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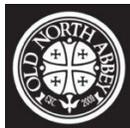
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Our History

Girl Talk was founded in 2006 by Denetria “Dee Dee” Moore, who wanted to develop a program that prevented girls from experiencing what she experienced as an adolescent. Denetria became pregnant with her daughter at the tender age of 19, while she was in college at the University of Tennessee—Knoxville. If it had not been for mentors in her life, her family, and friends who supported her, she would not have graduated as a single mother with a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology. Like many other teens, Denetria struggled with her self-image and loving herself, and her desire is to inspire other young ladies to love themselves just the way God made them.

Denetria is often quoted as saying, “If I can get a girl to see the value in herself, then she will begin to see the value in her future.” Girl Talk was founded to give girls hope, a family, a place to fit in, a place to feel safe, and a place to seek refuge.



Girl Talk received its status as a 501(c)3 organization in April 2010. What started in the founder’s living room as sleepovers, has transformed into a not for profit organization that serves many girls in our community. In 2016, Girl Talk celebrated ten years of transforming lives, and has grown from 6 girls in a two-bedroom apartment to serving over 180 girls. The program has expanded to serving girls in Knox County schools, and the vision is to be represented in all areas of Knox County, expansion to other cities in the United States, and eventually, internationally.

Our Mission

Girl Talk exists to empower girls to become their best selves by reducing the likelihood of teen pregnancy and helping them to advance educationally.

Program Goals

Girl Talk works to...

- Decrease the number of girls becoming pregnant at an early age
 - Increase the likelihood of
 - Educational advancement to the next grade level
 - Graduation from high school
 - Enrollment in post-secondary education and/or training
 - Increase the likelihood of girls becoming career professionals as adults
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Our Outcomes

Reducing the likelihood of Teen Pregnancy

In 2019, the pregnancy rate for Knox Co. was 22%, 41% among black girls, ages 10-19.

Our current teen pregnancy rate is 0%. No girls involved in 2019-2020 Girl Talk programming became pregnant.

Academic Achievement

For 2019, the Knox County high school graduation rate was 89.8%.

For the 2019-2020 School Year, Girl Talk's high school graduation rate was 100%.

Educational Advancement

34% of Tennesseans currently have an associates or a college degree.

Currently, 100% of 2019-2020 graduating class of Girl Talk girls are going on to post-secondary education or training.

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Virtual Cocktail Hour:
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Fashion Show:
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Drums — Jeff Pegues

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The 2020 Girl Talk Fashion Show Gala

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Program

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REMARKS FROM GIRL TALK'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Fashion Show

Coordinated by Kenny Moore, Georgette Suggs, & Chania Arnold

Scene I - Graduation

MENTOR AWARDS PRESENTATION

Scene II - She-Pro Scene

MADELINE ROGERO SHE-PRO AWARD PRESENTATION

Scene III - Girl Talk

AN INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Scene IV - Party Scene

2020 Role Models



**Amanda Hara,
WVLT-TV**

Amanda Hara is an Emmy, Edward R. Murrow, and Associated Press award winning journalist who joined the WVLT News team in 2012. She anchors the 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. newscasts on WVLT and the 10:00 p.m. newscast on CW Monday through Friday. She also serves as an Executive Producer of Digital Content. Amanda has been honored with five Emmy awards and more than two dozen nominations, seven regional Edward R. Murrow awards, and more than 14 Associated Press awards including "Best Reporter" in Tennessee and "Best News Anchor" in Tennessee multiple times. Her career has taken her across the country from Evansville, Indiana, to Lexington, Kentucky and Nashville, Tennessee.



My name is Beverly Holland; I am the seventh of nine siblings. I am happily married to my husband of 30 years Charles A. Holland, Sr., together by marriage we have 2 beautiful children Charlise (28) & Charles Jr (27) and (4) beautiful stepchildren, Yahsi, Ashande, Diamond and Lorenzo. I've worked as a Register Dental Assistant and Office management. For 20 years under Dr. Richard Myers. I received my CDA Child Development Associate Degree. Afterwards I've worked as Substitute with Knox County Schools and a year before a very proud Business owner of God's Creative Enrichment Center, Inc for 18 years now.

