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ALAMEDA –Girls Inc. of the Island City is currently accepting applications for its Innovative Eureka! Teen Achievement Program. Eureka! is a three-year program for girls beginning the summer before 8th or 9th grade and continuing through 10th or 11th grade that encourages girls to explore science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in a fun, hands-on environment culminating in a job shadow experience at the end of the three- year program. Possible job shadow experiences in the works include assisting a local veterinarian, acupuncturist, and pediatric dentist.

The Eureka! program has demonstrated that graduates persist in math and science in high school, assume leadership roles and exhibit a high degree of self-confidence in their abilities and potential for achieving academic and professional success. Some of our Girls Inc. of the Island City Eureka! participants were featured in the PBS Sci Girls Episode, [The Awesome App Race](#); participated in a panel discussion with scientists at Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research, and one of our Eureka! girls won a Girls Inc. Excellence in Self Expression National Award.

Comments we've heard from Eureka! participants include: "I learned I can reach my goals because this program teaches me how to be confident," "my life has been changed because I learned about stars in the NASA Sun Science program, met scientists at Novartis, and toured college campuses, opportunities that I would not have had otherwise" and "I learned to like subjects that I wasn't interested in before."

Applications for the Eureka! program are for girls currently in **7th grade or 8th grade**. To apply for the Eureka! program please contact Eureka! Coordinator at 510-521-1743 ext. 208.

Deadline to apply is April 29, 2013. For more information about Girls Inc. of the Island City's Eureka! program, please visit www.girlsincislandcity.org.

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Girls Inc. of the Island City is an affiliate of the national organization Girls Inc. Since 1964, Girls Inc. of the Island City has provided the only program in Alameda designed specifically for girls. Our programs "fill in the gap" on issues that parents and schools do not always have the time or resources to cover. We provide more than 25,000 hours of programming each year to girls ages 6 to 18. At Girls Inc. of the Island City, girls and teens are challenged to explore science, math and computers, sports and health, friendships and conflict resolution, as well as to examine how money is earned and invested, and to ask questions about and take leadership roles in the world.

We also offer a licensed childcare service called Alameda Island Kids for both girls and boys at seven elementary schools around Alameda, including Bay Farm, Earhart, Edison, Franklin, Lum, Otis, and Paden. For more information about Alameda Island Kids, call (510) 521-1743 ext. 202 or visit our website at www.girlsincislandcity.org.

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