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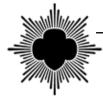
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DEAR GIRL SCOUT FAMILIES AND FRIENDS,

Welcome to the 2015 Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles Gold Award Ceremony. Today we celebrate 274 remarkable Girl Scouts who have accomplished the extraordinary feat of earning the highest award in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. In doing so, they have developed ways and resources to champion causes, lessen challenges, and make the world better by providing more than 21,000 hours of leadership, advocacy, and service through the development and execution of important projects.

Each of these projects, while varied in scope, addressed a need, provided support, found solutions, created sustainable resources, and inspired communities. Whether focusing on the fight against illiteracy or the fight for educational equality; whether inspiring girls to find the creative forays of science and technology or to flex their muscles; or whether they reached out to kids in nearby Chinatown or encouraged healthy lifestyles in China—all are extraordinary projects from extraordinary girls.

On behalf of Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles members, volunteers, and staff, we congratulate these outstanding young women on a job well done. We are amazed by their ambition, commitment, and good will, and are eager to witness the good work and achievements yet to come.

Sincerely,

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THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn. It is a national award with significant standards that elevate a girl's leadership skills, creativity, value, and efforts to make the world a better place. Earning the Gold Award requires the planning and implementation of a challenging, large-scale project that is innovative, engages others, and has a lasting impact on its targeted community with an emphasis on sustainability.

The prestigious award recognizes Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts for outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. It represents a young woman's cumulative Girl Scout experience and creates an opportunity for a girl to focus on a passion, cause, or interest and make a difference in a way that is meaningful to her and of benefit to others.

The Girl Scout Gold Award, first named the Golden Eagle of Merit (1916-1919), evolved from a long line of special awards. This high honor changed its name throughout the years to the Golden Eaglet (1919-1938) to the First Class (1938-1940) to the Curved Bar (1940-1963), and then back to the First Class (1963-1980) before becoming the Girl Scout Gold Award, as it remains today. Requirements for earning this award have also changed throughout the years, but have always signified a girl's ability to plan, organize, set goals and achieve them, demonstrate leadership, and put values into action.

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles is proud to celebrate our 2015 Gold Award Girl Scouts; 274 outstanding young women who have earned this esteemed award and collectively contributed more than 21,000 hours of service through community action projects that spotlight critical local, national, and global issues.





MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

Carolyn Johnson - Co-Anchor and Reporter, NBC4



Award-winning journalist Carolyn Johnson is the co-anchor of the NBC4 *News at Noon* and the 6 p.m. newscasts. She was a First Class Girl Scout and has many fond Girl Scout memories—including visiting one of the Girl Scout World Centers, Our Chalet, in Switzerland.

With more than 20 years of journalism and production experience, Johnson has been both in front and behind the camera reporting and producing numerous programs and specials. Known for her reporting on health and science, one of her most memorable stories was in 2011 when she traveled to West Africa's Sierra Leone to cover maternal and child health issues.

Over the course of her career, Johnson has been recognized for several industry awards, including a 2009 Emmy Award for Best Evening Newscast, the Eugene Block Journalism Award for Outstanding Coverage of San Francisco Human Rights Issues, and the John Swett Award for Outstanding Locally Produced Education Series. Prior

to joining NBC4, she was an anchor and reporter at KGO ABC7 for 16 years in San Francisco. She was also a reporter for KSBY in San Luis Obispo. Her journalism career began working for Stanford University's campus radio station, which led her to local television station internships in Los Angeles. Johnson graduated from Stanford University with honors and holds B.A. degrees in psychology and communication. She is married and has two children.

WELCOME

Gene Masuda - Vice Mayor, City of Pasadena



Gene Masuda was elected to the Pasadena City Council in April 2011 to represent East Pasadena including the neighborhoods of Upper Hastings Ranch, Lower Hastings Ranch, Daisy-Villa, Eaton Blanche, East Eaton Wash, Eaton Canyon Wash, East Orange Grove, Fox Ridge/Canyon Close, Loma Vista, Sierra Madre Villa, and Victory Rose.

Gene is dedicated to maintaining the City's fiscal discipline while protecting police and fire services. As a longtime neighborhood and quality of life advocate, Gene has a record of working to fight overdevelopment and traffic in order to maintain the character and beauty of residential neighborhoods. Gene is a leader in Pasadena's open space movement, dedicated to preserving and protecting Pasadena's natural open space.

Gene successfully fought to keep the Edison right-of-way from being developed into storage units, led the effort to combat crime in East Pasadena and established

the Gene Masuda Educational Center at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Pasadena. Gene was a director of the Pasadena Educational Foundation, which raises millions of dollars for the PUSD. He is a strong supporter of the PUSD, where his own son was educated and has now gone on to college. Gene also has a married daughter and three grandchildren. Gene is a retired business owner and former president of one of East Pasadena's largest neighborhood associations. He graduated from California State University, Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Science in business administration. He and his wife Joanne, a retired public school teacher, have lived in Pasadena for 25 years.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Lauren Cook - Author and Motivational Speaker, The Sunny Girl



An eternal optimist, Lauren is working to fight the ideas that teens are entitled, selfish, and unmotivated. In fact, she thinks they are anything but! By getting a head start on happiness now instead of putting it off for later—Lauren is a leader for her generation as they seek fulfilling lives.

