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TWO BALTIMORE CITY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WHO ALSO ATTEND THE MISCHA TOLAND ENTREPRENEURIAL ACADEMY FOR GIRLS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PRESENT AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GLOBAL STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA THIS MARCH

BALTIMORE – The Mischa Toland Entrepreneurial Academy for Girls announces the workshop proposal acceptance of two of its students at the Christopher Newport University's College of Arts and Humanities international women and girls conference. We are thrilled yet again to announce that our girls will be traveling to Newport News, Virginia to present with women from India, Africa, Pakistan and other countries around the world on matters from leadership development to global gender equity to girls in engineering.

Candice Carter, a 12th grader at Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women and Makayla Banks, a 12th grader at Baltimore City College High School will be escorted by Mischa Toland, CEO of Girls as CEOs Foundation to the conference which will be held March 3 – 5, 2016 in Newport News, Virginia to present a 90 minute workshop titled *“How American Girls’ Dreams Get Killed in the Crossfire of Urban Community War Zones”*. Both Candice and Makayla are second year participants at the Mischa Toland Entrepreneurial Academy for Girls. They are scholars in their own right. And they are exceptional role models for their peers.

Inasmuch as Baltimore and other urban cities have their fair share of societal impairments that often impact girls in destabilizing ways, many of which are broadcasted on television and the internet with great regularity, there are also transformative stories of girls who are resilient and focused and excelling that will never make the news. For this reason we are delighted to be championing a work that both teaches girls not to be in their own way while also celebrating them for soaring above what they could have easily been consumed by.

As the CEO of Girls as CEOs Foundation and the Founder of the Mischa Toland Entrepreneurial Academy for Girls, Ms. Toland is grateful to the conference planners for their foresight in allowing our girls a place among educators and researchers from all over the world. This invitation indeed affirms our global mission for the young ladies of the Academy to stand before audiences the world over as the face of excellence, ingenuity, innovation and entrepreneurship.

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As a human service professional who has worked with girls for over 20 years, Ms. Toland has long since believed that our girls need their own platform to tell their own stories; and just as important, they deserve to be at the forefront of the conversations about how best to support and empower them.

About the International Conference on the Global Status of Women and Girls

This interdisciplinary conference seeks to foster inquiries into the complex and multifocal issues faced by women and girls around the world, both historically and today. The conference invites scholars from all academic disciplines to submit proposals addressing the political, social, economic, psychological, developmental, educational, literary, artistic, philosophical, religious, ethical and health issues of women and girls. The conference seeks not only to clarify key questions that must be asked in this vital area of public policy but also to unearth the forces that created these current dilemmas. Through the interdisciplinary study of past and present, the conference engages researchers in policy conversations benefiting the global community. This conference draws approximately 175 attendees from around the world.

About Girls as CEOs Foundation

Established in March 2015, Girls as CEOs Foundation (www.girlsasceos.org) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting improved quality of life for girls and women of color through awareness/advocacy, mentoring, philanthropic giving, and educational opportunities. Whether through our own programs or in concert with other female empowerment organizations, we address as well as teach girls and women how to soar above the distracting and discriminatory forces that attempt to get in the way of them actualizing their dreams.

About the Mischa Toland Entrepreneurial Academy for Girls

The Mischa Toland Entrepreneurial Academy for Girls is powered by Girls as CEO's Foundation and is a non traditional eight month Saturday school which operates as an incubator that nurtures and protects the entrepreneurial dreams, aspirations and spirits of girls of color while preparing students to take their rightful place in the world as the next generation of promising innovators, visionaries and difference makers. In its second year, the Academy was founded by author, speaker, transformation coach and first generation entrepreneur, Mischa Toland and continues to be hugely supported by our sponsoring partner, Morgan State University's Entrepreneurial Development & Assistance Center (www.edacmorgan.com) of the Earl G. Graves School of Business & Management.

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