



Partnership for Appalachian Girls' Education

### **Facts about PAGE**

- ❖ PAGE was launched in 2010 in the farming community of Spring Creek, with a team of three Duke University interns and its Founding Director, and an entering cohort of nine 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls.
- ❖ Our demonstration program is located in Madison County, North Carolina, in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Since 2018, PAGE's permanent home has been Madison Middle School (in the town of Marshall), where we have received a warm welcome by Principal Nicholas Honeycutt. This location allows us to serve adolescent girls from across this rural county.
- ❖ Many of the areas served by PAGE have been identified as economically distressed by the Appalachian Regional Commission – the leading authority on the region. These rural communities are more similar in economic profile to vulnerable counties in East Tennessee, within walking distance of some PAGE girls' homes, or to Appalachian counties in Eastern Kentucky.
- ❖ An expansion in 2020 has allowed us to deepen our menu of Middle School Program learning opportunities for girls in grades 6-8 and expand a High School Program for participants in grades 9-12. PAGE now provides seven continuous years of innovative education for 75 participants annually.
- ❖ Our PAGE team grew across 2019, to build staff capacity for this expansion. We welcomed two new Program Coordinators to our team: Heather Clubb (Literature Program) and Michelle Franklin (STEM Programs). Martin Rader joined our Summer Program as PAGE's first Theater Project Facilitator.
- ❖ Our senior leadership team grew in 2019 with the hiring of PAGE's new Program Director: Maia Surdam. A public historian, educator, and baker, Maia holds a doctorate in U.S. History from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Her year-round leadership will allow PAGE to offer full-year learning and opportunities for 75 participants in grades 6-12.
- ❖ Our university partnerships also grew in 2019 to include Berea College in Kentucky, a four-year liberal arts college with a long tradition of service to Appalachia.
- ❖ PAGE is funded through grants from private foundations across the nation and from generous private gifts, and through the in-kind contributions of Duke University's Social Science Research Institute, Berea College, and PAGE's K-12 community partner: Madison County Public Schools.