Lauren speaks regularly to young adults about finding happiness during middle school, high school, and college. She has spoken to over 7,000 people and has given over 50 keynotes. She speaks about many issues: the importance of gratitude, volunteerism, setting goals, and fostering healthy relationships with family and friends. She also speaks to parents about how they can connect with their teen or young adult by offering an insider perspective of what it's like to grow up in the 21st century.

Lauren is a recent graduate from UCLA with a double major in communication studies and psychology. She traveled around the country as a national consultant for Chi Omega sorority, visiting 25 universities and speaking with college women about gratitude, goal setting, and happiness. Lauren is a former Miss Teen California and has raised over \$35,000 for the American Cancer Society, a charity that she is extremely passionate about. She

interned at NBC Network News, E! News, and Disney ABC Television Group during her time as a collegian. Lauren is currently working toward her master's degree in marriage and family therapy at USC. She lives in Los Angeles.





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PHOEBE ABRAMOWITZ

Santa Monica

For her Gold Award project, "Spreading Keyboarding & the Language of Music," Phoebe established semi-private piano lessons for underprivileged students at her local YMCA. She fundraised for keyboards and created a video encouraging participation. She hopes her project empowers kids to play music.

Outside of Girl Scouts, Phoebe is involved in choir, Youth & Government, playing piano, teaching music, and surfing. She is a valedictorian candidate and National Merit Scholarship finalist. She was also captain of the junior varsity volleyball team for two years. Phoebe plans to attend UC Berkeley for math. She would like to have two or three dogs with which she can frolic in the waves. Phoebe thanks her troop leader Karen and her family: Mom, Dad, Sam, Sophie, Lucy, Sara, Franky, and Fiona.



ISABEL AGTUAL

Culver City

Isabel's Gold Award project, "New West Reads," was prompted by the desire to help families, teachers, and students at her school. Isabel started the New West Library book drive and ensured its perpetuity by recruiting the Key Club to host it annually.

A Girl Scout for 12 years, Isabel completed her Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards. In addition to her love for Girl Scouts, she loves dance and music. She is also a Key Club officer; a writer for *New West Press*, the school's newspaper; a member of student government; and a delegate in Youth & Government. Isabel plans to attend college and pursue her dream of becoming an FBI field agent.

Isabel gives a huge thank-you to her advisor, Dr. Weir, for guidance; Troop 1395 for the laughs and memories; and her parents, grandparents, and the rest of her family for their endless support.



FRANCHESCA ALCHANATI

Reseda

Franchesca's Gold Award project, "Happy Grandparent's Day!," was sparked by her love for Judaism and her grandmother. She hosted a Happy Grandparent's Day at the Los Angeles Jewish Home. She hopes this day showed the senior adults how special and honored they are.

In addition to her 12-year Girl Scout career, Franchesca is her temple's membership vice president, a soccer and lacrosse player at her school, the student representative for her city's municipal advisory council, and a member of Muslims and Jews Inspiring Change. Franchesca plans to attend college and pursue a degree in architecture. She hopes to design and build a skyscraper in Chicago's Marina City. Franchesca thanks her Gold Award advisor, Kathie Yonemura, for her amazing support and advice, and her fantastic grandma for giving birth to her astonishing mother.



ASHLEY MOMOKA ALEXANDER

Glendale

Ashley's Gold Award project, "Healthy Start," helps children make healthy choices at an early age so they can continue to be well when they are older. This project meant a lot to her because she wants to help fight childhood obesity. She hopes her project will help educate children about the importance of healthy living.

In addition to her 12-year Girl Scout career, Ashley has been part of Glendale High School's cheerleading team for three years. Her team won second place in the World Class Cheerleading Championships. Ashley plans to attend a California State University and pursue a degree in public relations. She plans to become a public relations specialist or a real estate agent.

Ashley thanks her leader, Mrs. Sato, and the rest of her troop for being there for her.



SAHAR ALLIBHOY

Northridge

Sahar's Gold Award project," Ismaili Heritage Project," was inspired by her father's stories about his childhood in Pakistan. Her project is about giving elders in the Ismaili community a voice and showing they are valued members of the society. She is hopeful this will benefit the entire community by giving families a chance to memorialize and pass on their history.

In addition to her six-year Girl Scout career, Sahar is a varsity swimmer for the Cleveland High School swim team. She is also an active member of Junior Student Council and received the scholar athlete award. Sahar plans to attend college and pursue a degree in medicine to become a pediatrician. Sahar thanks her family for inspiring her to do this project and her troop leaders who were always ready to help her when she needed them.

