

GIRL POWER 21ST CENTURY

Parent Organization: SUNY Stony Brook

Web Address: <http://www.celt.sunysb.edu/gp21/>

Grade/Age Levels/Target Audience: Girls aged 8-14

Overview: Girl Power 21st Century is a three-year project, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) that addresses the need for early educational intervention to increase the number of women pursuing technical education and careers. It is an expanded version of the original Girl Power program, which was funded by the Long Island Fund for Women and Girls (LIFWG) between 1999 and 2003.

Subjects Covered: Technical education and careers

Size of Program: NA

Where Offered: SUNY Stony Brook

Time Spent by Students: One week

Partners/Sponsors: NSF

Format: The main focus is on teaching the participants how to research online thru kid geared search engines and then make webpages via Dreamweaver software. The beginner and advanced level girls of the previous school year's Girl Power Modules come up with 3 questions relating to their self-chosen topic. Meanwhile, the Project Options girls, with their prior experience in the Girl Power program focus on their own portfolio pages and act as mentors to the younger girls by helping to find pictures, correct spelling, or hyper link between webpages. By appointing the older girls as mentors, we hope they will gain some leadership skills and a sense of team spirit. Nevertheless, at the end of the week, all of the girls will ultimately gain more assurance and confidence in utilizing computers and technology.

Materials Available on Web and/or Purchase: NA

Training – Avail/Required: NA

Results to Date: 2004 project topics and results posted on:
<http://www.celt.sunysb.edu/gp21/>

Cost structure: NA

Funding: National Science Foundation (unable to obtain amount)