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Teen Dream

A group of 10 local teens from Girls Inc. of Carpinteria had a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Washington, D.C., the other day.

The youngsters, many of whom had never flown or stayed at a hotel, were part of the nonprofit's Eureka!, a five-year, college bound program that aims to break gender stereotypes and encourages girls to step outside of their comfort zones, discovering different career paths and fields.

During the five-day trip, the girls met and lobbied local representatives such as **Barbara Boxer**, Congresswoman **Lois Capps**, and **Dianne Feinstein**, explored museums including the Smithsonian and the Holocaust Museum, toured George Washington University, and visited local sites and monuments.

