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The creation of female oriented programs and support groups that cater from pre-adolescence through a dulthood, empower women to make sea mless transformative moves into corporate, political and community leadership, in addition, they equip women to better a dapt in an ever changing world.

Being an individual of great compassion, with a workethic which is industrious and enterprising makes me an excellent candidate for leadership as a student advisory council member. I am currently doing a concentration in business management as a component for my major of International Studies, and just recently was elected Vice President for Public Relations Student Society of America UM-Dearborn Chapter. Last semester, I was selected by the UM-Dearborn faculty and staff to join Sigma Alpha Pi, a National Society for Leadership and Success and nominated to become a University of Michigan-Dearborn Difference Maker by a staff member of the Women's Resource Center because of work ethic I exhibited as Student Liaison for Elect Her. I have also attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, and sat in on a couple AAUW Student Organization meetings.

I am a return student to the University of Michigan-Dearborn; therefore I have had my share of life experiences personally and professionally in various levels of management and leadership. I make it a daily practice to implement pillars of leadership in my life, employing tenets like: passion, integrity, accountability, and honesty, to name a few. My most recent stint in leadership, is serving as project leader for re-branding our school's athletic department, and prior to entering the University I served as secretary for a local Women's Club where I developed and oversaw several fundraising events. Teenage pregnancy and relationship development are important gender issues. Teenage pregnancy affects much more than the people who choose to have the baby, it impacts the whole family including the newborn. Responsibility of this magnitude will generally affect the mother's family; this includes her siblings for the rest of their life. As mall list of responsibilities include feeding the child, helping the child do homework, and being there because the child wants you, this is only a few of the responsibilities and does not include the details. Secondly, Relationship development which is predicated by the value we place upon ourselves. By having high self-regard we are able to make more informed choices to be productive members of society who will have positive impacts on those around us and who we serve. What I hope to gain from serving on SAC is refinement of voice in delivering transformative messages which impact the future of young girls, women, and our community by opening them up to the

opportunities AAUW solutions that can be provided to women. I would also like to gain and be a mentor so that all women are empowered to effect the change necessary for a better tomorrow.