

Piedmont (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

October 2025 Program Report - Boys and Girls Club of Greater Gaston Partnership

Summary of Activities

The Piedmont Chapter successfully initiated its partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Gaston (BGCG) this month, establishing a professional and organized schedule of programming aimed primarily at high school students. The focus areas for October were **Global Awareness, Voting Awareness, and College Preparation/HBCU Focus**. All sessions were conducted in the preferred Wednesday timeframe, beginning around 4:15 PM and lasting for one hour.

Confirmed October Programming Events

1. Wednesday, October 1st: Program Kickoff and Orientation

This pivotal event served as the official launch for three major chapter initiatives:

- **LIFE Program Orientation:** Introduction to the Linkages to International Fellowship and Educational Sessions (LIFE) curriculum.
- **National Trends and Services (NTS) Kickoff:** Launch of the LUTV video contest focused on **Voting Awareness**.
- **Services to Youth (STY) Kickoff:** Launch of the HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) college prep program.
- *Content Focus:* Global Awareness, Voting Awareness, and College Prep.

2. Wednesday, October 8th: College Prep Session

- **Program:** College Prep and Planning – HBCU Focus.
- **Facets Involved:** Services to Youth (STY).
- *Content Focus:* Dedicated session to guide students through college preparation with a specific emphasis on the value and process of attending HBCUs.

3. Wednesday, October 15th: LIFE Session

- **Program:** Global Awareness Session.
- **Facets Involved:** National Trends and Services (NTS) and International Trends and Services (ITS).
- *Content Focus:* The session, titled "**International Business Careers**," introduced students to career paths and opportunities in the global marketplace, tying into the LIFE program's objective of international exposure.

Logistics & Operational Notes

- **Target Audience:** Programming successfully engaged the target high school population (20-30 students typically in attendance on Wednesdays) and was accessible to the middle school students at the facility (approx. 45 students).
- **Scheduling:** Utilizing Wednesdays proved effective, as BGCG confirmed this is the day with the highest high school attendance.
- **Professionalism:** The clear, organized schedule presented to the BGCG Director and

staff has fostered a professional and effective planning environment for future joint programming.

Next Steps

The tentative calendar for November through April has been submitted to the BGCG Director for confirmation to finalize the spring program schedule. The International Trends and Services (ITS) facet is currently coordinating the specific date and content for its required **March LIFE session**.

IMPORTANT PROGRAMMING RESOURCE ANNOUNCEMENT

All Facet Chairs and Co-Chairs are advised that the complete set of updated **National Program Documents and Toolkits** are now available. These comprehensive resources contain all necessary program information, guidelines, and source kits for planning and executing high-impact chapter programs.

Please note the following critical steps for accessing and coordinating programming:

1. **Resource Distribution:** The attached updated National Program Documents (including toolkits for programs like **Links Love HBCUs**, **LINKS-STEMREADY**, and **Classics Through the Ages**) have been distributed to the respective **Area Facet Chairs**.
2. **Coordination:** The names of our Chapter Facet Chairs have been submitted to the Area Facet Chairs.
3. **Action Item:** Your **Area Facet Chair will be reaching out** to you directly to coordinate and confirm programming information, ensuring alignment with Area and National goals. Please rely on your Area Facet Chair for the most current guidance.

Attachment: Programming Calendar with Boys and Girls Club of Greater Gaston (BGCG)

Date (All Wednesdays)	Program Focus	Lead Facet(s)
OCTOBER 1st	Kickoff (Global awareness; Voting awareness contest; College prep)	Chapter Wide
OCTOBER 8th	College prep and planning – HBCU focus	STY
OCTOBER 15th	Global awareness (LIFE)	NTS/ITS
NOVEMBER 5th	College prep and planning – HBCU focus	FacetTBD
NOVEMBER 12th	Global awareness	ARTS/ITS
DECEMBER 10th	College prep and planning – HBCU focus	FacetTBD
JANUARY 14th	College prep and planning – HBCU focus	FacetTBD
JANUARY 28th	Global awareness	STY/ITS
FEBRUARY 11th	College prep and planning – HBCU focus	FacetTBD

FEBRUARY 18th	Global awareness	HHS/ITS
MARCH 11th	College prep and planning – HBCU focus	FacetTBD
APRIL 8th	College prep and planning – HBCU focus	FacetTBD