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Capitol Plaza Offers Real-World View to Human Service Academy Students

Students in Ms. Laney Clemens' *Introduction to Human Services* classes will visit Capitol Plaza on **Friday, January 30, 2015**, to get a inside look at how a large hotel and conference center operates.

Ms. Clemens arranged for the tour after her Term 1 and 2 classes' experiences.

Several students went into the tour with some preconceived notions. Corey Wray, a student in the Term 1 class, said, "I was proved wrong about what a hotel manager does because it is five times harder than what I believed."

Mason Pippin was impressed with the teamwork it takes to have a successful center: "I learned a lot about the hotel and how it works. I was amazed at how hard the employees have to work as a team to make sure everything runs smoothly."

During the January 30 tour, students will meet with Director of Sales, Michele Burrows, who will guide them through the hotel. Students will also meet with the hotel's head chef and the building engineer to learn about food service and facility operations (including conference rooms, guests rooms and the fitness area).

Ms. Clemens noted, "They will hear the importance of working together as a team and what it takes to make a successful business. At 14 or 15, many students do not have a realistic view of what all a particular career entails, including its possibilities and its problems. It has been an eye-opening experience not only for the students, but for me as well."

The media is encouraged to join the tour.

- **Term 3 Introduction to Human Services Class**
- **Capital Plaza tour, 415 W McCarty St, Jefferson City, MO 65101**
- **Friday, January 30 (approximate times):**
 - **Block 1: 8:20 – 9:15 a.m.**
 - **Block 3: 11:35 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

For more information, contact Laney Clemens at Simonsen Ninth Grade Center, 659-3125. To learn more about the **Academies @ Jefferson City High School**, visit www.jcschools.us.

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