



Celebrate Gold

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Health Heroes: Inspiring The Next Generation

Aniya Byrd has been a girl member for 12 years in Troop 659 in Service Unit 620. Aniya currently attends Lincoln College Preparatory Academy and is a senior. After high school, she plans to continue her education at Hampton University and major in Biology, Pre-Med.

Aniya's project connected middle and high school students with medical professionals from diverse backgrounds to provide insight into career opportunities and build the STEM pipeline of the future. If they can see it – they can be it!

She created and hosted an event to encourage students from all backgrounds to consider a career in medical fields, focusing on diversity. The medical professionals shared stories of how they got started, the challenges they faced and the moments they wanted to quit but didn't. One important part of the event was a discussion on what the professionals experienced as one of the only minority students in their classes and how they overcame those challenges.

This project reinforced the importance of representation in health care and encouraged young people from diverse backgrounds to pursue these fields.

“Because of Girl Scouts, I made an impact on my community and created bonds with my Girl Scout sisters.”