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Girls Inc. of Greater Lowell Member of the Year Spotlight: KELLY ROS

Girls Inc. honors one member each year who embodies our mission and philosophy to be strong, smart, and bold! This year we had the pleasure of recognizing Kelly Ros. Kelly is a true role model. She is respectful, kind, humble and a great listener. She is always willing to help both the staff and her peers and is also highly involved in activities and classes at Girls Incorporated. Kelly enjoys computer related programs and her favorite class is Lego League. She has also been involved in classes such as Build It, Eco Girls, Book Creations, and Music. She says that Girls Inc. has helped her to be strong, smart and bold by helping her to become brave, confident, and a more conscientious student. As a result she has done better in school. When Kelly was asked what advice she would give to other members at Girls Inc., she said "to never give up." Kelly's positive attitude, self motivation, and continual efforts to be a mentor and role model is what led us to honor her with this award. Congratulations, Kelly!

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MEMBER of the YEAR!



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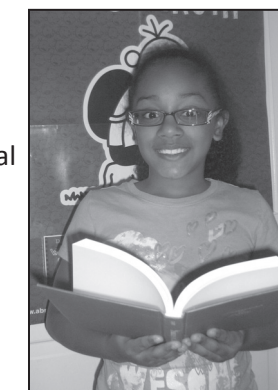
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2011 Awards

Girls Inc. was pleased to award the first Mary Sampas Literacy Award at this year's Celebration of Today's Woman event. The award was created in tribute to Mary's 75 years as a journalist, her commitment to the community, and for being a role model to many women and girls. The first award was given to Destinee Melendez, a 10-year-old who is in the 4th grade at the Greenhalge School. Destinee is a bright young girl who has a passion for learning, is an avid reader, and is engaged in numerous classes and programs at Girls Inc. This year she won the reading competition and has been an active participant in our spelling bees. She has a natural curiosity for learning new vocabulary and takes great pride in developing her skills and using the new words that she has learned in school and at Girls Inc. The staff chose to honor Destinee with the Mary Sampas Literacy Award because of her excitement for and dedication to reading and language.



Girls Inc. was also extremely delighted to honor six young women and contribute \$5000 in scholarships at this year's event. Kelsey Barowich received the *Loretta Duncan Scholarship* and also received a \$2500 Girls Inc. National Scholarship. Kelsey is a young woman who exemplifies what a Girls Inc. outstanding student and role model looks like and had the privilege of speaking at our *Celebration* event on behalf of all the scholarship recipients. She will be working as a Girls Inc. Program Specialist this summer and will be attending UMass-Amherst in the fall.

Other scholarship recipients were Victoria Beauvais (*Loretta Duncan Scholarship*), Chloe Brown (*Stickney-Dunsford Scholarship*), Jessica O'Brien (*Fannie Moore Scholarship*), Kayla Montanez (*Fannie Moore Scholarship*) and Margaret Crowe (*Mary E. Harrington Scholarship*).



Congratulations to this year's bright and talented scholarship winners!

Girls Inc. wishes you all the best of luck!



Strong, Smart and Bold staff!!



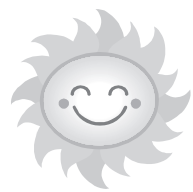
Girls Inc. is excited to introduce our Strong, Smart, and Bold staff! We are also very excited to welcome **Lauryn Martin** who will be joining our fabulous team! We welcome back **Amanda El-Hashem, Charlette Renault-Caragianes, Kelsey Barowich**, a former Girls Inc. member and National Girls Inc. and Loretta Duncan Scholarship recipient, Program Coordinator Assistant **Marlene Roman**, Outreach Coordinator **Charya Uong**, Program Coordinator **Katelyn Adams**, and Program Director **Jennifer Demers**. Most of our staff reside in the Massachusetts area and are recent college graduates or currently working on their advanced degrees. Our Summer Program Specialists are enthusiastic and thrilled to be spending their summer with the Girls Inc. members.

Welcome to New Board Members!

At the Annual Meeting in May, Girls Inc. elected the following new members to its Board of Directors:

- Therese Bolton**, community volunteer
- Jennifer Hanson**, communications consultant
- Steven Rochette**, Vice President of Operations at Lowell Cooperative Bank
- Sandi Wilson**, Regional Vice President of Business Development at Enterprise Bank

We also welcome the return of **Sheila Harrington, Mary Lou Keenan**, and **Kristin McCauley** who have been reelected after rotating off of board service during the past year.



Summer Collaborations at Girls Incorporated!

This summer, Girls Inc. of Greater Lowell is teaming up with other Girls Incorporated affiliates to provide engaging programs specifically for our strong, smart and bold members. **Bold Art**, created in collaboration with Girls Inc. affiliates in Syracuse, New York and Lynn, Massachusetts, is truly a unique art program! **Bold Art** will incorporate photography, recycled art, spoken and written word, dance and movement performance, community and neighborhood art and clay and sculpture art. The class will conclude with a reception and a chance for the members at each affiliate to share their work with each other on a Girls Inc. 'Flickr' photography account.

Several of our members will also have the opportunity to participate in Girls Inc. of the Berkshires Region III Camp Out, located on Lake Onota. Along with our New England affiliates, our members will enjoy a variety of traditional camping activities including nature, swimming, kayaking, boating and campfires! The campers will enjoy making friends, sharing their Girls Inc. experiences, and celebrating what it means to be strong, smart, and bold at Girls Inc!

What's happening at Girls Inc.?



Attendees of this years' Celebration of Today's Woman event!



Science Fair

STEP Team

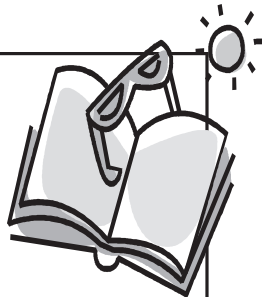


In partnership with Mrs. Keohane, our literacy and STEM coach, we were able to put on an impressive science and technology fair that was fun for the whole family!

This spring our girls teamed up with the UMass Lowell's **Steppin' in Unity** to learn the art of step dance. The girls then had the honor of being the opening act for the UMass Dance and Step show, where all proceeds went to Girls Incorporated. The event raised **over \$500!** Thank you, UMass Lowell Step Team, for all your hard work!!

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Exciting Summer Days!



Summer has returned and it is bringing back the heat with some exciting new programs, field trips and adventures!

The girls will be making memories and soaking up the sun at the City of Lowell's Lord Swimming Pool on Tuesday and Friday mornings! On Mondays and Wednesdays, they will be going on local 'mini' field trips and participating in group-time excursions. They will then enjoy complimentary lunches provided by our friends at the Healthy Summer Lunch Program.

The afternoons will be action-packed and fun-filled with hands on activities such as, *Trip Around the World, Eco Friendly, Cupcake Creations, Manga Art, Fun and Fit, Theater Games, Media Tech, Science Kids, and Messy Scientists*. We will also be kicking off the second season of our famous photography class *Photo Voice: Cultural Ambassadors*. In addition to being given opportunities to expand their knowledge in the arts and sciences, our girls will also learn...

- about other cultures around the world!
- how to reach out to their own community!
- and explore many of the resources and opportunities that Lowell has to offer right here in our own backyard!

On Thursdays we head out to our unique field trip destinations. This year we will be visiting the *Franklin Park Zoo, the Ecotarium, the Salem Pirate and Witch Museums, the Science Museum, the Palace Theatre* to see *Alice and Wonderland, the Lowell Spinners Baseball Park, Camp Massapoag*, and the Girls Inc. favorite, *George's Island!*

