Laurens County School District 55: The Ladies and Gentlemen’s Clubs

Expanding a school-based concept for district-wide implementation.

The Origins of the Ladies and Gentlemen’s Clubs
Developing soft skills in school environments.
“It was something I wanted.”

Dr. Stephen G. Peters – 1995/96
At Lafayette-Winona Middle School

Showing at-risk students the value of hard work, self-reliance, and honesty.
CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES

- “We teach the students that immediate gratification doesn’t yield enjoyment. We teach them about choices and consequences.”
- “If you are street smart and book smart, you are the most powerful person in your community.”

Dr. Stephen G. Peters

INTRODUCING STUDENTS TO SITUATIONS AND EXPERIENCES THEY MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE ENCOUNTER
ON JULY 1, 2018, LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55 WAS RECOGNIZED BY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MAGAZINE AS A NATIONAL "DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION" FOR PROMOTING SOFT SKILLS THROUGH THE LC/GC PROGRAMS.

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO A NATIONAL "DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION"
The Logistics of Implementation

- Facilitators
- Resources
- Recommendation/Application

Facilitators
Ladies and Gentlemen Needed to Engage Students
Facilitator Guides
Characteristics of a Good Facilitator

- Consistency
- Persistence
- Flexibility
- Patience
- Organization

Medal Winning Facilitators will:
- Develop members
- Recruit members
- Inspect Uniforms
- Conduct weekly meetings
- Prepare meeting agendas
- Follow the LC or GC Curriculum
- Keep data on each member
- And MUCH MORE!

Other Materials

- LC Shirts & Pins
- GC Jackets, Shirts, & Ties
Reflections

Bryant Kirk White, LCSD55 District Student Activities Coordinator
EXPOSURE

72.9%
Percentage of LCSD55 Students Living In Poverty
South Carolina's Ranking for Individuals Living Below the Poverty Line

42nd
“Ladies Club is an avenue for friendship and experiences that I wouldn’t have been able to gain anywhere else while in school."

- Kenaja Burnside
12th Grade, President of Laurens High School
Ladies Club

- Hurricane Florence Flood Relief Drive
- Monthly Motivational Speakers
- SC Philharmonic Orchestra
- Charlotte Hornets Basketball
  - Bonding Trips
  - Community Cleaning
- Soup Kitchen
- Newberry Opera House
- Reading Workshops
- Additional Tutoring & Homework Help
- Clemson Women’s Basketball Education Day
LC/GC at Clemson Women’s Basketball Education Day

“A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.”
- Oliver Wendell Holmes
“I like Gentlemen’s Club because it allows me to be myself and lets me show others how cool it is to be themselves and not be ashamed.”

- Buddy Baker
  7th Grade, Sanders Middle School
  Gentlemen’s Club

Ladies & Gentlemen’s Clubs
Main Focus:

Provide opportunities for male and female students to enhance self-esteem and self-image.
Self-Expression | Confidence | Self-Esteem | Perseverance
Self-Control | Field Trips | Community Service
Motivational Speakers | Professionalism | Goal Setting
Soft Skills | Leadership Skills | Etiquette Skills
College Visits | Mentoring | Tutoring | Reading
Comraderie | Acceptance | Cohesiveness
Exposure | Introspection | Self-Awareness
Build Positive & Meaningful Relationships
“Gentlemen’s Club is like the father that I don’t have at home.”

- 11th Grader, Laurens High School Gentlemen’s Club
“A child educated only at school is an uneducated child.”

George Santayana
THANK YOU! Laurens County School District 55

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