

Students learn leadership skills

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SOMERSET -- More than 500 student and adult leaders from across the state came together last month at the Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center in Somerset to attend a Leadership for Life Summit. Hosted by the Princeton Center for Leadership Training (PCLT), the summit gave students the opportunity to explore essential leadership skills for success after high school and in the 21st century workplace. In total, 25 schools were represented, including Steinert, Hamilton West and Nottingham High schools in Hamilton, and Princeton Day School in Princeton Township.

The theme of the Summit, "Our Skills, Our Strengths, Our Future," was demonstrated through thought-provoking and interactive leadership skill-building activities that were facilitated in small group workshops throughout the day. Natalie Morales, NBC Today Show anchor, moderated a panel of former student peer leaders and New Jersey executives who participated in a discussion about leadership. Panel participants included Vaughn McKoy, corporate executive from PSEG; Andrew Shue, founder of Do Something; and three former peer leaders, George Hegamin, motivational speaker, business mediator, and former lineman for the Dallas Cowboys; Staci Hallmon-Bazzani, event manager for Essence magazine; and Regan Hofmann, editor in chief of POZ magazine.



A Leadership for Life Summit participant and student leader, Francisco (Tito) Garcia from Union City High School greets Sharon Rose Powell, who founded the Princeton Center for Leadership Training 20 years ago, and is retiring as PCLT president this spring.



Princeton Day School (PDS) peer leader (class of '09) Charlotte Lescroart joins Princeton Center for Leadership Training founder and president Sharon Rose Powell and board chair Whitney Ross (PDS peer leader class of '84) recently. From left are Leadership for Life Summit panelists Andrew Shue, actor and founder of Do Something Clubs; Natalie Morales, NBC Today Show anchor; Powell; Ross; Regan Hofmann, Poz Magazine editor in chief (PDS peer leader class of '85); George Hegamin, retired NFL football player (Camden peer leader class of '91); Lescroart; and Staci Hallmon-Bazzani of Essence Magazine (Camden peer leader class of '91).