MARRIAH XYLINA AMADOR

Whittier

Marriah's Gold Award project, "The Revitalization of the Adoration Chapel," began when she noticed the need for upgrades in a parish's chapel. She and her team sanded, polished, and reupholstered kneelers and brought awareness to the chapel's improvements, encouraging future use.

A Girl Scout for 11 years, Marriah earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver awards. In high school, she was varsity tennis captain, earned honor roll, did 100 hours of community service annually as part of the Scholar's Academy, and was a church youth leader. Marriah attends California State University, Fullerton, majoring in liberal studies with a minor in English and plans to become a teacher. She thanks her troop leader and mother, Yolanda, as well as her Gold Award advisors who helped her get through the biggest hurdles in her project.

ALLISON AYAD

Arcadia

Allison's Gold Award project, "Encouraging Engineering to the Youth," was inspired by her interest in engineering. At a local Boys & Girls Club, Allison started a FIRST LEGO League Robotics team. She hopes to inspire at least one kid to continue on the path of engineering.

Allison was a Girl Scout Emerging Leader and participates on a FIRST Tech Challenge team through Girl Scouts and has held several leadership positions. She is also a member of a club called Solar Cup and is on her school's FIRST Robotics Competition team. Allison plans to attend college and double major in mechanical engineering and business. She aspires to intern at either Google or JPL.

She thanks her troop leader, Mrs. Perez, for her guidance. She also thanks all her robotics team mentors for the learning experience in engineering.

CAROLINE BEARDEN

La Crescenta

Caroline's Gold Award project, "La Crescenta Through a Lens," was inspired by her passion in film photography. She took 35 mm black and white film photos of the La Crescenta/Montrose area and donated one set to the Historical Society of La Crescenta and another set to the local library. These are used as an updated visual record of her community.

A Girl Scout for 12 years, Caroline is a Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Award recipient. She is also a musician, plays piano in her high school's jazz band, and is on the swim team. Caroline plans to attend a four-year college and, although her major is undecided, she will continue pursuing photography and music in school and throughout her life. She thanks her parents, the Historical Society, Contact Photo Lab, and Dave Meyers for all the support throughout her project.















MORGAN BENNETT

Palmdale

For her Gold Award project, "The Oaks Project," Morgan repaired and improved an area on a hiking trail that memorializes a young woman. Morgan took out and replaced damaged benches and cleared the area. The family of the young woman and local hikers are thrilled.

A Girl Scout for eight years, Morgan is on an award-winning robotics team. She also raises and shows pigs as a 4-H member and earned her Presidential Community Service Award at all levels with more than 250 hours of service. Morgan plans to join the Navy, work on a submarine, and earn her Associate of Arts degree in college. She wants to start a family of her own and have four kids.

Morgan thanks her mom for helping her with all the projects she has done and her leader, Miss Ericka, for all the fun times.



ALEXANDRA BEVERLIN

Arcadia

Alexandra's Gold Award project, "Supplies for Success," encourages educational equality involvement from businesses, family, friends, and schools. She received 1,900 school supplies and nearly 500 children's books from them for students living under the poverty line. She hopes her vision will inspire Girl Scout troops she mentored.

In addition to being a student senate member, Alexandra plays classical violin, sings in the school chorus, and performs in musicals. She is a copy editor for her school newspaper, and a member of French Honor Society and the California Scholarship Federation. She plans to attend college for business and work in marketing. She thanks her family, friends, Allison Viehl, and Carole Lewis; and she couldn't have done it without Susie Helfgott or the amazing Rainbow Pack founder, Riley Gantt.



VICTORIA BEYEA

Whittier

Victoria's Gold Award project, "It Takes A Village," combines her love of reading with her passion for helping others. She donated more than 500 books to the Pediatric Village for their Reach Out and Read program, as well as educational items for the waiting room. She hopes to instill a love of learning and literacy in the community.

A Girl Scout for 13 years, Victoria earned the Bronze and Silver awards and was a top cookie seller in 2008. She volunteers at her library and with Cuddly Canines, and is a student poll worker and member of the Major Keys Square Dance Club. Victoria is attending Whittier College for criminal justice - forensics. She thanks her troop leaders, Desiree and Mimi, for believing in her; Dr. Guerra for supporting her; her dad, Richard, for always being there for her; and she is thinking of Karen.



ANNA ISABELLA BILLY

Pasadena

Anna's Gold Award project, "Water Safety and Swim Awareness," merges her love of swimming with her passion to help young children feel safe in the water. It involves a video to be shown to more than 1,500 Pasadena Unified School District students each year. She also created a PSA on water safety posted on YouTube.

A Girl Scout for 10 years, Anna is also a member of the Rose Bowl Aquatics team. She received Team Spirit and Most Valuable Player awards and has swum in California Interscholastic Federation Championships for Westridge. Anna plans to attend college and pursue a degree in English. She hopes to find work in the music industry or write. She thanks Vivian Kwong and Catherine Wood for their amazing support, and thanks Kurt Knop, Executive Director of the Rose Bowl, for his guidance as her mentor.



