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EPIC for Girls Officiating Academy “Girls Ref the World” to Kick Off on October 17 in Partnership with J’s Braintrust to Empower Girls of Color

(OMAHA, NE) - Today, EPIC for Girls and Jeffrey Williams of J’s Braintrust proudly announce the launch of a girls officiating academy, titled "Girls Ref the World" (GRoW). Designed with an aim to diversify sports administration, this groundbreaking initiative will target young women ages 14 to 24 from North and South Omaha, equipping them with the necessary skills for a thriving career in sports officiating in Nebraska.

The objective of the GRoW academy is not only to impart trade skills but also to:

- Ensure BIPOC girls/young women are presented with opportunities on par with their counterparts
- Equip participants with skills that have long-term relevance, potentially opening further doors in the sports world.
- Craft pathways that navigate away from systemic socio-economic challenges
- Introducing the potential of integrating academic and professional pursuits

Program Highlights:

Duration: 4 weeks with twice weekly seminar and practical skill sessions.

Timing: Evening classes, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Location: Hosted in both North and South Omaha.

Features: Led by BIPOC experts, inclusive of soft-skills training, financial literacy, job readiness training, NSAA registration, and more.

Stipend: Participants to receive a compensation for every in-class hour.

Materials: All supplies for the course will be provided.

Eligibility:

Enrollment in high school, college (including 2-year and 4-year courses), trade school, or a GED program during the application.

U.S. citizenship or permanent legal resident status (conditions apply).

Authorization from Parent or Guardian.

With limited seats (30 participants per session), the program seeks passionate individuals who are actively engaged in an educational endeavor and have requisite guardian clearances.

Organizers are committed to ensuring accessibility, making efforts to address potential transportation barriers.

For those interested in learning more about the Girls Ref the World academy, or looking to support this empowering initiative as a sponsor or partner, please contact Jeffrey Williams at j.williams@jsbraintrust.org or Kimberly Thomas at kimberly@epicgirls.org

About EPIC for Girls

EPIC for Girls is dedicated to empowering girls of color through sports, education, and mentorship. We level the playing field; provide black and brown girls with the tools and resources needed to build confidence and develop essential life skills.

To request an interview or learn more about EPIC for Girls and their programs, please contact Josefina Loza at office@lozafina.com or visit their website at epicgirls.org