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“Girls in Action changes your attitude to become a better person in school; to think in a positive way and become a bigger person than you used to be. It means that you need to become a leader and not a follower.”

- Mayra Espinoza, 12th grade – Patrick Henry High School

Girls In Action

Ready for the World, Ready to Compete

Girls in Action™ is in its 6th year!

Last school year, **Girls in Action™** served over 300 girls in Minneapolis Public Schools. A number of these students have begun their freshman year at higher educational institutions across the country. Our work continues as we prepare high school girls to be ‘**Ready for the World, and Ready to Compete**’.



Diamond & Pearl Powell with Patrick Henry consultant LaSonya Johnson (middle)



(l-r) Tatyana Graham, Diamond Billinger, & Gobey Ahmed



(l-r) Natalie Johnson Lee & Sierra-Star Wolf

GIRLS IN ACTION NOW GLOBAL

This year **Girls in Action™** continues to serve North, Patrick Henry and Roosevelt High Schools in Minneapolis. We are also adding two chapters: our first suburban chapter at Chaska High School and our first junior high chapter at Murray Junior High School in St. Paul. **Girls in Action™** is now global! Through the leadership of Lucrecia Garcia Granados, our sister organization in Guatemala, *Asociacion de Superacion Educativa*, serves more than 100 girls ages 7-17 and their mothers. Through personal power, leadership, service learning and career development, we are looking forward to even greater opportunities this year because every girl has the power to change her life TODAY!



Two staff members from the Guatemala team (l-r) : Karen Estrada, Kelley Eubanks, and Clarita Luz



From left to right: Ann Dillard, MyTiesha Simmons, Elaine Smith, Tishyra Powell, Unique Frazier, Natalie Johnson Lee, Kellev Eubanks

Awesome Partnership

General Mills Corporate Sponsors

We have an awesome partnership with General Mills, Inc. where professional African American women leaders mentor our girls at North Community High School monthly during the school year. Girls are continuously exposed to job skills and career development opportunities through mentoring relationships, job shadowing and career counseling.

COLLEGE PREP



Girls in Action™ is a recognized college preparatory program by local colleges and universities including the University of Minnesota and Augsburg College which issues scholarships for girls' participation in the program. Augsburg College has added GIA to its ACAP Program awarding \$6500 per year to any GIA student who is admitted for four years.

“Girls in Action made me who I am today; it helped me straighten my life out in school. I reached my academic goals and now I’ve entered into college. Girls in Action changed me as a person because after graduating from college, I plan to pursue my career. Without them I would not be the person I am today and I thank them oh so very much for everything they have helped me with.”
-Melinda Brown, GIA Alumnae



**Dr. Verna Price &
Actress Kimberly Elise**

There are perks that come with being part of **Girls in Action™**! Last year we took girls to the Annual UNCF MLK Breakfast at the Convention Center to meet legendary civil rights activist Rev. Joseph Lowrey. The girls also had a chance to meet hometown superstar and award-winning actress Kimberly Elise (*pictured to the right*).

Volunteers are vital to the success of **Girls in Action™**. Whether your time commitment is once a week or once a month; we could use women leaders like you as mentors, career coaches, leadership speakers and fieldtrip chaperones. Please contact us today to let us know how you’d like to volunteer this year.

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Special Announcement:
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THE 2011 GIRLS IN ACTION
PARENT INVOLVEMENT LEADERSHIP DAY
 All GIA Parents, Guardians, Significant Adults & Friends are Welcome

Patrick Henry High School: Wednesday January 5, 2011 9:30am – 10:30am
 North Community High School: Wednesday January 5, 2011 11:15am – 12 noon
 Roosevelt High School: Wednesday January 12, 2011 9:30am – 10:30am