AT&T Aspire: Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy

Graduating Students, One Community at a Time

Program Description:

Founded in 2009 with an inaugural class of seventy-five, the Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy (CGLA) provides Chattanooga area girls and young women with a rigorous college preparatory education focused on math, science and technology in a supportive environment that nurtures self-confidence, inspires leadership, encourages critical thinking and promotes academic excellence. CGLA continues to expand to serve grades 6-12 and offers a college-preparation curriculum, which emphasizes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

CGLA will use AT&T Aspire funding to advance the STEM Pipeline through innovative and rigorous enrichment to improve student academic and college-going outcomes. It will target all high school students (grades 9-12) and will impact a total of 204 students during the 2-year project period (84 in the 2012-13 school year and 110 in 2013-14).

The CGLA ASPIRE program will support core Academy services and offer additional services and support structures to improve the academic performance of students including rigorous a summer enrichment camp, STEM focused curriculum, college readiness courses and financial aid support, internship and mentorship opportunities and college tours.

“CGLA is like a family and is helping me reach my goal of graduating and to see that attending college is possible. I am excited about the new Aspire classes in science and math and to be able to learn more about colleges I can attend.”

Amber Puckett, student

Students: 204 served over two-year period

Funding: $100,000