SESSION PROVIDED WHAT SEEMED TO BE A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL EXCHANGE. EXPOSURE TO CAREERS AT A YOUNG AGE IS ESSENTIAL IF STUDENTS ARE TO BE PREPARED FOR HIGHLY SKILLED JOBS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S EXPOSURE TO THE "ROADS LESS TRAVELED" SUPPORTS STUDENTS' OPPORTUNITY FOR SEEKING CAREERS OUTSIDE THE REALM OF THEIR INFLUENCE.

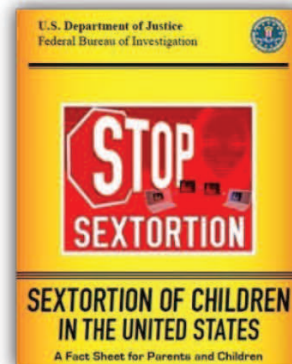
U.S. AMBASSADOR STEVE MCGANN IS AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT WHO SERVED AS THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO FIJI, KIRIBATI, NAURU, TONGA, AND TUVALU FROM 2008 TO 2011. HE WAS NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH, AND ASSUMED HIS DUTIES AT POST IN OCTOBER 2008. AMBASSADOR MCGANN SERVES AS THE SENIOR ADVISOR OF THE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER SCHOOL FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND RESOURCE STRATEGY AT THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY (NDU) IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE EISENHOWER SCHOOL PREPARES SELECT MILITARY, CIVILIAN AND INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS FOR STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP.

OPIOIDS-CHASING THE DRAGON



ACCORDING TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE NONMEDICAL USE OF PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS AMONG ADOLESCENTS HAS BEEN A GROWING HEALTH CONCERN OVER THE LAST DECADE. OPIOID ANALGESICS ARE THE CLASS OF CONTROLLED MEDICATIONS MOST LIKELY TO BE USED, MISUSED, AND/OR ABUSED BY ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS. THE FBI FIELD OFFICES IN NEWARK, NJ AND PHILADELPHIA AND DEA FIELD OFFICES IN NEWARK, NJ, COLLABORATED TO FACILITATE A WORKSHOP ON OPIOIDS. IN ADDITION TO AN OPEN DIALOG AND CANDID DISCUSSION ABOUT OPIOIDS, ARNOLD ADAMS AND RELIEF SUPERVISOR, GREGORY BRANCH OF THE FBI AND SPECIAL AGENT, ANTHONY P. JENNINGS OF THE DEA PRESENTED THE DOCUMENTARY CHASING THE DRAGON: THE LIFE OF AN OPIATE ADDICT. AIMED AT EDUCATING STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF ADDICTION, THE FBI AND DEA HAVE RELEASED THIS DOCUMENTARY IN AN EFFORT TO COMBAT THE GROWING EPIDEMIC OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG

SEXTORTION



FBI INTELLIGENCE ANALYST, JENNIFER DOBLER OF THE NEWARK, NJ FIELD OFFICE FACILITATED A WORKSHOP ON SEXTORTION. SHE PROVIDED THE STUDENTS WITH A DEFINITION OF SEXTORTION AND PROVIDED TIPS TO AVOID FALLING PREY TO ONLINE PREDATORS. SEXTORTION VICTIMS ARE COERCED INTO PROVIDING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT IMAGES OR VIDEOS OF THEMSELVES, THEIR SIBLINGS, OR FRIENDS. IN MANY CASES, THE VICTIMS SHARE INAPPROPRIATE PHOTOS WITHOUT KNOWING THE RECIPIENT'S "TRUE IDENTITY." THE OFFENDERS MAY PRETEND TO BE A CHILD OF A SIMILAR AGE AS THE VICTIM AND THEN THREATEN TO POST THE IMAGES PUBLICLY OR SEND IMAGES TO THE VICTIMS' FRIENDS AND FAMILY. OFFENDERS OFTEN APPROACH A CHILD ON ONE SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE AND CONVINCE THEM TO MOVE TO ANONYMOUS MESSAGING APPS OR VIDEO CHATS.

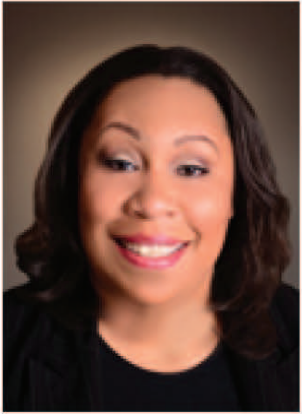


LEFT: LAWANDA YOUNG RECEIVED SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR HER CONTINUED DEDICATION TO AND SUPPORT OF THE FLAG PROGRAM. PICTURED: KATHY K. BEST, LAWANDA YOUNG, J. DAVID REEVES

RIGHT: MAJOR GENERAL ANTHONY P. GERMAN, ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK PROVIDED OPENING REMARKS WHICH TRULY RESONATED WITH THE STUDENTS.



LUNCHEON SPEAKER



DR. UNIQUE N. MORRIS-HUGHES IS THE CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES. IN THIS ROLE, MORRIS-HUGHES OVERSEES THE OFFICE OF YOUTH PROGRAMS. SHE CHARGED THE AUDIENCE WITH HER ENLIGHTENING DIALOGUE AND BLISSFUL DELIVERY. STUDENTS WERE ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION TO SHARE PROVEN STRATEGIES TO HELP THEM USE THEIR VOICE IN IDENTIFYING EMERGING ISSUES RELEVANT TO THE ADOLESCENT POPULATION.

SISTER TO SISTER BROTHER TO BROTHER

THE DAY CULMINATED WITH A CANDID SISTER TO SISTER/ BROTHER TO BROTHER PANEL DISCUSSION. DURING THIS DIALOGUE, STUDENTS WERE BROKEN UP ACCORDING TO GENDER IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE A CANDID DIALOGUE ABOUT EMERGING ISSUES. THIS YEAR'S THEME WAS "FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE BOARD ROOM." THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WAS HOW TO GO ABOUT BUILDING YOUR BRAND AND WHAT ROLE DOES YOUR CORE VALUES AND ETHICS PLAY. PROTECTING ONE'S IMAGE WAS EMPHASIZED AS WELL AS THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT OF MARKETING VIA NETWORKING. INCLUSIVE IN THE DISCUSSION WAS A CANDID DIALOG ABOUT ANY EMERGING ISSUES THE STUDENTS WANTED TO DISCUSS.



AFTER LUNCH

AFTER LUNCH, AGENCIES ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH THE FLAG STUDENTS TO RECRUIT STUDENTS, SHARE INFORMATION ON INTERNSHIPS AND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND INFORM STUDENTS ABOUT PATHWAY PROGRAMS.



HIGHLIGHTS



NJ YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY



National FLAG Coordinator, Kathy K. Best,
presents General Germain a certificate of
appreciation



FLAG FOUNDER, J. DAVID REEVES, PROVIDED
OPENING REMARKS

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