

Amundson Institute Held

Del. Scott Surovell (D-44th) held his the Fifth Annual Amundson Institute early this month in Richmond. Created by his predecessor, Kris Amundson, the program provides the opportunity for students in Mount Vernon and Lee who demonstrate potential leadership qualities to gain first-hand experience with state government while the Virginia General Assembly is in session. Juniors and seniors from Mount Vernon and West Potomac high schools were chaperoned by WPHS government teacher Nicole Borghard. They had an average GPA of 3.97 and included student government leaders and members of the National Honor Society. Pictured with Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, are from left, Taamson Joshua, WP '16, Kelly O'Meara, WP '15, Catherine Ming, MV '15, Emma Kelly, WP '16, Margaret O'Meara, WP '15, and Janyne Orleans Wp '15. In addition to meeting McAuliffe, the students met with Amundson, state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30th) and Secretary of Education Ann Holton, as well as attending committee hearings and the House of Delegates floor session.

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Rising Hope Lobbies in Richmond

On Thursday, members of the congregation of Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church travelled to Richmond to meet with legislators from the Mount Vernon/Lee area to discuss their concerns about the displacement of low income residents as affordable housing is lost as the Richmond Highway corridor is being gentrified. They also expressed their concern for an increase in the minimum wage to a "living wage", as well as Virginia's cracks in the Medicaid coverage for the poor. In photo above, Del. Scott Surovell (D-44th), center, with the delegation from Rising Hope, including the church pastor Rev. Keary Kincannon, third from right.



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Z Car Club Members Race Go Carts

Some cars are simply special and attract a loyal following. Such is the case with the original Datsun 240 Z, which came out 1969, and was followed by several incarnations, including what some believe may be the best of the bunch, the Nissan (Z32) 300 ZX which was produced from 1989 -- 2000 and was named Motor Trend's Import Car of the Year in 1990 and made Car and Driver's Ten Best list for seven consecutive years. The car has a such a loyal following in northern Virginia that there it has its own club -- Z Car Club of Northern Virginia, which is headed by Mount Vernon resident and nationally recognized expert on the Z32, Bernie Bilski. Club members including Bilski, fourth from left, and Steve Hunt, right, recently spent an afternoon competing in go kart racing at Allsports in Dulles. For more information on the ZCCNV go to www.zcarclubnova.org.

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