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## **GIRLS ACTION NETWORK® SALUTES 2013 GAN Scholars**

New York, NY – Girls Action Network, Inc. is pleased to announce and salute its 2013 GAN Scholars as new cohorts to the GAN Summer Scholastic Enrichment Program (SSEP): **Adreanna Chester** (Macon, Georgia), **Enid Lovay** (Newark, New Jersey), **Sarah Martin** (West Orange, New Jersey), **Natori Nance** (Hightstown, New Jersey) and **Kathyrn Spinks** (Macon, Georgia).

GAN Scholars Chester, Lovay, Martin and Spinks will attend the **Wesleyan College Spectacles Summer Program**. The Spectacles program is a math and science camp for middle-school girls sponsored by Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. Wesleyan finds that, "Middle school is a crucial time for girls as they view the world and the options that are before them. It is often the time when they make decisions about their interests and abilities in science and math." In addition to the away-from-home experience offered through Wesleyan, the week long program offers the girls the opportunity to explore science and math in innovative ways, such as creating DNA bracelets or sharing ideas and thoughts with a nightly guest speaker, usually a woman with a career in science and math-related fields. GAN Scholar Nance will attend the two week **Smith College's Young Women's Writing Workshop** summer program in Northampton, MA for high school girls which will allow her to explore her writing in a creative and supportive environment that fosters a love of writing in a variety of mediums. The program also promotes global cultural learning and appreciation due to the number of student participants who come from all over the world. The scholarship funding for the 2013 GAN Scholars was made possible by Girls Action Network, Inc., Smith College and Wesleyan College.

**GAN** is a grassroots organization focused on social transformation to educate and empower girls ages 11 and up, with special emphasis on those from underserved communities. At the core of **GAN's** mission, the realization is that girls commonly are directed towards traditional careers, away from, for example, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Reaching beyond single mentoring, **GAN Founder, Elisa Basnight** comments that "**GAN** strives to create a myriad of innovative programs and experiences, some in partnership with other not-for-profits and organizations, designed to show girls their expansive career and educational choices at a time when, research consistently shows that 'education for girls is one of the most effective – if not the most effective investment a nation can make to improve the health and prosperity of present and future generations.'" The GAN Summer Scholarship Enrichment Program is led by the dedicated efforts of **Stephanie Humphrey**, VP, GAN SSEP & Community Outreach.

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