My family attends Community Evgal., Church where I serve as the Chair-person of all Food Service events as well as a Deacon. I also attend Christian Fellowships regularly to help the strengthen my family physically, mentally and socially. Also, for the last two years I have mentored with Girl Talk at Sarah Moore Greene!

I am a highly motivated and am passionate about the ministries I am associated with.

I've received the Business Award in 2010; I've received Provider of the year in 2013.

I love reading and relaxing while with my family. Family is everything.



**Beverly Holland,
God's Creative
Enrichment Center, Inc.**

2020 Role Models



**Carey Parker,
LHP Capital, LLC**

This is Carey's fourth year as a professional role model for Girl Talk's Fashion Show Gala, and she is proud to be part of an organization dedicated to empowering and motivating girls to become intelligent, confident women. Carey is Chief Executive Officer of LHP Capital, LLC, a real estate development firm headquartered in Knoxville. Since joining the company's accounting department in 2003, she has served in progressively more responsible roles until her appointment as CEO in 2017.

Carey is a graduate of the Leadership Knoxville Class of 2019 and also earned recognition as a "40 Under 40" honoree by the News Sentinel Business Journal in 2017. She serves on the boards of the Legacy Housing Foundation and East Tennessee Design Center. Carey is a member of the Executive Women's Association, UT's Haslam College of Business Department of Management's advisory board and United Way of Greater Knoxville operations committee. Carey earned a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and an MBA from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She and her husband, Pat Curtsinger, have one son.

LaKietha Jackson is a native of Knoxville and a proud graduate of Austin East High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Tennessee State University and a Masters' in Education, Organizational Training from Tusculum College. Her professional career includes over 15 years in social services and the past five years in higher education. Her work at Pellissippi has fostered a deep love and appreciation for helping students obtain access to college and reach their academic goals.

LaKietha has been a Girl Talk, Inc. 1:1 mentor for over two years. With her free time LaKietha enjoys creating wood designs, reading, traveling, and most of all spending quality time with her husband Markus Sr., and three children Brionna, Dejah, and Markus Jr.



**Lakeitha "Key" Jackson,
Pellissippi State
Community College**

2020 Role Models



**Maria Antoinette
Loggins**

Maria Antoinette is a passionate lifestyle influencer, multi-channel content creator, entrepreneur, and champion of women. With a tribe of over 400,000 people, she is driven to inspire and encourage women to be their authentic selves, while herself being a tried and true resource for people seeking tips to make life (and its projects) easier. While Maria's been exercising her hair, make-up and DIY creative artistry for many years, she has increasingly been exposed to some incredible opportunities that have allowed her to reach a wider audience. She works with companies like Cantu Beauty as their Global Stylist, and Scripps Networks as a Lifestyle Expert. She has worked with a myriad of other amazing brands. Maria has also recently launched her own start-up beauty company, Royal Prerogative, LLC which provides the highest quality synthetic hair extensions and wigs.



Dr. Overholt is one of the founding partners of The Skin Wellness Center. She is board-certified in dermatology and is a fellow in the American Academy of Dermatology. She received her medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine, where she also completed her residency in dermatology. Dr. Overholt previously practiced with Knoxville's Allergy, Asthma, and Sinus Center. She has a passion for educating her patients about various diseases of the skin and ways to protect from further damage.

This year, Dr. Overholt celebrates 25 years practicing in dermatology. She is also a former member of the KAM Executive board, current member of Cokesbury UMC and a Board of Ambassadors member for the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Overholt is married to Dr. Mark Overholt, local Ear Nose and Throat physician - ENT Consultants of East TN - and will celebrate their 30 year anniversary on August 25! The couple has a daughter Mary Carole is an architect working on her Masters at Yale, son Cameron just graduated from UT Austin and is working in Austin for a wine importer, Rootstock. Board Certified in Dermatology in 1995, so 25 years this year as a Board Certified Dermatologist. Own and run the Skin Wellness Center in Knoxville with partner Dr Kimberly Grande. Proud to employ 56 women. Involved locally primarily at Cokesbury UMC, and with The American Cancer Society - chaired the Hope Gala in 2017. Did plenty of other stuff when kids were around, but fortunately that slows down!! Enjoy travel, cooking, spending time at our lakehouse with our dog, Reagan.



