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**GOLD MEDAL GYMNAST GABBY DOUGLAS VISITS CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER
DURING ANNUAL USA GYMNASTICS NATIONAL CONGRESS AND TRADE SHOW**

Photo caption: Associates from the Connecticut Convention Center's Environmental Services team welcome Gabby Douglas to the 49th Annual USA Gymnastics National Congress and Trade Show: (L-R) Derrick Guilbert, Maria Roman, Maria Playa, Ana Aguilar, U.S. Gymnast Gabrielle Douglas, Luis Torres, Amanda Williams and James Gunn.



Hartford, CT (August 27, 2013) -- Gold-winning U.S. gymnast and Olympic All-Around champion Gabrielle Douglas took time out from attending the recent 49th Annual USA Gymnastics National Congress and Trade Show to visit with the members of the Connecticut Convention Center's Environmental Services team.

The 49th Annual USA Gymnastics National Congress and Trade Show, a three-day educational event open to the entire gymnastics community, was held at the Connecticut Convention Center from August 15-18. The show provided a unique opportunity for presentations, demonstrations and educational seminars on a variety of topics and a large exhibitor's hall with additional business opportunities.

"It was an honor to have Gabby take time from her busy schedule to visit with our team," said Mike Costelli, GM at the Connecticut Convention Center. "It was a pleasure to have her at the Center."

The event was held in conjunction with the P&G Gymnastics Championships at Hartford's XL Center, where Douglas and her 2012 U.S. Women's Gymnastics Olympic Team, aka The Fierce FiveSM, were recognized.

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