JOANNE DENA BLOOD

La Crescenta

Joanne's Gold Award project, "Operation Organize CVHS Music Library," was prompted by her love of music. Joanne motivated 50 volunteers to spend more than 500 hours organizing the Crescenta Valley High School (CVHS) music library. She trained librarians on the new filing system.

Joanne teaches dance classes for a competitive dance studio, sings in the CVHS choir, and plays the flute and piano in the concert and jazz bands. She performs in community musicals, is a member of California Scholarship Federation and Tri-M Music Honor Society, and has a 4.1 GPA. Joanne plans to attend Brigham Young University as a dance major and serve a mission for her church. Joanne thanks her troop leaders, Missy Ozeas and Jane Monterosso, for their support. She also thanks her mother for motivating her. She is extremely grateful to all of her family and friends.

FIONA BOCK

South Pasadena

Fiona's Gold Award project, "Art for All," was inspired by her passion for art and working with youth. She assisted kids with art projects and led free craft workshops for local families at SPACE (South Pasadena Arts Center). She hopes her work helps others realize the benefits of creative expression.

Fiona is a 12-year Girl Scout, varsity cross-country athlete, writer for her school newspaper, and delegate to the YMCA Youth & Government program. Every Sunday, she tutors children in English in Cambodia via Skype as part of a school club called Tassel. Fiona plans to attend college to study anthropology. She is interested in traveling with the Peace Corps. Fiona thanks her troop leaders Helene Tripodis, Alexandria Levitt, and Margaret Finnegan for their support, as well as her project advisor, Hope Perello, her troop members, and her family.

LAUREN BORCHART

Valencia

Lauren's Gold Award project, "Therapy Dog Education," was inspired by her dog, Murphy. Together, they became a registered Therapy Dog Team. Lauren documented the process through assemblies, a blog, and a brochure. She hopes to see more teams created in the future to bring happiness to the elderly.

A Girl Scout for 13 years, Lauren is also the vice president of her school's choir and is in an a cappella group. She is a member of National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, and the Spanish Honor Society, and is the public relations manager of an activist club for endangered species. She also participates in high school and club soccer. Lauren thanks her family; her leader, Mrs. Froggatt; her mentor, Mrs. Hardy; and two special inspirations, Ms. Rogasch and Ms. Bass.

SHERILLE KYMBERLY BOSFIELD

Cerritos

Sherille's Gold Award project, "Women's Fighting Chance," addressed the need of educating women on heart disease, recognizing the signs, when to seek help, and living a healthy lifestyle. Through seminars, she educated more than 100 people.

Sherille is an intern at Long Beach St. Mary's Hospital, a recreational leader volunteer for the City of Cerritos, and a youth disaster leader for the American Red Cross. She received a Premios de Oro Award from her high school and is a member of The National Society for High School Scholars. Sherille plans to attend college for psychology to become a pediatrician. She thanks her troop and troop leader for their support, and is grateful for her family's encouragement, and that of her Gold Award advisor, Mrs. O'Connor, and mentor, Mrs. Patel.















JACQUELINE BRAY

Sylmar

Jackie's Gold Award project, "Mission Restoration," combined her woodworking skills with her desire to give back to Faith Lutheran Church, where many of her troop's activities are held. With help from her family and troop, she refinished the woodwork in the church's kitchen and created a mural with a healthy message on the outside of the cafeteria.

Jackie has earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver awards, is the captain of her school dance team, and is a member of the art club. Jackie plans to attend college and travel.

Jackie thanks her Gold Award mentor, Trina, for putting up with her and dedicating her own time to the project. She thanks her dad for being her handyman, and her troop members and leaders for helping her along the way.



CAROLINE LIZANN BROCKETT

San Marino

Compassion motivated Caroline to focus the "Gardens of Ability" project on Ability First, a service center for developmentally disabled individuals. She turned a meeting space into a welcoming drought tolerant garden and held a succulent potting workshop for clients. She hopes the garden will share her love of plants and highlight the healing qualities of nature.

In addition to 10 years with Girl Scouts, Caroline has been active for five years with National Charity League. She was a freshman student representative, sophomore class president, co-captain of the varsity lacrosse team, yearbook photo and copy editor. Caroline plans to attend college to pursue a career in behavioral neuroscience or management consulting. She thanks her family, Dr. Christine Yew, Mrs. Ruth Roberts, and Vivien Fortunaso for their counsel and support.



JONICA LINDSEY BROWN

Rancho Cucamonga

"Cushion for Kids" was inspired by Jonica's appreciation of her first-grade teacher and love of children. She sewed 20 cushions and 40 covers for the children's independent reading area so it would create comfort and ultimately help them focus.

Jonica has been a dedicated Girl Scout for 10 years. She has also participated in the American Cancer Society and California Scholarship Federation. She was a ferocious defensive player on her school's water polo team and was co-captain for the junior varsity team. Jonica plans to graduate from college with a chemistry degree and plans to pursue a career as a chemical engineer or a pharmacist. Jonica thanks her parents and her advisor Carole Nix for teaching her the skills needed for this project.