**Dr. Meredith Overholt,
The Skin Wellness Center**

2020 Role Models



**Dr. Monica Crane,
Genesis Neuroscience Clinic**

Dr. Monica Crane is a fellowship-trained geriatric medicine physician who has been recognized as an expert in dementia care in the Southeast. Her career focus has been the clinical care, treatment and support for patients and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and the related dementias.

Dr. Crane is the founder and medical director of Genesis Neuroscience Clinic, a multidisciplinary memory disorders clinic. The clinic provides community care for mild cognitive impairment and the neurodegenerative dementias. This unique model of care incorporates support from local non-profits including Alzheimer's Tennessee, Knox County Senior Services, the Purple Cities Alliance and the Executive Woman's Association. University of Tennessee-Knoxville and the Graduate School of Medicine-UTMCK. The clinic serves as an opportunity to mentor students and healthcare professionals in geriatric medicine and dementia care. The current mentorship program has sponsored over 40 mentees since 2017.

In 2020, Dr. Crane started the process to convert the practice into a charitable clinic under the Tennessee Memory Disorders Foundation. The Foundation mission is to provide support for comprehensive community care for those with memory disorders and to mentor students and professionals to become future leaders in dementia care.

Dr. Crane has served on the Board of Directors at Alzheimer's Tennessee since 2007, at the Knoxville Museum of Art since 2015 and the Tennessee Memory Disorders Foundation since 2020. She has been a leader in the Outreach Workgroup for the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging. She has also been recognized as a leader by the East Tennessee community as an inductee of Leadership Knoxville and the Executive Woman's Association.



2020 Role Models

Patty Lauren is the founder FitStyle, LLC. FitStyle was created after Patty Lauren recognized the need for an elite in-home training service to bring the fitness lifestyle to Knoxville and into clients' homes. Her desire to help others stems from her own personal health journey in 2015. In 2016, she became a Certified Personal Trainer and in 2017, she founded FitStyle. Since then, she's gone on to become a Functional Training Specialist and a Certified Barre Instructor. In the summer of 2019, she joined Core Change as a Coach. This fall, she will add Pregnancy and Postpartum Corrective Exercise Specialist to her education.

In addition to being a business owner and female leader in our Knoxville community, Patty Lauren volunteers as a mentor in Girl Talk's 1:1 Mentoring Program. She is dedicated to using her own leadership and influence to invest in the lives of young girls.



**Patty Lauren Seger,
FitStyleKnox**

To Our Role Models...

What is a Role Model?

Each year, Girl Talk, Inc. seeks nominations of professional women in our community to walk the runway with our girls at our Annual Fashion Show Gala. We look for women in our community who are making an impact and setting an example for younger generations. Role Models have the vision, commitment, and means to inspire their peers to support them as they competitively raise funds for Girl Talk, Inc. This particular group of women embody the definition of a Role Model and more. Many of these women have supported Girl Talk for many years, but nothing could prepare us for their contribution to our organization this year...

The Girl Talk team would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to all of our 2020 Role Models. These 9 women truly went above and beyond to participate in our show in an unconventional way AND raised a record amount of money to support the work we do with girls in our community. We truly cannot tell you how grateful we are for your support of our mission, and for your flexibility and dedication to this event.

