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North Minneapolis recognizes Power of YOU students

Minneapolis, Aug. 11, 2009—North Minneapolis high school graduates from the Class of 2009 who have enrolled in higher education this fall were honored and recognized on July 25 by community leaders and elected officials during the 4th annual north Minneapolis arts crawl and festival, known as FLOW. Led by Sondra Samuels, the president of the PEACE Foundation and a co-sponsor of the event, 43 college-bound students were recognized, 19 of whom were Power of YOU Scholarship recipients who will attend MCTC this fall.

“This event is a celebration of the hard work and knowledge flowing from the Northside to our college campus, and is about recognizing the scholars in our community who will achieve great things,” said Nasreen Mohamed, director of the Power of YOU.

Numerous elected officials and community leaders spoke at the celebration including Senator Linda Higgins, Representative Bobby Joe Champion, Councilmember Don Samuels, Councilmember Diane Hofstede and others. In addition to recognition at the event, a group photo was taken and two billboards will be erected to further recognize these students’ achievements.

The Power of YOU is a program that makes the first two years of college available tuition-free for students who graduate from a public, charter or alternative high school in Minneapolis or Saint Paul and are residents of Minneapolis or Saint Paul. The program is a collaboration of Metropolitan State University, Minneapolis Community and Technical College and Saint Paul College that provides access to a broad spectrum of academic programs and career pathways.

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