MELANIE BROWN

Pasadena

"Sierra Madre Congregational Church Beautification Project" set out to breathe new life into one of the most well-known historical land marks in Sierra Madre. Melanie was able to paint a portion of the interior used for child and youth activities. By involving youth, she hopes her work inspires others to revitalize the community.

During her nine years as a Girl Scout, Melanie has earned the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards. She participated in the Tournament Troop for the 2015 Tournament of Roses. Currently she is working to create a diverse portfolio of her studio art pieces to be submitted to AP art judges. Melanie strives to study medicine in college and continue her art in a more professional setting. She thanks her parents, troop leader, and everyone involved in helping her reach her goal.



LILLI KALANI WAKINEKONA CARLSEN

Rancho Palos Verdes

Lilli created a project called "Fun Science for Everyone." Using the leadership tools she gained in her 12 years of Girl Scouting, she designed a series of hands-on science projects aimed to improve scientific literacy for children living in a local homeless shelter.

Lilli is a member of National Honor Society, co-chair of membership for California Scholarship Federation, a journalist for Open Orchards Productions, and captain of her lacrosse team. She is also active in YMCA Youth & Government where she is delegation secretary and was awarded Outstanding Delegate both sophomore and senior years. Lilli will attend Stanford University in the fall where she will study international relations and then go to law school. Her ultimate goal is for social justice and to be a voice for the voiceless. Lilli thanks her mom, troop, and family.

MADISON CARMENATE

Altadena

"Share Your Story" was inspired by Madison's own personal story of spending time in the hospital and learning how to blog. She went to Children's Hospital Los Angeles and taught kids how to set up their own blog and hopes it will provide a way for them to express their feelings while in the hospital.

In addition to her 11 years Girl Scouting, Madison is involved with theater and video production at school. She plans to pursue a degree in film production in college. Madison continues to have a relationship with the hospital and will be teaching kids again in the near future. She thanks Susan Andres for her support. She also thanks her mom for her continued support, and her Gold Award advisor, Alexia Johns, for motivating her to go after her dreams.

STEPHANIE CHAI

Pasadena

Stephanie partnered with the Peking University School and Hospital of Stomatology in Beijing, China for her project "Operation Smile." She taught people the importance of dental health and also collected dental supplies for patient education in China, creating fact sheets about dental hygiene and translating them into Chinese.

Stephanie is vice president of her class and will be a peer mentor to incoming freshmen this fall. She is also the news editor of her school paper, *The Paw Print*, a member of Poly's Ambassador Council, a volleyball player, and avid painter. Stephanie plans to attend college and pursue a career in medicine. Stephanie thanks Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Viehl for their constant care, support, and faith. She would also like to thank her Gold Award advisor Lisa Sun and her mother for never-ending support.

VANESSA CHAN

San Marino

"A Little Dirt Never Hurt" introduced children to gardening and healthy living. Vanessa built a garden, created curriculum packets, and hosted a planting/nutrition workshop for the kindergartners at the San Marino Recreation Department. She hopes the garden will be enjoyed by the community.

In addition to Girl Scouts, Vanessa enjoys dedicating her time to National Charity League. She has been on the Associated Student Body for two years as fundraising commissioner and is currently a spirit commissioner. Furthermore, she has participated in several productions in the drama department. Vanessa thanks her leaders and especially Mrs. Day for their support. She also thanks her family and friends for helping her, and Mr. French for having the right tools. Lastly, she thanks the recreation department for letting her accomplish her project.













AMANDA CHANG

Rowland Heights

"Project Unity" helps children and families stay unified during tough times. Working together with the Ronald McDonald House, Amanda made and donated a total of 60 fleece blankets and 120 scarves. She also held workshops talking about the importance of unity and hope for families.

In addition to her 12-year Girl Scout career, Amanda has been a member of Best Buddies Club and the California Scholarship Federation. She also completed an internship at a local pediatrics office as a medical assistant. Along with three of her classmates, Amanda presented to 142 students of all ages about fitness and nutrition. Amanda plans to attend college and pursue a career in nursing. She thanks her troop leaders Ms. Tommie, Ms. Sand, Ms. Karen, and her advisor, Ruth Wu, for their endless support. Also, she thanks her troop members and family for helping her.



EMILY CHANG

Arcadia

Emily's Gold Award project, "I Am Me," consisted of a two week summer program for girls at the Pasadena Boys & Girls Club. She taught topics that were not always emphasized in school, such as practicing decision making and public speech. She hopes that through this project girls will be more confident and have faith in their abilities.

Emily is also a member of her high school varsity swim team. She is president of her high school Gender Equity Movement Club, and volunteers at the Huntington Library. Emily is also a member of National Honor Society and California Scholarship Federation. She plans to attend University of California, Berkeley for bioengineering and mathematics and would like to become a bioengineer. Emily thanks Mrs. Perez, Mrs. Li, and her family for their support and encouragement.



