Ashley Hall is One of 50 Schools in the World Selected by Google for Education Initiative

Ashley Hall Director of Innovation Edward Dougherty Leads Google’s Project Culture Shift Initiative as Part of School’s 110th Year of Achievement

CHARLESTON, S.C. (PRWEB) December 21, 2018 -- Ashley Hall, the only independent girls’ school in South Carolina, has achieved the global distinction of being selected as one of only 50 schools in the world to participate in the Google for Education initiative Project Culture Shift to design a “culture of innovation” for the future. Led by Ashley Hall’s new Director of Innovation Edward Dougherty, Ashley Hall students and teachers will collaborate with partners around the globe to imagine and design curricula and learning environments to foster innovation in the future.

As the school prepares for its 110-year anniversary in April 2019, the Project Culture Shift builds on Ashley Hall’s reputation of preparing girls to lead in a highly connected global society. Ashley Hall will become part of a global learning network, connecting with other schools around the world to identify and recommend ideas and processes to promote a culture of innovation in the classroom. It is one of only two independent girls’ schools named to the list.

“The Google Initiative shows how our students’ inquisitive, complex thinking will drive innovation. At a time when women’s voices have never been more important, this program amplifies their reach, both here in Charleston and on the global stage,” said Ashley Hall Head of School Jill Muti.

Project Culture Shift reinforces Ashley Hall’s bold commitment to interdisciplinary, experiential learning at each stage in a girl’s development. The School’s dedication to humanities and the arts – which include classical languages and music that are being cut back at other institutions – together with robust STEAM programs, prepares students for success in a fast-changing world.

The Google Initiative is part of the School’s ongoing investment in innovation, led by Dougherty, a former Technology Integration Specialist for the Charleston County School District. With extensive experience in technology-enabled tools and innovative learning strategies, he will accelerate the School’s emphasis on the critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills that have enduring value in the workplace and society.

“Ashley Hall students are acquiring the skills and strategies they’ll need over the next 40 years, not just the next four years after graduation. We are using technology and innovative teaching practices in new ways to deepen students’ learning and enable the confident, independent thinking for which Ashley Hall students are known,” he said.

About Ashley Hall

Ashley Hall, a premier independent school in the Southeast for girls, is dedicated to deep learning, healthy development, high achievement, and community impact. With its foundation in classical education—enriched by inquiry-based, experiential learning—Ashley Hall provides a unique environment in which girls become self-reliant, independent thinkers at each stage of their development. Founded nearly 110 years ago as a groundbreaking college preparatory school for women, Ashley Hall is at the forefront of girls’ education and
leadership, with local and global expansion, proven curriculum, and meaningful community connections. Against the backdrop of women’s growing voices, Ashley Hall today is demonstrating that its enduring brand of girls’ education is more relevant than ever. www.ashleyhall.org
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