

# 8th Grade Students in the Houston Area Gather for the Gulf Coast Young Women's Leadership Symposium



*Attendees of the Gulf Coast Young Women in Leadership Symposium with Dennis Kennedy, Founder & CEO of National Diversity Council*

On Saturday, December 1st, the Texas Diversity Council held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Young Women's Leadership Symposium at the Baker Ripley Neighborhood Center in Houston. Approximately 150 middle school females gathered to receive insight and knowledge from successful women leaders. This year's symposium theme was "Today's Girls, Tomorrow's Leaders...Roadmap to High School."

This event was created to provide young women with knowledge and information that would help support them in their academic journey as they move forward into becoming future leaders of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It also presented opportunities for the young

women to speak with mentors as well as network with other young women from schools in the Houston area.

"We wanted to create an environment where young women could be mentored by successful business women who have achieved their personal and professional goals," said Dennis Kennedy, Founder & CEO of the National Diversity Council.

The symposium began with a continental breakfast and a student and mentor roundtable. Following the roundtable, the students attended several workshops which were held during the course of the event. The workshop topics included "Know who you are, Before

Someone Tells You"; "Etiquette"; "Money Matters...Now"; and "Social Responsibilities." These workshops were facilitated by an array of female executives from the Houston area, who gathered to share their professional and personal goals and to answer questions that were important to the students' success.

The Texas Diversity Council would like to thank the sponsors, mentors, volunteers, panelists, and the young females for helping make the Gulf Coast Young Women's Leadership Symposium a huge success.