SARAH CHANG

El Segundo

Sarah's Gold Award project, "A Fit and Healthy Lifestyle for Kids," allowed her to share her passion for basketball in her local community while also combating obesity in children. Sarah offered weekly lessons on eating healthy and basketball clinics showing the kids that exercise can be fun. Her goal was to encourage kids to eat well and stay active.

Sarah also plays the piano, guitar, ukulele, bass guitar, and flute. She played varsity basketball all four years in high school and was captain her senior year. Last summer, Sarah went on a church mission trip to Ghana, Africa, to live and work at a boarding school for children with disabilities. Sarah plans to pursue a degree in psychology and become an occupational therapist to help children. Sarah thanks her family, Connie Yahata, and Melissa Tong for their support.



GEMMA LI CHAO

Venice

Gemma's Gold Award project, "Nifty Nutrition, Healthy Habits and Rocking Recipes," was inspired by her love of cooking, passion for the arts, and interest in nutrition. She created a booklet as well as videos of healthy, easy, and delicious recipes for teens to make, and held workshops at the Boys & Girls Club of Venice. She hopes to inspire teens to cook and make healthy eating choices.

Gemma was the co-president of Heal the Bay Club and vice president of the Animal Shelter Helpers Club. Last spring her troop participated in Technovation and built a cell phone app. She has also played piano for 12 years. Gemma will be attending Emerson College for media production. Gemma thanks Mrs. Pavia and Mrs. Lee for their support. She also thanks her family for supporting her throughout her endeavors and Ms. Razmpoosh for her help.



AUDREY CHEN

Arcadia

"Changing an Animal's Life...and a Family Too!" was sparked by Audrey's love of animals. She put together a welcoming seating area at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society in hopes of increasing the adoption rate. She also created blankets, toys, and instructional brochures for new owners.

Audrey is a musician and played clarinet in her high school's marching band, synthesizer, and piano. She is also an Arcadia High School Math Team member, California Scholarship Federation recipient, Youth Leadership Program leader, and her Toastmasters club president. Audrey plans to attend University of California, Berkeley this upcoming fall for applied mathematics. She thanks Mrs. Anna for her invaluable advice and her family for helping her grow and learn throughout this journey.

BARBARA SHELLY CHEN

El Monte

"Shedding Light, Finding Hope" was inspired by a classmate's suicide. Barbara worked to spread awareness on teen bullying and mental disorders by creating pamphlets and inviting psychologists to lecture. She also created an anti-bullying patch for Girl Scouts. She hopes her work will prevent suicide, depression, and bullying among teens.

Barbara has been captain of her school's color guard for three years where she has led her team to receive local and national honors. Simultaneously, she held a leadership position in band for three years. Barbara is a member of Leo Club and Associate Student Body. Barbara plans to attend college for mechanical engineering. She thanks her family, friends and leaders for their diligent support. Most importantly, she thanks Mrs. Tsoi for her dedication and devotion.

CANDICE CHENG

Diamond Bar

"Say No to Bullying" was influenced by Candice's understanding of how vital an issue bullying is across the globe. She organized an assembly at her school and invited a speaker who talked about bullying prevention. She hopes her work will inform others of the prevalence of bullying and for the victims to know they are not alone.

A Girl Scout for eight years, Candice participates in an all women's show choir at her school. She is also her school historian due to her love of photography. Her passion for dogs has inspired her to become a volunteer at a dog shelter. Candice plans to attend college and pursue a degree in communications. Candice thanks Mrs. Fleig for her unconditional support and Mrs. Davis for her motivation. Lastly, she thanks her family for guiding her in the right direction.

LAUREN K. CHIN

Monterey Park

"Water Safety Enrichment Program" was inspired by Lauren's passion for swimming. She taught water safety classes, created brochures and activities, and spoke to underserved families about the importance of water safety. She hopes her work will help decrease pool accidents.

Lauren has played the piano since she was five years old. She has also been a member of the California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, swim team, and water polo team throughout high school. Lauren has served as vice president of the Idea Magazine Club at school for two years and plans to attend University of California, Santa Cruz where she will be majoring in biology followed by medical school. She thanks Mrs. Sato for her guidance throughout the years and her family for their unconditional support in everything she does.















COURTNEY CHO

Rancho Palos Verdes

"Benefitting the Animals" was inspired by Courtney's love of animals and desire to spread awareness of the consequences of irresponsible pet ownership. She made beds, blankets, and toys for Harbor Animal Shelter. She also made a YouTube video and hosted a workshop for younger Girl Scouts to learn the value of helping others.

Courtney is a club president, valedictorian, National Merit Commended Student, AP Scholar, and California Scholarship Federation Gold Sealbearer. She is in numerous honor societies, choreo, Link Crew, and is a third-degree black belt in Taekwondo. Courtney plans to attend USC in the fall for biochemistry. She intends to become a doctor or veterinarian. Courtney thanks her family, Ann Williams, Carmen Amiridis, and Kathleen Parks for their love, generosity, and support.



