

MISSISSIPPI

AFFILIATE AWARD

In its inaugural year, the Mississippi Affiliate Award for Aspirations in Computing honored and brought together six like-minded young women who are interested in computer science and technology. The event consisted of a luncheon followed by an Awards ceremony held on the campus of Mississippi State University. A supportive community of computer science and technology professionals, volunteers, community members, parents, teachers, and NCWIT representatives were on hand to network with this exciting group of young women emerging in the computing and technology field. Award Winners were presented with the opportunity of a \$1,000 scholarship, should they enroll at Mississippi State University. Rian Walker, a 2013 Mississippi Affiliate Award Winner and a National Runner-up, is already turning her aspirations into reality. After graduating high school early and overcoming more hardship than most, Rian is currently enrolled in a bridge program at Mississippi State University to prepare herself for college-level coursework. The exposure and networking opportunities made available through the Aspirations program have helped Rian begin her path to achieving her dreams. This summer she is participating in an undergraduate research experience, exploring the area of computer security. Rian has also initiated a partnership with the university to lead a camp for middle school girls, using grant funding provided through NCWIT AspireIT.

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“The event made me feel that as a woman, I have an equal chance in the technology field. I feel recognized for my ambitions and that I am not alone.”

~ Aspirations
Award Recipient



Geographic region covered

All of Mississippi



Number of years Affiliate Award held in this region

1



Number of 2013 Awardees

6



Number of 2013 volunteers

12

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

Mississippi State University

A \$1000 scholarship has been made available to Award Winners, should they enroll at Mississippi State University.

LOCAL COORINATORS

- Donna Reese, Mississippi State University
- Sarah Lee, Mississippi State University

LOCAL SUPPORT

- Mississippi State University

LOCAL WEBSITE

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