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College Park Launches Summer Youth Leadership Academy to Empower Next Generation of Civic Leaders

College Park, GA – June 21, 2025 – The City of College Park is proud to announce the launch of the **2025 Summer Youth Leadership Academy**, a bold initiative led by Mayor Pro Tem Jamelle McKenzie. This four-week program, taking place **July 8 through July 31**, is designed to equip local youth ages 13–18 with real-world knowledge of municipal government, public service, and leadership skills.

Held at **College Park City Hall**, the academy will meet on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**, offering hands-on activities including mock council sessions, field visits to city departments, and mentorship from elected officials and civic leaders.

"We're building a pipeline of purpose-driven leaders," said Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie. "This program is about more than learning how government works — it's about empowering young people to find their voice, serve their community, and lead with integrity."

Participants will receive training in public speaking, team collaboration, policy development, and community engagement. The academy will conclude with a formal graduation and presentation of student-led civic proposals to city leadership.

Eligibility: Youth ages 13–18 who live or attend school in College Park

Deadline to Apply: July 1, 2025

Apply at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q6G5L2C>

Questions? www.OneWard1.com/SummerAcademy

About the City of College Park

Located just minutes from Atlanta, College Park is a vibrant community committed to progressive governance, youth empowerment, and civic engagement. The 2025 Youth Leadership Academy reflects the city's dedication to investing in its future leaders.