

College-Bound Girl Scouts Win Scholarship



GSGLA honored the 2016 recipients of the Bernie Horst Gold Award Scholarship in late June. (Pictured from L to R: Lise L. Luttgens, GSGLA CEO; Annaliese W., 2016 Gold Award recipient; Krysten R., 2015 Gold Award recipient; Bernie Horst, GSGLA supporter.)

Two Girl Scout Gold Award recipients are getting some extra help before starting college, thanks to Bernie Horst, a long-time Girl Scout member and supporter. Annaliese W. and Krysten R. won the Bernie Horst Gold Award Scholarship, which provides \$500 to each recipient. The scholarships are made possible by the James & Bernie Horst Fund. Bernie selects the recipients each year, and participates in a ceremony honoring the girls. This year, nearly 40 Girl Scouts applied for the scholarship, open to girls who have earned the [Gold Award](#)—the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.



Annaliese leads a lecture on insects as part of her Gold Award project.

For Annaliese's Gold Award project, "Bugged Out," she developed a presentation on insects geared toward children, involving a lecture and nature walk—as well as live bugs. "As a bug lover, I frequently saw a continuing problem with the public's widespread fear of insects," Annaliese said. "I hoped to combat this fear and help the public learn more about the world that exists around them and help them understand that

insects are an integral part of our world and should not be feared.” The Palos Verdes Peninsula High School graduate will attend UC Davis in the fall, majoring in—what else?—entomology.



Krysten displays her “Friendship Soup Jars,” ready for distribution.

Krysten’s Gold Award project, “Food for Life,” stemmed from her love of cooking. She worked with children and adults from her church to implement a healthy food program: “I incorporated a lesson on hunger in the Sunday School program and coordinated the assembly of ‘Friendship Soup Jars’ consisting of dry soup ingredients that were then distributed at [a local food pantry].” She also provided soup jar recipes, which she called “an opportunity to communicate the message of healthy cooking.” The Eagle Rock High School graduate will attend UCLA in the fall and major in pre-business economics.

Bernie encourages girls to use the funds for their college expenses. A troop leader for more than 50 years, Bernie continues to support Girl Scouts through her many acts of generosity, including her eponymous scholarship fund. She also funded the cost of a new pool at Camp Osito Rancho, which opened in 2011 and is affectionately known as “Bernie’s Pool.”

For more information on the Girl Scout Gold Award and/or Bernie Horst Gold Award Scholarship, please contact Program Manager Elizabeth Chadwick at echadwick@girlscoutsla.org.