# Ann Bancroft Foundation 2015 Grant Report

The Ann Bancroft Foundation is working to create a world where every girl has a chance to live her dream and reach her full potential, developing confidence and self-esteem in order to grow and engage more actively and successfully in their lives, their communities, and their futures. To do this, we provide grants, mentorship, leadership development and resource networking for Minnesota girls age five through high school graduation and their mentors. A healthy girl who believes in herself, is confident in her talents and abilities, and respects herself and her body will be ready to pursue her dreams and succeed in her adult life. A healthy girl becomes a resilient woman, able to take on the many challenges she confronts throughout life, and ready for opportunities as they present themselves.

# **Jennifer's Story**

My name is Jennifer and I just wanted to thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to attend Scrubs Camp! Scrubs Camp is both fun and an educational way to learn about my career interests. Also, I come from a big city so it's always nice to get away and explore a small town that I've never visited before. Scrubs Camp taught me that healthcare careers need sympathetic and intelligent people. Learning the skills to be a healthcare professional includes having a caring heart and understanding how to meet the patient needs. I've learned that being a flexible person is also a major piece to being excellent in healthcare.

I'm from Minneapolis but I went to Armstrong High School out in Plymouth MN and I'm going to be a freshman at St. Cloud State University this fall. I'm so excited to continue my education. My goal is to be a CAN throughout college, get my bachelor's degree in nursing. I also want to receive my master's degree, I'm striving to become a nurse practitioner. I'm going to make sure all my hard work pays off.

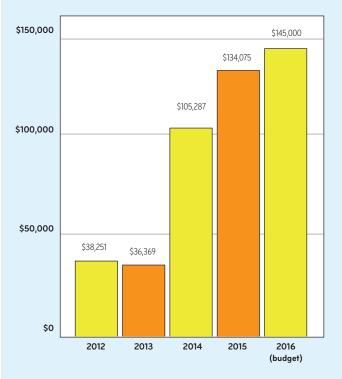
Photo is (left) Taylor, Spring 2014 grant recipient, and (right) Jennifer, Spring 2015 grant recipient.



# Ann Bancroft Foundation 2015 Grantee Details

# **INCREASING OUR IMPACT**

In 2015 we awarded \$134,075.80 in grants to 305 girls across Minnesota – this represents an increase of \$28,788.80 (27.3%) in awards to 72 more girls (+30.9%) over 2014; our average grant was \$440, and we funded 75.9% of the requests we received. Our goal for 2016 is to award \$145,000, which means that for the third year in a row our grant total will exceed \$100,000. If our average grant holds stead, we will provide grants to 330 girls in 2016.



**2015 TOTAL GRANTING** 

Each girl in Minnesota is eligible to receive one grant from the Ann Bancroft Foundation, but the grant is just the beginning of our relationship. Going forward our program goals include the launch of partnerships with peer organizations around the state that can offer continued development and resource networking for our grant alumnae and their mentors, furthering the development of confidence and self-esteem, and increasing the potential for success the their lives.

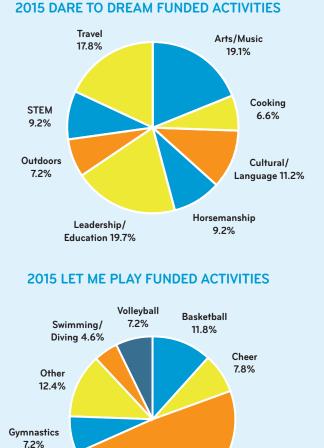
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2015 Total	# Requests Received	\$ Value Requested	# Requests Funded	\$ Value Funded	% Funded # Asks
D2D	179	\$74,560.95	152	\$63,038.20	84.9%
LMP	223	\$105,071.95	153	\$71,037.60	68.6%
TOTAL:	402	\$179,632.90	305	\$134,075.80	75.9%

# **OUR GRANT PROGRAMS**

The Ann Bancroft Foundation provides grants twice each year through each of our two programs:

- Let Me Play (LMP): Fund sport, athletic & dance equipment or participation fees for girls ages 5 through high school graduation, giving them the opportunity to be part of a team, build strength and confidence, and push themselves farther—on the field and off.
- Dare to Dream (D2D): Fund art, cultural, leadership, educational & outdoor/wilderness experiences for girls ages 10 through high school graduation, allowing them to begin exploring the outside world and begin recognizing their own abilities, values and strengths in the process.

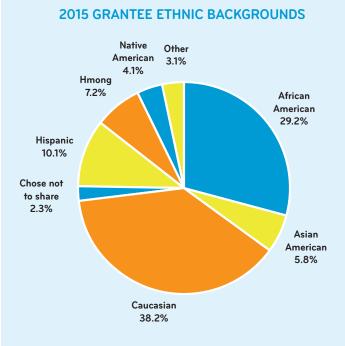
In 2014, 57% of our grants were awarded through the Let Me Play Program.



Dance 49.0%

## **ABOUT OUR GRANTEES**

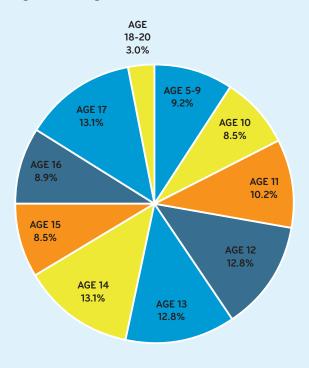
Our grantees come from a wide diversity of Ethnic backgrounds which they self-identify on the grant application. Among the "Other, 3.1%" are applicants who indicated they are of Kenyan, African, Middle Eastern/Arab, and Pacific Islander descent.