2020 Girl Talk Models

Aizsa Cody



Aizsa Cody is 17 years old and is starting her senior year at Gibbs High School. One of Aizsa's favorite things about being a part of Girl Talk is meeting new people and experiencing new things. Aizsa is a very hard worker and juggles her school work, extracurricular activities, and TWO part time jobs. In addition to all of the things that are on her busy schedule, Aizsa loves experimenting with makeup and creating different looks. When Aizsa graduates high school in 2021, she plans to attend either MTSU, ETSU or the University of Memphis, and aspires to begin a career in the medical field. One of Aizsa's favorite Girl Talk memories was a sleepover she had with her mentor.



Aniya Garner

Aniya Garner is a senior this year at Austin East Magnet High School. She enjoys participating in Girl Talk because it helps her in a lot of different ways. Aniya's hobbies include talking and texting on the phone, throwing ball, and spending time outdoors. After she graduates next year, Aniya plans to attend Fisk University, and study business – as she aspires to become a business owner. She is very proud of making it through high school thus far, and is ready to tackle her senior year – even if it may look a little different than in years past. To begin this year, Aniya and her family have made the decision that she will attend school virtually for the first semester, so she is anxious to see how this new setting will look. One of Aniya's favorite Girl Talk memories was attending the college and career tour the organization took in 2019 to New York City.



2020 GirlTalk Models

Asia Chesney



Asia Chesney is a 17-year-old senior at Austin East Magnet High School. Since this is her last year in high school, Asia plans to devote a lot of time and energy into applying for scholarships that will afford her the best postsecondary education opportunity possible. She aspires to be a traveling nurse so that she can help others while seeing the world. To help guide her plans for the future, Asia is currently enrolled in the 2020-2021 Girl Talk Life Prep Academy. Asia is very dedicated to her school work, making good grades, and participating in speech and debate competitions. One of Asia's favorite memories of time spent with her mentor is their regular drives out to Cruze Farms.



A'yannah Tate

This year, A'yannah Tate is a senior at Hardin Valley Academy. She loves track, watching Grey's Anatomy, baking and spending time with her family. After she graduates high school, A'yannah plans to attend Georgia State University to study to become a lawyer. To date, she considers her greatest accomplishment to be beating her personal record at her first (and last) track meet of the 2020 season. A'yannah loves every moment she gets to spend with her mentor, and says "She is literally the best and I wouldn't trade her for anything. There is never a dull moment when we're together." Since the pandemic hit, A'yannah misses spending time with her friends, but has spent a lot of time catching up on some of her favorite Netflix shows and interacting on TikTok.



2020 Girl Talk Models

Blake Blakenore



Beginning this month, Blake (aka Jade) will begin her freshman year of college with a full-ride athletic scholarship at Georgia State University, which she considers to be one of her greatest accomplishments so far. Blake plans to study to become a dermatologist in a Medical Spa setting. When Blake isn't training for track meets, working, or studying, she enjoys spending time with her mentor, giving herself facials, and helping her friends out. She is very proud of the fact that she just graduated high school and obtained her track scholarship. One of her favorite Girl Talk memories was when Blake made her mentor dinner one night at her house. She also really enjoyed her very first Girl Talk sleepover she attended as a freshman in high school. Since Blake graduated as part of the "Quarantine Class of 2020", she missed out on a lot of the social activities that come along with being a senior. However, she adjusted to the new times and settings that many of these activities took place and reports that it all turned around for the better!



