National Coalition of Girls' Schools



2009-2010 Ransome Prize Winner Springside School Student Group

This year's winners are a group of girls from the Springside School in Philadelphia. This group of students answered the Coalition's call to service when we alerted our members that The Kibera School for Girls, a brand new school located in the most impoverished community in Kenya's capital city of Nairobi, needed a new website. Over the course of six months of working lunches, plenty of out of school time, and for no academic credit, the girls created a masterpiece. And they went further—they held a Valentine's Day bake sale to raise funds for the project and brought in \$300 while helping raise awareness about The Kibera School. The girls surpassed any expectations we might have had for the project and fully embodied what Tom Wilcox had in mind when he established the Ransome Prize Award last year. The girl's teacher, Jennifer Vermillion, accepted the award on behalf of the student group.