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## Finding Summer Jobs For St. Louis youth



*Comptroller Green pictured with some of the past (and present) teens involved in the STL Youth Jobs effort. The photo was taken during the "Summit on Youth Employment: Putting Our Future to Work" at the Emerson Electric Auditorium.*

Following a successful pilot year in 2013, *STL Youth Jobs* is back again this summer.

The summer jobs program targets 16-23 year olds who reside in the City of St. Louis. Each summer job costs \$2,000 to fund for the 8-week period.

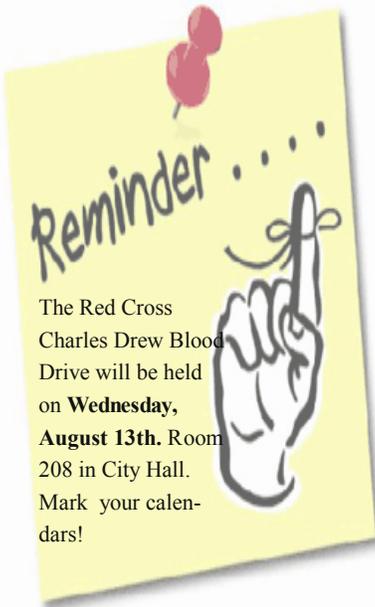
Last summer, approximately 194 young people received jobs through the program. This year's goal was to find jobs for 200-300 youth.

In addition to receiving a job, the youth are also receiving financial literacy training. This year, the **St. Louis Community Credit Union** is involved in teaching them how to manage their earnings.

*STL Youth Jobs* continues to focus on neighborhoods in north and south city. In south St. Louis, this includes Dutchtown, Gravois Park and Tower Grove East and Bevo Mill.

In north St. Louis, the targeted areas include Baden, Mark Twain, Penrose, O'Fallon and Walnut Park. These areas were chosen because they reflect a higher youth unemployment rate and higher youth crime rate.

The youth began their summer jobs on June 2nd.



The Red Cross Charles Drew Blood Drive will be held on **Wednesday, August 13th**. Room 208 in City Hall. Mark your calendars!



*Payroll Specialist II, Shalonda Covington (pictured right) receives her certificate for being named our April 2014 Employee of the Month.*

## Employee of the Month is back!

After taking some time off, we are pleased to announce that Employee of the Month (EOM) has returned to the Comptroller's office.

We also have a new EOM Committee. They include: **Valerie Clayton, Tiffany Lewis, Marilyn Maxwell, Kenneth Stone and Vicki Wakeland.**

The first EOM selected in 2014 is Payroll Specialist II **Shalonda Covington**. Shalonda received a day of compensatory time (CT) for being selected. In addition, the employee who nominated her will receive one hour of CT.

For the month of May, Clerk Typist I **Sharon Holloman** was selected.



# MAPS MID ATLANTIC PLAN SPONSORS

## Pension education, retirement results

On June 5th, **Comptroller Green** was invited to serve as the keynote speaker at a luncheon held in Baltimore, Maryland. It was for the Mid Atlantic Plan Sponsors (MAPS) annual trustees educational conference.

The Mid Atlantic Plan Sponsors is an 11-state organization that allows pension fund trustees, administrators, and professional service providers to exchange ideas and information to enhance the professional development and awareness of its members.



On June 29th, the 35th St. Louis **PrideFest Parade** was held in downtown, along Market Street. Comptroller Green was one of many government officials who participated in the celebration, which caps off a weekend of festivities.

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Comptroller Green, Elaine Spearman, Mayor Slay along with Jeff Bean from U.S. Conference of Mayors

### City Receives Inaugural Retirement Readiness Award

On April 10th, the City was presented with the nation's first ever Retirement Readiness award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Great West Financial.

St. Louis is the first city to receive the award for implementing positive changes that help its employees achieve retirement readiness and financial literacy. Currently, more than **78%** of city employees participate in the 457 Deferred Compensation plan.

This compares with the average in other U.S cities which falls below 40% participation.

# Congratulations!

**Chance Key is an Auditor in the Comptroller's Office, Internal Audit Section. In addition, he is the Head Coach for table tennis, at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, MO.**

**Lindenwood University was ranked 5th in the nation. On April 5, 2014, Lindenwood University competed at the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) National Tournament at Monroeville, PA. There were 49 colleges competing, with both men and women on the team—in the national co-ed team tournament.**

**Unfortunately, Lindenwood University lost to Mississippi College in the semi finals of the Team Tournament. Mississippi College eventually lost to Texas Wesleyan in the finals. So, Lindenwood University has moved from 5th in the nation and is now 3rd in the nation for collegiate table tennis. Great job!**