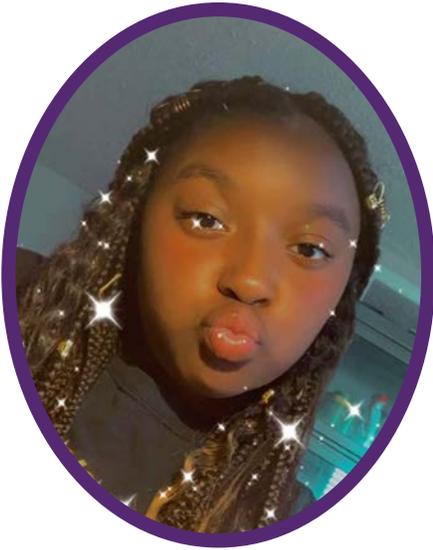
Caliyah Gamble

Caliyah Gamble participates in the 1:1 Mentoring Program at Girl Talk, and this is her 2nd year modeling in the Fashion SHow Gala! She is a rising 7th grader at Vine Middle Magnet School. Caliyah has grown up around a lot of dogs and she loves animals – because of this, she dreams to become a Veterinarian when she's older. She also plans to attend college, and her top choices right now are Winston Salem State University, or the University of Tennessee. Caliyah's hobbies include singing, dancing, drawing and hanging with her mom and sister. She participates in a dance group, and is also involved in youth activities at her church. One of her favorite memories with her mentor so far is when she came to see her dance at the Kuumba Festival.



2020 GirlTalk Models

Chyina Petty



At 12 years old, Chyina Petty will begin her 8th grade year this month at Cedar Bluff Middle School. Chyina has modeled in the Girl Talk Fashion Show Gala in years past. She shares her favorite thing about being a part of Girl Talk is have a connection with other girls and getting to have a good time. Some of Chyina's hobbies include singing, hanging out with her friends, and staying busy with many extracurricular activities. In the future, Chyina hopes to attend a historically black college or university, and would love to become a professional singer and tour the world. One of her favorite Girl Talk memories was at a sleepover where a cake making/decorating challenge was involved. Chyina says, "The challenge didn't end well for me, but with Girl Talk, there are always good memories. Whatever we do is fun."



De'Maijah "Mani" Campbell

Mani moved from Tennessee to Georgia during her senior year of high school, but drove back to Knoxville every month to complete the Girl Talk Life Prep Academy. After graduating from McDonough High School in Spring of 2020, Mani will begin her pursuit of postsecondary education at Atlanta Technical College where she will study to become a Registered Nurse. Mani is the first grandchild in her family to attend college, and she is very proud of this accomplishment. Some of Mani's hobbies include anything crafty or trying new things. One of Mani's favorite Girl Talk memories was the trip to Florida for the 2020 Annual Girls' Retreat because the time she spent with her peers gave her the opportunity to let anything out that was bothering her.



2020 GirlTalk Models

Jacqueline White



Beginning this month, recent Girl Talk graduate, Jacqueline White, is beginning her freshman year at the University of Memphis. One of her favorite things about Girl Talk is the sisterhood she experienced. Jacqueline says, "I love and cherish all of the relationships I have made with the rest of the girls and mentors. I have truly made lifelong friendships and bonds." Some of Jacqueline's hobbies include photography, writing, and reading. She plans to major in Journalism with a concentration of Sports Journalism. One of Jacqueline's biggest accomplishments is getting accepted into 4 out of the 5 schools she applied to during her senior year. She really appreciated having options for her pursuits of postsecondary education. As a Girl Talk alumni, Jacqueline shares that one of her favorite memories with the organization was the 2019 college and career trip to New York City.



JaKiah George

JaKiah George is a 17 year old at Knoxville Christian School. As she begins her senior year of high school, JaKiah is making plans for her future and hopes to attend Florida State University where she will study either forensic science or physiology. Some of JaKiah's interests include basketball, forensic science, and liturgical dance. JaKiah is very proud of the fact that she makes all A's and B's in school, and is very dedicated to her studies. She really enjoys the opportunities Girl Talk provides for her to meet and interact with new people. Since the pandemic hit, JaKiah has had to adjust to doing things on her own and depend on her own judgement to follow safety guidelines to protect herself and her family.



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Jamiyah Fain

JaMiyah Fain is beginning her 8th grade year this month at Bearden Middle School. Some of JaMiyah's hobbies include traveling and meeting new friends. She also really loves makeup, cooking, updating her YouTube channel, and spending time with her family. Since she is only 13, she has some years to think about where her life will take her after high school, but JaMiyah is very interested in looking at university options that are out of state. She aspires to become either a makeup artist or a chef, and is most proud of the startup of her YouTube channel. One of JaMiyah's favorite things to do with her mentor is go to the movies together.



