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2023 GIRLS' CAREER INSTITUTE FACT SHEET FOR PRESENTERS

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Girls' Career Institute (GCI) is a program offered by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC (NJSFWC) for girls who will complete their junior year in high school. The 75th GCI will be held Monday, June 5 – Thursday June 8, 2023.

GCI offers a “four-day mini-college and career exploration experience.” Delegates will experience a sample of college life by living in a dorm with a roommate, eating in the cafeteria, attending lectures and workshops at Douglass Residential College on the Rutgers University campus in New Brunswick. They will learn about college life, career choices and how to network with other delegates from all over the state of New Jersey. Many establish lasting friendships with one another.

The cost of attending GCI is \$300 and is underwritten by a local NJSFWC club as the sponsor club. Several clubs also choose to donate funds to sponsor girls from areas not covered by NJSFWC Clubs. NJSFWC also looks for Grants and Donations to help offset the tuition.

The GCI Director and staff are all NJSFWC Clubwomen from across NJ who volunteer to attend the 4-day experience. The Director actively searches for professional women who are willing to serve as presenters for our workshops. We look to keep the careers current and relative, and to expand the options offered to cover a wide variety of career choices. Suggestions for future presenters should be given to the Director. For the 75th NJSFWC Girls' Career Institute we will have 165 young women in their junior year of high school as delegates.

Each presenter gives a 45–50-minute workshop at 10am on either Tuesday or Wednesday then repeats it at 11am. Each session will have 15-20 delegates. Presenters are invited to be our guests for lunch in the dining hall with the delegates and staff. Presenters should arrive no later than 9:45am to Hickman Hall.

Delegates are selected based on their interest in gaining insight into attending college and seeking career options. While community service and participation in school activities are strongly considered, GCI is not an award for service or scholarship. Local clubs may contact applicants of their own choosing or contact area schools to ask them to submit the names of students for consideration. If working with a school submission of applicants, the club may be involved in the selection of the Delegate and the Alternate by interviewing those applicants or they may leave the selection to the school personnel.

Delegates are required to attend all group sessions, select from a variety of workshops, and attend all meals in the cafeteria. The dress code is appropriate school attire with alternative clothing for sports and activities. Zumba, swimming, crafts, a variety of service projects and special after dinner group sessions are just a few of the activities available during free time.

We thank you for enriching the lives our delegates by your vital contribution as a presenter this year. We hope you get as much out of your time with us at GCI as we and our delegates do; and we hope you choose to return as a presenter again next year.