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Edison Career and Technology High School Students Building Mosaic Mural Honoring Former First Lady Michelle Obama

Who:

Female students from Edison's construction pathway Female masons from Unicon of Rochester and the Bricklayers Union of Rochester

What:

Mosaic build day and unveiling of "Becoming Legacy: The Michelle Obama Mosaic"

When:

Mosaic Build Day: Thursday, May 22, 2025, 10 a.m. Mosaic Unveiling Ceremony: Friday, June 13, 2025, 9 a.m.

Where:

Edison Career and Technology High School 665 Colfax Street Rochester, NY 14606

Details:

This is the second year Edison is honoring influential women through student-centered public art in this Women's Memorial Hall. Last year, students unveiled a mosaic mural honoring the Black Rosies, African American women who served as essential workers on the home front during World War II.

This year, students are creating "Becoming Legacy: The Michelle Obama Mosaic," a tribute to the former First Lady's impact as a leader, role model, and advocate for education.

During Build Day, senior students will work side-by-side with female masons from local unions. Tenth-grade students will visit the site throughout the day to observe the work in progress, meet the team, and build excitement about joining the program in future years.

The mural is supported by UNICON and the Bricklayers Union of Rochester. The official unveiling will take place on Friday, June 13 at 9 a.m.