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## **Leading Ladies Past and Present**

Eighteen (18) female students from Midlands Middle College and Richland One Middle College spent a day in Columbia, SC, learning about past African American women who influenced Columbia's history and meeting today's professionals who are helping to shape the future. Students toured the Modjeska Simkins Home and the Mann-Simons Cottage where they heard about the courage, sacrifice and influence of women who envisioned a better future for their gender and their race.

The afternoon was filled with interaction among the students and Midlands African American female leaders who shared their challenges and successes leading to their present careers. By sharing their stories, students were able to explore the following professions:

Entrepreneurs

Education

Military

Broadcaster

Economic developer

Lawyer

*Katelyn writes: "Thank you so much for giving me and my fellow female leaders the opportunity to participate in something so inspirational and informative. I loved listening to the different female leaders because it really showed me you can start at the bottom and make your way to the top to succeed."*

*Katherine writes: "It was a truly inspiring experience, and I feel excited and eager to start expanding my horizons toward the world of higher education."*



*Leading Ladies and Staff*

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