GESL NEWS

VISION
GESL nurtures and enhances the leadership skills of young girls to become effective advocates and social change agents in their communities.

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GESL’S 2018 CONTINUES!
2018 has been flying by and we can’t wait to show you what we have been working on so far this fall! Our girls have gained new knowledge from their workshops ranging from Leadership to Healthy Relationships, and have loved getting to know their mentors more via dynamic mentorship circles and workshops! Our IGNITE Series continued with our second lecture, girls completed a Tech Skills computer training course, and we successfully provided a career day! We have maintained strong relationships with our parents, sponsors and communities, and hope to continue with this even more in the future!

We are proud of two of our girls who attended the Yale Young African Scholars Programme and they couldn’t wait to share their experiences with all of you in recent blog posts!

As always, we are beyond grateful for your continued support and are excited to share all of the things our girls have been up to this fall!
YALE YOUNG AFRICAN SCHOLARS BLOG!

"I was eager and at the same time nervous because it was my first time of travelling out of my country."

We couldn't be more proud of 2 of our GESL'ers who recently attended the Yale Young African Scholars Programme in Ghana and Rwanda - Isha and Isata! The two were excited to write blogs about the experience for all of our supporters to read! Check it out here!

MENTORSHIP CIRCLES!

Our girls say Mentorship by female mentors in our program helps them remain in school! What better way to maintain GESL’s strong sisterhood bonds than a mentorship circle with our girls! Our girls got to work with mentors from the community and have discussions centered around responsibilities for their actions and setting priorities!
IGNITE LECTURE 2!

Our IGNITE series aims to enhance the advocacy and activism skills of our participants and the greater Sierra Leone community, and we are pleased to announce our second lecture in this series was met with success! Our speaker and inspirational activist, Yasmine Jusu-Sheriff, delivered a powerful lecture on ‘Utilizing Laws to Become a Successful Activist Across the African Continent’. A special thank you to sponsors Afrigas and 50/50 Group Sierra Leone for helping us to ensure this event was a success! Want to hear this inspiring lecture? Stay tuned for another episode of our IGNITE podcast coming soon!

SHOUT OUT!

Our workshops could not occur without a proper location! Sending a special thanks to those who donated and discounted space to ensure our workshops were able to happen this quarter - 50/50 Group Sierra Leone and Africell American Corner!

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

We’d like to give a special thanks to our year-round sponsors Afrigas, Africell, Afriqia HR Solutions, Mujeres Por Africa, and our mentor community for their constant support of our programs!
GIRL TALK WORKSHOPS!

Something we love doing with GESL is our Girl Talk Workshops! This quarter our girls were able to participate in two exciting Girl Talk workshops - on Citizenship and Budgeting! In Citizenship (facilitated by Mary Gbetuwa), girls were able to explore what it means to be a good citizen vs. a bad citizen, all while encouraging one another to become good global citizens in the process. In Budgeting (facilitated by Christine Sesay), our girls were able to learn about saving money and how to budget and organize their finances to help their stability in the future. Here’s to many more Girl Talk workshops!

DID YOU KNOW

Our girls become change agents and activists, and are better equipped to identify problems and develop solutions to those problems both on the community and national levels!
LEADERSHIP!

As you know, learning leadership skills is key in our organization. This quarter, GESL saw two Leadership workshops! Both focused on the girls’ different types of leadership styles and solving their problems as leaders, the first facilitated by GESL Project Manager Kaata Peters, and our second by Emma Fofanah! Girls were able to identify what types of leaders they are and can become, and they were excited to spend time with their mentors, including Fanta Tonkara and Assata Kamara! Our In-Country Coordinator Maryam Darwich also facilitated a leadership session on the importance of practicing what we preach, and looking out for our fellow sisters.

IT COURSES!

We are beyond proud of our girls who completed their Tech Skills computer training course this year! Through this course, the girls have been learning basic computer literacy skills along with other necessary ITC skills that girls don’t usually have access to until much later on in their life trajectory!
CAREER DAY!

This fall we unveiled something new for our girls - Career Day! Inspiring and motivational women and mentors joined us representing fields varying from Engineering, Medicine, Education, Social work, TVET pathways and HR, all aimed at teaching the girls about various career paths as well as possibilities for their futures! Girls learned that they should be motivated and persevere in the fields they wish to pursue, and they were encouraged to motivate and support their fellow sisters in the process! Career Day turned out to be a great way to bond with their mentors and learn about potential career paths in the process! Special thanks to Andrea Dunlap, Ariana Oluwole, Davephine Ayesatta Tholley, Dr Suzanna Anyagwa and Aminata Kamara from Schooling For Life!

THANK YOU, SUPPORTERS!

All of this is made possible due to your continued support. Thank you from our GESL family to yours!