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OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION SUMMER INTERNS POISED FOR LEADERSHIP

Columbus, OH (July 15, 2005) – Commissioners recognized The Ohio Civil Rights Commission’s (OCRC) Summer Interns at yesterday’s public meeting. After hearing cases on familial status and disability discrimination, commissioners discussed the importance of OCRC fostering and mentoring students to prepare them for the future of civil rights in Ohio.

“Starting early gives them a solid foundation for leadership in the civil and human rights arena,” said OCRC Chairman Aaron Wheeler, Sr. of the interns. “These internships are not only giving students the opportunity to apply their academic knowledge, but the opportunity to help bring about meaningful change.”

OCRC Summer Interns 2005 are:

Barbara Owen, Wright State University Masters program - Dayton Office
Ruth Rozak, Wright State University Masters program – Columbus Office
Jennifer Franklin, University of Akron Law School – Akron Office
Kevin Hawkins, Brown Mackie College Criminal Justice masters candidate – Akron Office
Jeremy Coe, Capital University Law School 1st year law student – Central Office
Cierra Weatherspoon, East High School Class of 2005 Valedictorian – Central Office

Visiting was Nikiera Ebron, 2004 graduate University of Akron, and Urban League Intern, Malek Stewart, Westerville South High School junior – Central Office

“Leadership requires practice, so take opportunities to practice your leadership skills and don’t get discouraged if you don’t get it right the first time,” said Executive Director G. Michael Payton to the interns.

The OCRC receives and investigates charges of discrimination in employment, housing, credit and higher education on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, country of national origin age, ancestry, disability and families with children.

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