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## **The Women's Foundation of Colorado and Girls Inc. of Metro Denver Announce the 2015 Girls' Leadership Council**

*Twenty-One High School Junior Girls – 11 from Metro Denver and 10 Statewide – Selected to Participate in Highly Competitive Leadership & Philanthropic Training Program*

**DENVER** (June 4, 2015) – The Women's Foundation of Colorado (WFCO) and Girls Inc. of Metro Denver (GIMD) announced today the 21 high school junior girls who will be part of the 2015 Girls' Leadership Council (GLC), a dynamic one-week leadership, philanthropy and grantmaking training program from July 26 – Aug. 1, 2015 at the University of Denver. WFCO and GIMD partner to facilitate the GLC, which guides participants to discover their power and potential to impact their communities and women and girls in Colorado.

Now in its eighth year, GLC gives participants the chance to conduct site visits with WFCO community partners, engage with leading Colorado STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) companies, learn from community leaders, and take part in meaningful discussions about women's and girls' issues, philanthropy, and community. The week culminates with WFCO giving the participants \$20,000 to work together to grant to a nonprofit organization, based upon the grantmaking and philanthropic training they receive.

WFCO and GIMD are pleased to announce the 2015 Girls' Leadership Council:

- Kiera Armintrout, Golden, Lakewood High School
- Aiesha Augustin, Denver, Bridges of Silence
- Kim Berg, Boulder, Fairview High School
- Olivia Brett, Fort Collins, Poudre High School
- Ines Calvete, Denver, Lakewood High School
- Rachel Dunbar, Thornton, Mountain Range High School
- Lindsay Gassman, Colorado Springs, Cheyenne Mountain High School
- Jazlyn Hancock, Fort Collins, Fort Collins High School
- Tara Hickman, Yuma, Yuma High School
- Caitlyn Holt, Centennial, Cherry Creek High School
- Cassidy Kamby, Edwards, Battle Mountain High School
- Brianna Marie Makumbi, Arvada, Pomona Senior High School

- Sydney Marchando, Highlands Ranch, Rock Canyon High School
- Kayla Marshall, Holyoke, Holyoke Junior/Senior High School
- Ariel McGee, Loveland, Thompson Valley High School
- Reche Mouwembe, Denver, Thomas Jefferson High School
- Ana Naves, Denver, SMART Academy – STRIVE Preparatory School
- Sara Penilla, Thornton, York International School
- Naitra Ramchander, Fort Collins, Poudre High School
- Emma Robinson, Pueblo, Centennial High School
- Julieta Vargas, Denver, MLK Jr. Early College

“The Women’s Foundation of Colorado and Girls Inc. of Metro Denver are developing the next generation of women who will give their time, talent, treasure and testimony to make a difference in our state,” said WFCO President and CEO Lauren Y. Casteel. “So many young women from previous GLC classes have gone on to be recognized as leaders in their schools and communities. This year’s class is no exception – they are excited and motivated to learn, grow and get involved in helping Colorado women and girls have bright futures.”

At the end of the program, at least two exemplary participants are selected to receive a \$1,500 Dottie Lamm Leadership Award to support their future educational expenses. Two participants who have demonstrated academic excellence and have an interest in pursuing a career in STEM are selected to receive a \$1,500 Lockheed Martin STEM Career Academic Award. WFCO will also offer two \$1,500 Black Fox Philanthropy Awards to two participants with great potential for leadership in business and philanthropy.

Funding for this program is provided by presenting sponsor Anadarko, program supporter Lisa Lund Brown, gold sponsors Centura Health and First Western Trust and individual donors who support WFCO.

To learn more about the Girls’ Leadership Council, visit <http://wfco.org/pages/content/girls-leadership-council> or watch our short video [here](#).

***About The Women’s Foundation of Colorado***

The mission of The Women’s Foundation of Colorado is to build resources and lead change so that every woman and girl in Colorado achieves her full potential. We are committed to boldly leading systemic change to advance economic opportunity for all women and girls in Colorado through research, education, public policy, community partnerships, and strategic grantmaking.

In 2014, The Women’s Foundation of Colorado granted more than \$1.3 million to dozens of agencies in communities across the state, achieving the highest level of granting in its history. Since 1987, WFCO has invested more than \$13 million in Colorado communities. For more information, visit [www.wfco.org](http://www.wfco.org).

***About Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver***

Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver (GIMD) was founded in 1983 with a mission to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold<sup>SM</sup>. We put our mission into practice through The Girls Inc. Experience that equips girls to navigate gender, economic and social barriers and grow into healthy, educated and independent adults. The Girls Inc. Experience consists of an environment, people, and programming that, together, empower girls to succeed.

GIMD delivers comprehensive, research-based programs serving girls from 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and are delivered by trained, mentoring professionals in a positive all-girl environment. We are an affiliate of the national Girls Incorporated organization, an established and recognized authority on girls' issues with a history dating back to 1864. For more information, visit [www.girlsincdenver.org](http://www.girlsincdenver.org)

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