DANIKA CHRISTENSEN

La Cañada

"Cooking Toward a Future" paired Danika's love of cooking, her education, and her desire to help others. At Maryvale, she held a series of cooking classes that taught the basics of cooking healthy low-cost meals. She created a cookbook for the organization, and is hopeful that the program will help the girls provide for themselves after graduation.

Danika is captain of the cross-country and swim teams at school. She's a member of the California Scholarship Federation and the National Honor Society. Danika has been a Girl Scout for 10 years, was a 2014 Emerging Leader, and is entering her fifth year as a counselor for a local Girl Scout day camp. Danika looks forward to pursuing a career as a physical therapist. She thanks her parents, Ms. Cea, Ms. Christensen, and the Maryvale staff for their support with this project.



GABRIELLA CIULLA

Pasadena

Gabriella's Gold Award project, "Keep Calm and Read On," was inspired by her love of reading. She built a reading corner in the fifth-grade classroom at Our Lady of Guadalupe Rose Hill, an underprivileged elementary school. She funded her project through a yard sale and collected over 200 books. With this project, she hopes to ignite the spark for a love of books.

Gabriella is a member of National Charity League Pasadena, where she has received the Rose Bud Award for 50+ hours of service from 2009-2015. Gabriella is also a varsity athlete and president of Mayfield Senior School's Athletic Leadership Council. She plans to attend college to study athletic training to be a Board-Certified Athletic Trainer in professional sports. She thanks Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Puccinelli and her project site for being so open and willing to accommodate.



ALEXANDRA MARISA CLAMAN

Manhattan Beach

Alexandra's Gold Award project, "Health + Happiness Go Hand-in-Hand," focused on eating disorder awareness and nutrition at Chadwick School and the South Bay. She led Wellness Week featuring a nutritionist and depression expert guest speakers. She also led a free nutrition and mindfulness workshop for teenagers in the South Bay with Beach Cities Health District.

Alexandra is the dance captain of Chadwick School Dance Company, president of Spanish Honor Society, a member of Sustainability Council, a leader of Garden Club, and a Middle School Committee leader at Chadwick School Peer Mentors. She spent spring of junior year studying at the School for Ethics and Global Leadership. Alexandra hopes to join the Foreign Service after studying international relations in college. She thanks Chris Edmonds, Diana Lipson-Burge, Lindsay Conkle, Rebecca Ruberg, and Tiana Rideout.



SHANNON MARIE CLEWLEY

West Covina

Shannon's Gold Award project, "Thinking Out of the Box," was inspired by her passion for cheerleading and love for performing. She recycled broken cheer equipment and used the salvaged material to redesign and construct new cheer boxes. She also created a recruitment DVD by selecting 400 photos and set them to music.

Shannon has earned the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards and was a 2012 GSGLA Emerging Leader. She captained the GSGLA Color Guard for the 2012 Girl Scout Centennial Celebration Float, as well as her junior varsity cheer team. She is currently a varsity cheer member. Shannon plans to study psychology at Cal State L.A. and aspires to be a marriage and family therapist. She thanks her mother, her father, and Carolyn Goss for the years of support and guidance.

EMMA COLABUFO

Rancho Cucamonga

Emma's Gold Award project, "Artsy Daisy," was inspired by her love of art. She worked with the Cougar Cubs after school and created a book that had step-by-step directions for children to follow and donated craft supplies. She hopes this will give the kids a chance to exercise self expression.

Emma is involved in art club and has earned her Girl Scout Silver Award and Cadette Journey Summit Award. Emma plans to attend college and become an art teacher. Emma thanks Mrs. Preston for her support. She also thanks her family for helping her along the way, and Mr. Prince for motivating her to do her best.

SARA COLLINS

San Marino

Sara's Gold Award project, "Dress-up for Dreamers," started when she noticed a need in a local school for Halloween costumes and holiday outfits for students. This led to creating two drives to provide gently used outfits for the holidays. The project helped bring Sara's church community closer to Dolores Mission.

Sara is an academic decathlon member, retreat leader, active participant in her church's youth ministry, National Charity League member (where she has earned a 100-hour service award for the past five years), and National Honor Society member. Sara plans to attend college and earn a degree in communications before working in advertising. Sara thanks Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Gonzalez for their guidance.

MADALYN M. CROMIDAS

Valencia

Madalyn's Gold Award project, "Helmer's Gets a New Look," was to refurbished her old elementary school's black top. She painted a 16'x 27' map of the United States, and repainted the hopscotch, four square, and many more black-top games. Madalyn hopes the map and games will bring the students as much joy as she had playing at Helmer's.

In her free time Madalyn loves hanging out with friends, attending plays, and spending time with her family. She is also a member of the California Scholarship Federation and the National Honor Society. Madalyn thanks her mom, dad, and brother for their help and support. She also sends a huge thank-you to her mentor and former amazing troop leader Liisa Froggatt for her guidance!













