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## **Brown Girls Code enters an Education Partnership with the National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS)**

**AUGUSTA, Ga., [February 28, 2023]** ---Brown Girls Code (BGC), a global nonprofit headquartered in Augusta, has entered a five-year educational partnership with the National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS). The partnership provides outreach opportunities for vetted civilian employees to engage in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) enrichment activities while helping Brown Girls Code train more girls in computer science and cybersecurity.

“We are very excited about our partnership with the NSA because we realize how important collaboration and representation are in the field of STEM careers. Currently, women only make up twenty-six percent (26%) of all computer science positions in the United States, and of this group, Black and Hispanic/Latina women collectively make up five percent (5%) of that population. These numbers must increase.” said Ebony Brown, Founder/CEO of Brown Girls Code.

BGC provides a premium computer science education program for students using several after school club models. Brown Girls Code is working to help close the gender and diversity gap in technology for underrepresented girls, ages 7 – 18, by equipping them with needed skills to pursue opportunities in computer programming, cybersecurity, robotics engineering, artificial intelligence, digital arts, and other STEAM-related fields. Program participants are taught by a diverse group of volunteers and grant funded instructors who share an enthusiasm for their mission.

Earlier this month, NSA employees hosted STEM workshops and presentations for BGC participants. Additional programming will continue during Women’s History Month in March as the participants learn from NSA Employee Resource Groups through educational activities and live presentations.

Steve S, NSA K-12 Academic Outreach Coordinator shared “one of our core values is commitment to service. Partnering with Brown Girls Code aligns with our dedication to serve and excel our country as the next generation of leaders prepare for the future.”

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