

2025 SUMMER IMPACT

286

high school
students at
4 programs

18

paid summer
internships

\$40K

in college
scholarships

422

volunteers

50 21CL alumni
volunteers

"It's an incredible program that pushes individuals outside their comfort zone. All at the same time, there is a constant sense of compassion and understanding that **encourages leadership** and communication. **21CL has certainly changed my life** for the better and it's a program I would highly recommend to anyone."

- Ibraheem Hassan, Lakeside HS
(Evans, GA), Class of 2026

Because of their experience with 21st Century Leaders:

- **96%** of students reported that their confidence as a leader increased
- **94%** of students reported they are more likely to seek out or continue seeking out **leadership roles**
- **66%** of students said their career interest was reaffirmed by 21CL's program, while **56%** of students discovered a **new career field** they're now interested in that they didn't realize before attending
- **86% - 91%** of students grew in the core leadership competencies of **Problem Solving, Communicating Effectively, Career Ambition, Integrity & Trust**
- **80% - 85%** of students grew in the core leadership competencies of **Action-Oriented, Building Effective Teams, Self-Development**

52%

visiting a
corporate
office/campus

28%

interacting with
peers outside of
their geographic
area

26%

on a college
campus

Students
reported that
attending the
21CL program
was their
FIRST TIME

43%

seeing someone
who looks like
them in a career
or position they
want to be in



GA STUDENT DIVERSITY REPRESENTING

163
high
schools

45
counties



86%
minority

59%
female-
identifying

52%
face barriers
to success

**Leadership isn't a
one time thing!**



Leadership Connect

Students also receive **free enrollment** into our online learning platform, **Leadership Connect**, for the 2025-2026 school year to continue their leadership development through 170+ gamified modules.

SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SYLI@GOIZUETA)



In its 17th summer, our business and entrepreneurship-focused institute served **76 students**. SYLI was made possible by individuals and corporate and community sponsors, including **Emory University Goizueta Business School, The Coca-Cola Company, Cox Enterprises, Invesco, Insight Global, Cousins Foundation, John & Mary Franklin Foundation, Kiwanis Foundation of Atlanta, DeKalb County Human Services Department, Fulton County Community Services and Youth Services Department, Inspire Brands Foundation, and Board of Directors and Individual Donors.**

HEALTHCARE & IT INSTITUTE (HII)



In its 6th summer, our healthcare- and healthcare IT-focused institute served **75 students**. HII was made possible by individuals and corporate and community sponsors, including **Wellstar Health System, Locumtenens, Mercer Government, Piedmont Healthcare, Cousins Foundation, John & Mary Franklin Foundation, Kiwanis Foundation of Atlanta, DeKalb County Human Services, Fulton County Community Services, Board of Directors and other individual donors.**

EARTHCARE: The Leadership Challenge of the 21st Century



In its 18th summer, our STEM-focused institute, **supported by Georgia Power**, served **82 students** who learned about diversity, equity and inclusion, sustainability, and energy efficiency, experienced workshops on public speaking with Toastmasters, personal leadership styles, served the community, and explored careers in STEM through networking roundtables with Georgia Power employees, their business resource groups and panelists. *Thank you to Georgia Power for making EarthCare possible and supporting 21CL for over 35 years.*

FILM & ENTERTAINMENT INSTITUTE



In our 19th year of our media-focused institute, our revamped program **sponsored by Warner Bros. Discovery** served **53 students**. Students learned about media, industry and career pathways, and diversity, equity and inclusion, while getting hands-on production training in the Warner Bros. Discovery studio and a tour of Trilith Studios. *Thank you to Warner Bros. Discovery for supporting media-based leadership programs with us for over 35 years.*



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INTERNSHIP + SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In its 3rd year, our paid summer internship and scholarship program served **18 graduating seniors** with a 4-6 week **paid summer internship** and a **\$2,500 scholarship** to their post-secondary institution. Thank you to MarketSource, Fulton County Community Services and Youth Services Department, Atlanta Braves, Aflac, Kiwanis Club of Atlanta, Insight Global, and our Board of Directors, and individual donors for making this program possible.