



## Summer Leadership Institutes 2009

- The 2009 Summer Programs were held at Berry College, Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Georgia Southern University. The Summer Leadership Institutes at Oglethorpe University and Georgia Southern followed the traditional 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leaders model of providing leadership and business training to high school students through interactive workshops with business professionals, service opportunities, and teambuilding activities.
- 21st Century Leaders introduced a new summer program, G5!@ Goizueta. G5! was held on the campus of Emory University. Organized in partnership with Atlanta's 40 Under 40, G5! Offered students a unique and interactive opportunity to learn essential leadership, business, and networking skills. 46 diverse students from high schools around the state attended the exciting new program. The feedback from both students and the 40 under 40 was overwhelmingly positive.
- Following its very successful beginning last summer, EarthCare was held the week of June 7-12, 2009, on the campus of Berry College in Rome, Georgia. Sponsored by the Georgia Power Foundation, EarthCare focused on the theme of professional leadership development with an emphasis on sustaining our future through responsible environmentalism. 75 diverse students from high schools all over the state attended the exciting new program.
- 21st Century Leaders also held its fourth year of Leadership Unplugged: A CNN Experience. Leadership Unplugged: A CNN Experience is a 21st Century Leaders program in partnership with CNN, which is designed to enhance high school students' skills in personal leadership and critical thinking while focusing on media, current events and expanding worldviews.
- Our longstanding relationship with Georgia Southern University was strengthened through a formal partnership with the Georgia Southern University Office of Student Leadership that was established this year. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leaders worked closely with the Office of Student Leadership to organize the program.
- In all the programs, students from all over Georgia gathered to develop leadership in hands-on workshops, corporate tours, and roundtable sessions with local business leaders. 300 attendees from 130 high schools throughout the state learned new teamwork, business, and leadership skills.
- Students participated in interactive workshops on communication, media literacy, interviewing, business etiquette, team-building, and diversity.
- Participants attended a series of corporate tours at high profile companies, including the Chick-fil-A Corporate Headquarters, Georgia Power, Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Bulloch County.
- Over 300 volunteers participated in the Summer Leadership Institutes. They led workshops, hosted site visits, conducted roundtable sessions, and served as panelists and guests at our luncheons and etiquette dinner. The volunteers represented 40 businesses and organizations.
- This summer students contributed almost 600 hours of service through their projects. The students assisted elderly residents of the William Breman Jewish Home and worked with pre-school students at Bulloch County Summer Camps. Students also assisted the Foster Care Support Foundation with an expansion project and cleared trash and debris from a creek in Rome, GA. Students also participated in projects at the Habitat for Humanity Restore Centers and an electronics recycling center in Statesboro.

## What Student Reported

**97 %** of 21st Century Leaders participants reported that their personal diversity was respected at camp.

**97%** of 21st Century Leaders participants reported that they would recommend this program to other students.

**94%** of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leaders participants cited a significant improvement in their overall leadership skills

**90%** of 21st Century Leaders participants cited a significant improvement in their ability to work and lead a team

**90%** of 21st Century Leaders participants cited a significant improvement in their communication skills



**Our students were also asked to share the most important things they learned participating in 21st Century Leaders. Here is a sampling of what they said:**

This program has been a rare and valuable experience that has really helped me grow as a leader.

*Patricia Park, Northview High School*

This past week has been incredible! I have learned so much about myself and about the steps to take to pursue your goals.

*Christina Jennings, North Atlanta High School*

I feel like I have an advantage over my peers after attending this program. I have learned so much from all of the professionals and even from the other students. I am ready to put what I have learned into practice.

*Marquita Gaines, Marietta High School*

I have enhanced my leadership skills so much this week. I really enjoyed the corporate tours. I saw teamwork and professionalism in action and I learned how to carry myself in the business world.

*Roylicia Pittman, A. R. Johnson Health Science & Engineering Magnet High School*

I have learned that leaders inspire other people to be leaders. I learned how to better myself, while encouraging those around me.

*DeAshley Smith, A. R. Johnson Health Science & Engineering Magnet High School*

I have learned more in just this week, than I have during my whole high school career. I have learned that I have a lot to offer as a leader.

*Fiyin Korede, Collins High School*

As a result of what I learned this week, I have set a goal of getting my team to nationals this year. I know that if I help others realize their leadership, we can work better as a team.

*Nicholas Brooks, Stephenson High School*