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### **Environmental Task Force Members Attend Chicago River Congress**

Ten members of Queen of Peace High School's Environmental Task Force - Tamara Coleman, Frances Horton, Danielle Kelly, Gina Miglieri, Tiara Moore, Nora O'Malley, Sheila Silva, Jeanne Tapia, Vanina Valadez and Mary Ellen Wood - attended the 14th Annual Chicago River Student Congress on Feb. 26 at Amundsen High School. This year's theme was "Research, Restoration and Renewal."

Of the 20 workshops offered, Peace's students attended the following sessions: Chicago River Secrets, the History of the Chicago River, Why Go Vegetarian for the Earth?, River Conservation, Evaluating the Quality of Tap Water and the Asian Carp Invasion.

Between workshops, the students viewed displays related to animal rights, school gardening, water quality, and vegetarianism and the environment; spoke with volunteer organizations that focus on environmental concerns; and observed birds of prey from the Forest Preserve District of Cook County River Trail Nature Center, which takes care of raptors that are unable to be returned to the wild.

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Queen of Peace Environmental Task Force members at the Chicago River Student Congress on Feb. 26. From left to right: Jeanne Tapia, Danielle Kelly, Tamara Coleman, Vanina Valadez, Frances Horton, Tiara Moore, Sheila Silva, Mary Ellen Wood, Gina Miglieri and Nora O'Malley.