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St. Louis Youth Job Fair a Huge Success

I was proud to sponsor the Next-Generation Job Fair that took place at Harris-Stowe State University May 2nd to connect our young citizens with the future of new jobs in Missouri.

More than 1,100 young people attended the job fair (see pictures at side), which was held in conjunction with a newly-created, free program sponsored by Gov. Nixon called the Next-Generation Jobs Team, which highlights our state's future careers, including



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opportunities in green energy, technology, health care, business operations, construction, and life sciences.

The young Missourians who visited this fair, and those that will catch future next-generation events, will likely find themselves working in exciting, progressive “real-world” environments. Immersing the young men and women of our workforce’s next generation to the promise and opportunity found in next-generation jobs will make better careers, a better economy and better Missourians.

Members of the 5th Senatorial District Serving on State Boards and Commissions

Many Missourians wonder how they can help serve the state that they live in, work, and raise their families. Boards and commissions are designed to give our state’s citizens a voice in their government. These panels provide a means of influencing decisions that help shape the quality of life for the residents of Missouri.

Missouri has more than 200 boards and commissions to which our governor appoints citizen members. Appointees are responsible for advising the governor, lawmakers in the Senate and House of Representatives, and state agencies. In many instances, panel members are responsible for extremely important issues, such as establishing state standards, maintaining our valuable resources, and helping protect the general welfare of the citizens of our state.

took in the job fair.

NEXT-GENERATION JOBS TEAM



Sen. Robin Wright-Jones talks with job fair presenters.



Linda Martinez – Jan. 28, 2009
Director of the Department
of Economic Development



Nina Murphy – April 15, 2009
Missouri Community Service
Commission

Several citizens from the 5th Senatorial District have been appointed to a state board or commission this year. I had the honor of sponsoring these nominees when their appointments were up for consideration before the Senate's Gubernatorial Appointments Committee. (See right column to view recent gubernatorial appointments from the 5th Senatorial District.)

Feel free to explore the Missouri Boards and Commissions website at <http://governor.mo.gov/boards>. If you wish to apply, simply complete the appointment application and return it to the designated office address.

You may apply at any time, regardless of whether there is a current opening, as resignations occur throughout the year. I encourage you to apply for a state appointed position where you can help serve the place we call home.

Like They Say, "April Showers Bring May Flowers"

I could not think of a better place to usher in spring than a visit to the [Missouri Botanical Garden](#). For more than 150 years, this beautiful garden has been a place for individuals across our state and country to visit and not only take in the glorious sites, but to learn about botanical research and the importance of conservation.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is our country's oldest garden of this type and is a [National Historic Landmark](#). The site offers nearly 80 acres of horticultural displays, including a 14-acre Japanese



Adrienne Fly – April 22, 2009
Missouri State Board of Nursing



Dawn Fuller – April 29, 2009
Child Abuse and Neglect
Review Board

Not Pictured:

Thelma Cook
Harris-Stowe State University
Board of Regents
Lynne Cooper – April 29, 2009
Children's Trust Fund Board



Missouri Botanical Garden
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St. Louis, MO 63110
Automated events hotline:

strolling garden, Henry Shaw's original 1850 estate home, and one of the world's largest collections of rare and endangered orchids.

With everything springing into life around us, I could not think of a better time to see the Missouri Botanical Garden. I urge you to visit possibly the most beautiful garden you might ever lay eyes on.

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