

Senator Kevin Parker Celebrates the Success of His 16th Annual Prom Dress Giveaway for Brooklyn Teens

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Brooklyn, NY – On Saturday, May 24, 2025, New York State Senator Kevin Parker hosted his 16th Annual Free Prom Dress Giveaway at the Samuel J. Tilden Educational Campus, bringing joy, confidence, and glamour to high school girls from across Brooklyn.

In collaboration with A Shared Dream Foundation, celebrity wardrobe stylist Shatonia

Amee, and the Stuy Park Leos Club, the event welcomed hundreds of young women who

received free prom dresses, makeup tutorials, hairstyling consultations, accessories, gift giveaways, and more all at no cost.

"Prom is a major milestone, and no student should miss out because of financial hardship," said Senator Kevin Parker. "This event is about more than just dresses it's about dignity, confidence, and celebrating the achievements of our young women."

With lines forming early for the first-come, first-served event, students arrived with excitement and gratitude, many accompanied by parents and guardians. Volunteers, stylists, and local community leaders offered their support to ensure every attendee felt empowered and beautiful.

Shatonia Amee, the renowned stylist behind many red-carpet looks, personally helped participants find the perfect gown and offered professional style advice.

"These girls deserve to feel just as special as any celebrity on the red carpet," she said. "Today was about building confidence and creating unforgettable memories."

The giveaway continues to be one of Senator Parker's most impactful community initiatives, having served thousands of families over the past 16 years. The event reflects his longstanding commitment to youth empowerment, equity, and service.

About State Senator Kevin Parker:

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn district comprising sections of Flatbush, East Flatbush, Kensington, Ditmas Park, Midwood, Flatlands, Canarsie, Georgetown, Old Mill Basin, Mill Basin, Marine Park, and Bergen Beach. A lifelong Brooklyn resident, Senator Parker is Senior Assistant Majority Leader for the NYS Senate Democratic Majority, Chairman of the Senate Energy and

Telecommunications Committee, and is a member of the following standing Senate Committees: Finance; Rules; Judiciary; Select Majority Task Force on Diversity in the Judiciary; Banks; Health; Civil Service and Pensions; Internet and Technology; Select Majority Task Force on Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises.