

YWLCS Students Participated in the following 2010 Summer Programs:

3G Summit: The Future of Girls, Gaming and Gender. Columbia College hosted YWLCS and other high school girls from around Chicagoland in early August to meet with leading women game designers and scholars for intensive dialogue, inquiry, game-play, and rapid prototyping. Visit www.colum.edu/specialevents/3G_Summit to learn more about this cutting-edge program for girls.

Smith College STEP-UP (Summer Talent Exploration Program- Unleashing Potential) – YWLCS middle school students took part in this week-long program at the Smith College campus for workshops and activities that helped them explore their talents and interests while learning about college. Visit http://www.smith.edu/outreach/partnerships_ywls.php for more info about this program that gets our youngest students thinking about college.

Green Across the Pacific – Karina Santamaria, a 10th grade student at YWLCS, attended this environment-friendly educational summer program in Burlington, Vermont, where she met high school students from China, who came to the program to study environmental issues in the U.S. Next summer, Karina hopes to visit China to learn about their environmental issues! Karina said that after her experience with the program, she is even more committed to preserving our environment. Instead of just becoming a regular economist, Karina plans to be an economist with an environmental specialty so she can help protect our earth. For more info about Green Across the Pacific, please visit <http://gatp.org/>.

Chicago Fitness Challenge – Ashliy Allen, who is a 9th grade student at YWLCS, participated in this program that offers fitness education and training in a fun, structured environment to neighborhood youth during the summer. Ashliy said she enjoyed learning new sports, learning how to be a better leader, and making new friends. For more info about Chicago Fitness Challenge, visit <http://www.chicagofitnesschallenge.com>.

Roosevelt University's 2010 Business College Entrepreneurship Academy Entrepreneurship Academy – Students participated in teams on a fundamental business case to determine the best way for a business to compete, identify capital needs to start a business and devise a plan for managing a business successfully. For more info about this program, please visit <http://www.roosevelt.edu>

Computer Discovery Camp at the Illinois Institute of Technology – Students participated in a computer camp for middle school girls and engaged in hands-on learning activities to stimulate interest in careers in computers and related technology. For more info, please visit www.iit.com.

Pre-College Transportation Engineering Program (PreTRANS) at the Illinois Institute of Technology – Students had the opportunity to experience and discover architectural and civil engineering through hands-on lab experiments and lecture demonstrations by faculty and top engineering students. The program was designed to motivate, encourage and support multicultural and women high-school students to pursue careers in civil/transportation engineering. For more info, please visit www.iit.com.