Jordan Ballenger

Jordan Ballenger is about to start her senior year at Central High School. She loves having get-togethers with friends and family and being out and about to socialize. As the social butterfly she truly is, Jordan has had to adjust to wearing a mask 24/7 and physically distance herself from her friends and family to protect everyone's health and wellness during the pandemic. Jordan stays very busy with work, keeping up with her schoolwork, and shopping! After she graduates next year, Jordan plans to attend the University of Tennessee and study to become a nurse practitioner. She is most proud of maintaining academic first honors and getting accepted for her clinical internship. One of Jordan's favorite Girl Talk memories is going to Painting with a Twist for the first time with her mentor. She will also always remember when her mentor surprised her at her school for her birthday when she was in the 8th grade.



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Kiaya Ballenger

Kiaya joined the Girl Talk family in 2016. It has been an amazing journey enjoying her fun and boisterous personality. In the Fall of 2018, Kiaya started the process of planning for her future and joined the Girl Talk Life Prep Academy as a junior. To say that Kiaya has worked hard is an understatement. Her academic achievements have earned her a spot in the top 20% of her class at Fulton High School. After many acceptance letters from colleges across Tennessee, she has chosen to attend The University of Tennessee, Knoxville with a full scholarship. She aspires to be a Veterinarian. Join us as we congratulate Girl Talk graduate, Kiaya Ballinger!



Kyla Bourne

Congratulations to graduating senior, Kyla Bourne! Kyla joined The Girl Talk Family in 2015. Words cannot express how grateful we are to bear witness to her journey into young adulthood. Kyla joined The Girl Talk Life Prep Academy her senior year at Austin East Magnet High School in the Fall of 2019. She has utilized the skills she's learned to push her toward her future goals. Kyla will be attending the University of Memphis where she plans to major in psychology and eventually start her own practice. Join us as we congratulate Girl Talk graduate, Kyla Bourne!



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Kyla Chesney

Kyla Chesney is 14 years old and will start her 8th grade year at Holston Middle School this month. She really enjoys being exposed to new things and experiences. Some of Kyla's hobbies include playing volleyball and running track. During her free time, she runs her own small business making and selling lip gloss, which is one of her greatest accomplishments. In the future, Kyla is interested in attending either Louisiana State University or some type of historically black college or university. She aspires to become an athletic trainer, but is also very interested in photography. One of Kyla's favorite Girl Talk memories is with her mentor when they went to a drive-in movie together.



Maya Lewis

Maya Lewis is a 17-year-old senior at Hardin Valley Academy. As a rising senior, she is excited to be in her last year of high school. Maya really enjoys interacting with all of her peers at Girl Talk because they all come from different schools and backgrounds. Maya is always on the go, and loves art, track & field, basketball, and photography. To combine some of her interests, Maya aspires to become a sports photographer. In order to make her dreams happen, she hopes to attend college next year at Georgia State University, the University of Kentucky, or Middle Tennessee State University. One of Maya's greatest achievements is excelling in photography so much so that she is being asked for her original artwork or to come take pictures for others. Some of Maya's favorite Girl Talk memories includes a recent Life Prep Academy Retreat and a college tour she participated in last school year. Maya misses spending time with her friends during the pandemic, but she landed a part time job that allows her to connect with her peers.



2020 GirlTalk Models

Riona Grant



Congratulations to graduating senior, Riona Grant! A recent graduate of Farragut High School, Riona joined The Girl Talk Life Prep Academy as a junior in the Fall of 2018. Once shy and quiet, Riona has now found her voice and is growing more confident every day. We are proud of all of her accomplishments, including becoming a Bank of America Student Leader. Riona has now been accepted into The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Her dream is to become a Pediatric Nurse. One of Riona's favorite memories of being in Girl Talk was the college and career tour she participated in where the girls got to visit New York City. She plans study Finance in college and is proud to be a Girl Talk alumni!



