

Red Rock Ridge ALC Students Attend Economic Opportunity Summit

Brittany and Katie, students at the Red Rock Ridge ALC in Windom, had the opportunity to attend the Economic Opportunity Summit on April 13 in Bloomington hosted by the Women's Foundation of Minnesota. The Summit offered a day of inspiration and learning to create a state where all women and girls prosper and thrive.

The morning keynote session was a discussion with Representative Ilhan Omar. The lunch keynote featured Ted Bunch, who addressed the importance of breaking stereotypes for both men and women to create a world where all men and boys are loving and respectful and all women and girls are valued and safe. In addition to the two speakers, the girls attended workshops focused on leadership.

Katie and Brittany are a part of a group called Generation Next, led by Serena Lynch from United Community Action Partnership. Generation Next programming is a girl-led, girl-driven program focusing on topics such as self-esteem, team building, and college and career readiness. Generation Next is partially funded through the GirlsBEST grant provided by the Women's Foundation of Minnesota.

The Women's Foundation of Minnesota offered this Economic Opportunity Summit to GirlsBEST grantees and two students from each group. Serena invited Katie and Brittany who have been part of the group both semesters of the 2017-18 school year and have attended every session. The Women's Foundation of Minnesota wanted to invite girls who would be able to represent the program in a positive manner, and who would benefit from attending the Summit by promoting diversity and positive change in society.

For more information about the Red Rock Ridge ALC, visit www.swsc.org/RRR.

For more information about the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, visit www.wfmn.org.

For more information about United Community Action Partnership, visit unitedcapmn.org.

