

Passaic Mayor Dr. Alex Blanco Welcomes The Shirelles Back to Passaic High School After 50 Years



Cast Members from “Baby It’s You” to perform at Passaic High School, Mayor Blanco applauds efforts to help students interested in the arts

Passaic, NJ – July 29, 2011 - Mayor Dr. Alex Blanco applauds the cast of Broadway musical “Baby It’s You” for bringing The Shirelles back to Passaic to benefit a local scholarship fund.

According to Mayor Blanco, The Shirelles are coming to Passaic and performing in the venue where their careers were launched over fifty years ago. Tickets for the August 7th musical performance will be available at the door of Passaic High School for \$20, with all proceeds benefiting local student interested in performing arts. The Passaic High School band will also participate. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m.

It has been more than half a century since a group of local Passaic High school students organized by Passaic resident Florence Greenberg formed a chart topping female rock group.

The Shirelles were the first major female vocal group of the rock and roll era, and their music had important crossover with white audiences. The Shirelles formed in the City of Passaic in 1958, and were most famous for hits including "Baby It's You," "Mama Said," "Foolish Little Girl" and the #1 hit "Will You Love Me Tomorrow." The latter is notable for being the first song to reach #1 in the US by an all-girl group.