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At Harrisburg Juvenile Treatment Center, we recently hosted a powerful and transformative event called “The Rite of Elegance Ball,” created to uplift and empower the young ladies in our care. This special occasion was centered on teaching essential life and social skills to help build confidence, poise, and professionalism.

Led by esteemed Etiquette Coach Casandra Miller, participants took part in engaging workshops covering etiquette, public speaking, personal presentation, and formal dining — including how to properly conduct themselves at the dinner table. They also received coaching on posture and walking with confidence, helping them learn to present themselves with grace in any setting.

The young women were genuinely engaged and excited to participate, with many being surprised at the complexity and elegance of formal etiquette. During the dining portion, they enjoyed a steak and potato dinner while learning how to properly place and use silverware — some even mastered identifying the differences between the various forks and utensils. There were lighthearted moments, too, such as students attempting to balance books on their heads to improve posture; while a few books ended up on the floor, several girls proudly succeeded and cheered each other on. Many students shared that learning to walk with grace and speak confidently was their favorite part of the day, and it was clear by the end that they felt proud of themselves for mastering new skills and stepping outside their comfort zones.

The event was both educational and inspiring, equipping our students with skills they can carry into every aspect of their futures. It was a memorable celebration of growth, transformation, and the remarkable potential within each young woman. A heartfelt thank you to Adrian McNutt and the entire Harrisburg staff for making this experience truly unforgettable.