The 3rd annual greenlight for girls Day @Cincinnati immersed 325 talented, enthusiastic, middle-school aged girls, primarily from Cincinnati Public Schools, in a fun-filled day of STEM learning at the University of Cincinnati (UC) on May 6, 2019. The girls were joined by over 100 STEM volunteers from businesses, universities & colleges, and nonprofits located throughout the region. The day began by putting the spotlight (greenlight!) on young, culturally diverse, role models such as P&G’s new product line, 9-Elements, co-founder Sunny Escobar, Energizer Holding Inc.’s DeVonna Gatlin, UC Electrical Engineering student Anna Lanzillotta, Cincinnati City Councilwoman Tamaya Dennard, and STEM Lab CEO Chelsea Nuss. Girls asked these amazing women questions such as “When have you failed at something and what did you learn from it?” and “Has anyone ever told you that you couldn’t do something and you proved them wrong?”. The day’s centerpiece was 21 hands-on workshops in which the girls created their own body wash, manufactured liquid magnets, cracked codes with the Python coding language, and worked in teams to build roller coasters! At the end of the day, everyone participated in a networking luncheon that debunked myths about girls in STEM with Pilot Chemical Company CEO Pam Butcher and Vice President of Human Resources Catherine Ochterski.

**Anything is Possible!**

Quotes from g4g girl attendees; Provided on feedback form.

**Rating Scale**

- **8** Girls are more interested in science (STEM) after experiencing the g4g event.
- **8.9** What the girls rated the g4g Day (thinking of all things they experienced).
- **9** Girls will recommend their friends to attend a greenlight for girls Day.

*Based on a 1 to 10 scale, g4g Day attendee survey.

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Some of the girls’ favorite workshops included The Chemistry of Ice Cream, Lava Lamps, DNA Necklaces, Frog Dissecting, The Human Brain, and Bath Bombs! They enjoyed learning how they can use STEM in their futures and that they should never give up on their dreams. At the 4th annual g4g day Cincy in May 2020, which will again be hosted at UC, the girls told us to include even more making activities, chemistry, and even more workshops!

**“Never give up on yourself. Even if you keep making mistakes keep trying and try until you get to the top.”**

**“Believe in yourself and you can do anything!”**

**“Do what others think you can’t.”**

**“STEM is for everyone.”**

Want to see more pictures from this amazing day? Visit the full photo album here!

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