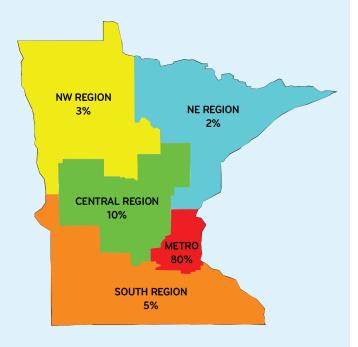
59% of our grantees self-identify as ethnically diverse.

### AGE RANGE

Ages 12-14 were the largest group of our applicants in 2015 totaling 38.7% of all grantees.



### **GRANTEES BY REGION**



Girls from more than 150 schools across the state submitted applications, with the largest numbers coming from 13 unique schools.

# Schools with Most Grantees for 2015Coon Rapids High SchoolFridley High School6Fridley Middle School7Washburn High School4LoveWorks Academy4Washington Tech Magnet18Hazel Park Prep Academy5Laura Jeffrey Academy5Northwest Passage High School5Pierz High School4St. Paul City School26

# Congratulations 2015 Grant Recipients!

Aziza Aboud Azuroya Abrams Baian Abu-Atieh Kaleigh Adams Kayhla Adams Betsy Aguilar Lolade Agunbiade Nancy Alfaro Anita Alvarado Cheyenne Anderson Kaylee Anderson AnnaRose Bagan Katie Barrett Saniah Bates Lauren Batsell Jocelyn Beltz Maria Benito-Correa Ajelynn Best Hailey Bloch Kathryn Blommel Brittney Boser Olivia Bosshardt Cillguanna Boswell Brea Braaten Alicia Brant Ty'nesha Brooks Tashvonna Brown Sage Buckingham Jayneishia Buckner Cayley Buhr Sierra Butala Devinn Butler Raniah Butler Estrella Calderon Samaria Campbell Scarlett Carbajal Brooke Carey Magnolia Carlson Nene Caston Toni Caston Xee Cha Dlayla Chakolis Padra Chang Diarra Chatham Grace Chavez Caprice Christianson Zakiyah Cole Aniyah Colton Paige Craig Edith Cross Sarah Cross Valeri Crowe Elise Cuff Iniece Cunningham Alexandra Currier Brenna Dallager Tiwaah Danso Bryn Daubanton Skyler Daubanton Makhia David-Shareef Briontai Dawkins Gabriela De La Pena Ashley Dittberner Eva Dominguez Jordyn Donaldson Marina Dupre Na'Taliyah Edison Mikealiyah Edwards Ervn Eken Annalisa Frickson Jennifer Estrada Paola Estrada Haley Evenson Lindsev Fatze Taylor Fields Keziah Fire Thea Fisher Elizabeth Fitzgerald Nevaeh Galloway Savannah Garcia

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# Thank You 2015 Mentors

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# **Melissa's Story**

My name is Melissa Stangl and I have volunteered for the MN Warriors Elite for four years. The MN Warriors are a small AAU Traveling basketball team from St. Paul. They have players throughout the Twin Cities area



Melissa with Danica, Lolade, and Lemia. Photo taken at a basketball tournament in CA in 2015. In the background is Jazymn; all 4 girl's received Let Me Play grants.

but focus on providing opportunities to young ladies from the inner city. Head Coad Patrick Adams started the Warriors after learning that the majority of girls from Minneapolis and St. Paul were unable to play AAU basketball as big name programs do not offer any financial support.

Girls basketball has become very competitive in MN and throughout the United States. It is crucial now that girls play AAU Traveling basketball in order to be recruited for and play in college. All Warrior players are in need of both athletic and academic scholarships in order to attend college as their families do not have the finances to do so. The Warriors are not only top-notch athletes but also scholars, as each player is expected to excel in school. The Warriors' focus is on the entire child, not just athletic prowess.

I have mentored young girls for over 12 years and after I witnessed firsthand the dedication Patrick Adams has for helping as many girls as possible attend college. Here are some highlights from past grantees of the Ann Bancroft Let Me Play Grant from the spring/summer of 2015.

**DANICA:** Career high 1,000 points, All-Conference Player 1st team, Member of MN All-Star Team, college academic and athletic scholarships from five colleges.

**KYRA:** Led her high school team to 2nd playoff season, named Minneapolis All Conference player, improved academics and is better prepared for entering her junior year.

**LEMIA:** Helped lead high school team to playoff season, offered academic and athletic scholarships from five colleges. Plans on attending and playing in college as a pre-med student in the fall.

**LOLADE:** Helped lead her high school team to a play-off season, received academic and athletic scholarships from three colleges. Will attend University of MN - Twin Cities in the fall.

Without the generosity and support of the Ann Bancroft Foundation, these players and many more would have not been able to see their dream of attending and playing for college. I will continue to support and mentor all MN Warrior Elite ladies as I firmly believe in them and Coach Patrick Adams. They are seen as the underdogs in so many aspects of their lives, but as Warriors they are champions.