Sydni Watkins

Sydni joined the Girl Talk family in 2013 as a part of the 1:1 Mentoring program. It fills us with an overwhelming sense of joy to have witnessed her growth and transition. She joined The Girl Talk Life Prep Academy her junior year in the Fall of 2018. Sydni has become a leader amongst her peers, both in her friend groups and in her church community. Sydni has served with Talons and the Student Government Association of Hardin Valley Academy and is the youngest youth leader in her church. Sydni has been accepted to Tennessee Tech University where she will major in Human Ecology. She aspires to be a Child Life Specialist. Sydni says, "The are too many great Girl Talk memories, but the last retreat we went on was the best out of all I've attended!"



2020 GirlTalk Models

Teona Grant



Congratulations to graduating senior, Teona Grant! After seeing the impact The Girl Talk Life Prep Academy had with her twin sister (Riona), Teona decided to join The Girl Talk Life Prep Academy her senior year in the Fall of 2019. Watching Teona morph into her own woman has been an exciting journey. She is unafraid of what the future holds and takes advantage of every opportunity. After being accepted to both Austin Peay University and UT Chattanooga, Teona has decided to join her sister at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. One of Teona's favorite Girl Talk memories was touring student apartments. She loves learning about the resources available to help her in planning for the future. Teona also really enjoyed the Girl Talk Senior Celebration and receiving her official Girl Talk stole.



Tiara Hill

Tiara Hill is a 12 year old who is about to begin her 7th grade year at Vine Middle Magnet School. She is a very creative person and many of her hobbies include activities that allow her to be crafty. Outside of her love for arts & crafts, Tiara loves volleyball and can even program and build robots! For right now, Tiara is very interested in attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) but is also looking at other top technology schools across the country. She aspires to build a career in mechanical engineering and computer programming, but is also an entrepreneur. One of Tiara's biggest accomplishments to date came after she participated in a Sew It, Sell It camp. She learned not only how to sew, but designed a product that people can actually use. She has designed a line of bonnets especially for those who wear long braids. Her products come in both satin and waterproof and in a variety of colors. After launching these products, Tiara gained experience in launching her own small-business.



2020 Girl Talk Models

Tyra Tabors



Congratulations to graduating senior, Tyra Tabors! In 2015, Tyra joined The Girl Talk family in the 1:1 Mentoring Program. We have been overjoyed to watch her confidence and personality grow each day. She is an amazing young lady whom we are confident will go far. Tyra joined The Girl Talk Life Prep Academy her junior year in the Fall of 2018. After graduating this past spring from Fulton High School, Tyra has been accepted into Pellissippi State Community College and aspires to start a career in broadcasting. One of Tyra's favorite Girl Talk memories was the college & career trip she went on to New York City. She also really enjoyed attending other college tours to see what options are out there for her. Tyra loves her mentor and appreciates that she is always there to guide or help her through anything that she's going through.



Zyria Martin

Zyria Martin is a 17-year-old senior at Central High School. Some of her hobbies and interest include volleyball, cooking, and she REALLY loves math! She's still exploring all of her options for college, but plans to become a neonatal nurse in the future. Zyria considers conquering life so far to be one of her greatest accomplishments. She has faced many obstacles and made sacrifices to be where she is today. One of her favorite memories with her Girl Talk mentor is when they made vision boards together to plan out their goals and things they plan to work on for 2020. Zyria loves Girl Talk because she is able to learn to be the best version of herself!



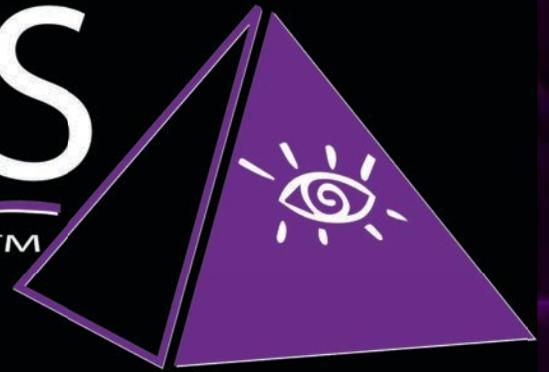
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