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TO: GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) of GFWC is a non-political, non-sectarian, non-profit organization founded in 1894 with a current membership of over 10,000 volunteers. Reflecting NJSFWC's interest in helping young women face a challenging future, the organization sponsors an annual four day mini-college experience to Girls' Career Institute. This year, 2009, will mark its sixty third year. This program affords a unique experience for approximately 180 students from all over the state. Only girls finishing their JUNIOR year in high school are eligible. A local Woman's Club sponsors each delegate and will pay the full tuition.

This program will be of interest to students who are college material but may need some encouragement or incentive. Girls' Career Institute provides the delegates with a taste of college life. They will live in a dorm on the Douglass College Campus at Rutgers University. They will eat cafeteria food, meet delegates from New Jersey towns that they never knew existed and take on the responsibility of scheduling their own free time. More importantly, it offers them an opportunity to learn of the many career options available to young women today. Since 1955 the NJSFWC also offers a scholarship to an incoming freshman to Douglass College who has attended GCI.

The theme for this 2009 adventure is "Believe in Yourself." The delegates will be challenged by successful women who believed and gained prominence in their chosen professions. The presenters have a wide range of skills. Physician, Lawyer, Engineer, Teacher, Arts Creative and Arts Performing graduates to name a few.

Your assistance is needed in the selection process. Be aware the sponsoring club must return the completed DELEGATES REGISTRATION FORM to this Director by APRIL 15, 2009. Feel free to call or e-mail me any questions.