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## Laurel University Partners with E. Lawson Brown Middle School

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Schools Partner to Launch Mentoring Program

HIGH POINT, N.C. – The Women’s Leadership Institute at Laurel University announced that they will partner with E. Lawson Brown Middle School of Thomasville, NC to launch a new mentoring program. This 10-week program entitled *G.U.R.L.S.* (Girls United & Ready to Lead and Serve) Leadership Mentoring Project is set to begin January 16, 2015.

This partnership will give the girls of The Women’s Leadership Institute of Laurel University an opportunity to mentor 24 sixth grade girls who may be experiencing issues with bullying, self-esteem, and etiquette amongst other issues. The goals and objectives for this particular project are to build inter-generational relationships among women and girls through gender specific leadership, foster a sense of trust and accountability among women and girls through an enhanced sensitivity and love of self and others, offer advocacy and support for women and girls as it concerns issues of justice and equality in school, the home, the community, and to nurture women and girls in search of self, worthiness, wholeness, support, and sisterhood through several coaching sessions. These sessions will be held on Fridays during the lunch hour from January 16<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>. The application process opened on November 6<sup>th</sup> and will close on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Women’s Leadership Institute at Laurel University is a new program designed to develop young women for success and fulfillment in today’s world by providing strategic activities of engagement under the professional mentorship of women dedicated to advancing each selected student’s curriculum. Under the direction of Dr. A. Giselle Jones-Jones, the WLI was set in place to help young women build confidence, excel at presentation, realize self-actualization, and advance in personal growth. To learn more, visit [www.laureluniversity.edu](http://www.laureluniversity.edu) or email [LaurelUWLI@gmail.com](mailto:LaurelUWLI@gmail.com).

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