



Irma Lerma Rangel School students to learn on the job through real estate program

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Girls from Irma Lerma Rangel School, a public all-girls magnet school near Fair Park, will get a rare career opportunity in May. The 25 students will work closely with professional women in commercial real estate to create redevelopment plans for a landmark building in South Dallas.

The nonprofit Commercial Real Estate Women Dallas will conduct the second Careers Building Opportunities program with the school, the first of its kind in Texas.

CREW Dallas comprises more than 300 female commercial real estate executives who network nationally and do education, leadership, civic and community outreach projects. CREW Careers seeks to steer girls toward top-level commercial real estate jobs.

The current "This Old Building" project will culminate from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 4 at the Women's Museum in Fair Park. The women and girls will present finished plans after having toured and devised redevelopment concepts for the vacant National Coffin Building, a five-story, red-brick structure built in 1910 at 1325 S. Lamar at Belleview Street, just south of downtown. Property owner Matthews Southwest has loaned the building for this project. Judges will pick teams of girls to receive prizes for their outstanding concepts.

The all-girls school is named for **Irma Lerma Rangel**, the first woman of Mexican heritage elected to the Texas House and to chair the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus. The new sixth- to 12th-grade school will graduate its first senior class this year. To learn more about CREW, visit www.crew-dallas.org.