

## **Lesson 1: "Welcome to IT Girl Fall 2008"**

### **OVERVIEW**

1. Students will receive an overview of the semesters' project.
2. Students will revise/create their college master plan.
3. Students will request mentors

### **CLASSROOM PREPARATION & MATERIALS**

- Computer with internet access and internet browser.
- Copies of "Master Plan" activity
- Markers
- Mentor sign-up sheet

### **TRAINER TECHNICAL PREPARATION**

- Choose Ice Breaker
- Review "Building the Master Plan" PowerPoint
- Review Master Plan Activity

### **SUGGESTED AGENDA (90 minutes)**

10 min.	Icebreaker
20 min.	Overview of the semester & Pre-Survey
45 min.	Master Plan activity
15 min.	Mentor Request

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **Activity #1: Icebreaker**

**Time: 10 minutes**

Choose an ice breaker from the Ice Breakers supplement packet.

#### **Activity #2: Overview of the Semester**

**Time: 20 minutes**

The focus of the Fall 2008 semester is to prepare students for life after high school and IT Girl. During the first section of the program will help prepare students for college. The college preparation portion will provide:

1. More support: The more students learn about the college admissions process, the more questions they will have;
2. More depth: questions about college will become more sophisticated as the year goes on;

3. A broader focus: as college gets closer, students will need focus on real challenges they will face through college.

Topics of discussion include:

1. Creating or revising their master plan,
2. Finding what you want out of a college,
3. Life after college,
4. Student life, and
5. Interviewing.

In the second part of the semester, students will create a web-based portfolio or resume designed to showcase their achievements in high school and IT Girl.

Instructors should emphasize that the goal of the semester is NOT that every participant goes to a certain college or to college at all. The aim is to give each girl tools to make the right college and career decisions for her. Therefore, IT Girl meetings are a safe place to explore different ideas and girls should remain respectful of others thoughts and ideas. This semester is NOT a competition!

### **Activity #3: Master Plan**

**Time: 45 minutes**

Review the "Building the Master Plan" PowerPoint for discussion topics and plan to allow the students at least 30 minutes to add to their Master Plan document.

## **SUPPLEMENT MATERIALS**

- Ice Breaker Supplement
- "Master Plan" PowerPoint
- Master Plan activity

## **REFERENCES**

- None