

Guest Speaker: Dr. Bauer

At a club meeting for only girls it was announced that a women speaker named Dr. Bauer would be coming to a meeting. It was said that she encouraged women to use their voices and speak out. I perked up since I had developed a keen interest in politics. I was also thoroughly curious about this amazing woman's political views. When Dr. Bauer came and met us we felt connected; we both had things that would help the other. We, girls, had the youth and "ready to learn" attitude; she had the wisdom and experience. As my other friends also showed an interest in WomenMatter we were introduced to the idea of having a GirlsMatter Club! After all it's better to foster awareness at a young age, as we grow to be women.

I've loved all the opportunities GirlsMatter has given me. I've been on TV and have met some astounding females. It has changed me in the way that I can listen to a person with views completely opposite of mine and I still give them the respect they deserve. I have seen my friends also grow in amazing ways and I'm starting to think we should rule the world! (Democratically, of course!)

Today, I'm an ambitious, Honor Roll student, and I love talking politics with my best friend and mother. With all my ambitions I realize that I have many possible paths to take in the future. I'll be perfectly honest, I haven't decided on just one! I've narrowed them down to: teacher, politician, lawyer, or journalist. (what can I say indecision is a great flaw of mine!) I have decided on two things though, one is that I'd like to be to another girl what my mother, grandmother, Ms. Gene Duke, and Dr. Bauer have been to me. I'd also like to strike it rich and become a philanthropist like Oprah! (still working on a plan for that) I feel that the future is full of endless possibilities and I may not know what my career will be but I do know I will grow to be a strong independent woman and people everywhere will learn to respect me as an equal.

There Ms. Duke I just about poured my heart out (I was also considering being a psychiatrist but then my mom told me I'd have to go to MED SCHOOL!!!! Can anyone honestly picture ME pouring over books with stupid Latin medical terms!?!? and then learning about blood and guts!!!! NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS!!!!) As you can see I'm a fan of parentheses and exclamation points. And you can add commas and other punctuation doodads wherever necessary since I often ignored the teachers when they would talk about punctuation.

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