JASMINE DIONNE CUMMINGS

Altadena

Jasmine's Gold Award project, "Growing Together," was sparked by her love of nature and enjoyment of teaching. Jasmine saw the garden at Ability First and knew this was her chance to do something. She refurbished the planter boxes and planted vegetables and citrus trees. She also made a meal with the vegetables planted.

Jasmine has been on the swim and water polo teams for three years. She is a designer for yearbook, and is a member of the California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, Green Club, and Culinary Club. She received the Leo Club Gold Award for 100 hours of volunteer work. Jasmine plans to study sociology and environmental science in college, and attend law school to become an attorney. She thanks her troop for accepting the new girl and her family and friends for all their help.



ALLISON JANNA CUSKEY

Rancho Cucamonga

Allison's Gold Award project, "Empowerment Pillows," was inspired by her desire to make others feel special. She sewed and stuffed more than 200 pillows. Each delivered a message of empowerment and were given to residents of Valencia Commons Retirement Living and shipped to military personnel overseas by Operation Community Cares.

Allison spent one year on the Los Osos cross-country and track teams. She is now avidly involved in Crossfit. It has taught her inspiration, motivation, and perseverance. Allison plans to attend community college and would like to become a sports or physical therapist. She thanks Ron Bayless for the generous sponsorship, and Dan and Cheree Griffith and Operation Community Cares for their support. Lastly, she thanks all her sister Girl Scouts!



KRISTINE HELEN DAILY

Northridge

Kristine's Gold Award project, "Tricycle Trail Mural," was inspired by her love of art and children. She painted an educational mural and donated tricycles to the preschoolers at St. Nicholas School. She hopes her work will inspire the children to play, learn, and develop a love for art.

Kristine is an artist, receiving a scholarship to Ryman Arts, and is an AP art student at Notre Dame High School. She also volunteers at Pet Orphans of Southern California, is a member of a surfing club, and has been on the varsity cross-country team for three years. Kristine plans to attend college and pursue a degree in biology. She wishes to be a perinatologist. Kristine thanks Sherry Miller for her love and support. She also thanks Mrs. Duschinsky and her family for their support and motivation for her to achieve her goal.



DANIELLE DAMAS

Alhambra

Danielle's Gold Award project, "Dani Daycare," was inspired by her own experience as a daycare student. She raised money through yard sales to provide a daycare with equipment and created a tutoring program for students. She hopes she has inspired students to give back to their communities and their alma mater.

Danielle, along with playing the piano, actively participates in community service as a volunteer at the Sacred Heart Retreat House and as an altar server. She is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and has been selected to be a leader for her senior class retreat next year. Danielle plans to attend college and law school to practice business law. She is grateful for those who have supported her along this journey and extends her gratitude to Mrs. Virgen, Mrs. Romero, and her mother.



MARY ALEX DANIELS

La Cañada

Mary's Gold Award project, "Project Curtain Call," was ignited by her passion for theater. She collected scripts for middle schoolers in Altadena, taught a class at the school, and sponsored 100 kids to see a live performance. She hopes that the children are inspired to pursue the arts.

Mary enjoys acting on the stage in theaters around Southern California. She plays piano, is a delegate in Youth and Government, is involved in Amnesty International, and is a part of the Young Adult Council at The Noise Within theater. Mary wants to obtain degrees in theater and business with the hopes of continuing acting and opening her own theater company. Mary thanks her mother, Justin Eick, her troop leaders, and Alicia Green at A Noise Within.

RACHEL DARLING

Valencia

Rachel put on an individual skills clinic and a unified scrimmage for her Gold Award project, "Special Olympic Superstars." This united the Special Olympic athletes with other athletes and raised awareness. She also made a booklet and video for future Girl Scouts who want to do their projects with the organization.

While maintaining straight A's, Rachel is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society. She was co-captain of Valencia High School's freshmen girls basketball team and won the Coach's Award. She is currently a full-time volunteer for the Special Olympics. Rachel plans to get a degree in environmental science. Rachel thanks Mrs. Froggatt and her wonderful advisor, Wendy Ellet. She also thanks her mom, dad, and family.

GABRIELLA JEANE NOBLEJAS DE ASIS

Northridge

For her project, "Got Needs? God Meets," Gabriella designed a website answering to the need to stay connected with the homeless and promote their welfare. The site was launched at her church with community support. In conjunction, Gabriella assembled and distributed 53 care packages.

Gabriella has served as leader-at-large and co-president of her girl-run troop. She has completed eight interest projects, earned eight badges and 18 awards, and has gone on a Destination to Costa Rica for sea turtle conservation. She also maintains a 4.0 GPA. Gabriella plans to attend college and hold a career in aviation and is pursuing her private pilot's license. She thanks Tandy, Karla, Jorge, Ken, Ronnie, Michael, Linda, Northridge SDA Church, Tintaguias, Danilo, Ian, Danielle, Sean, and her mother, who is her inspiration and mentor.

LINDSAY DE HAAS

Whittier

Lindsay's Gold Award project, "Sharkie's Water Polo Boot Camp," was sparked by her love of water polo and combatting childhood obesity. With her water polo team, she taught basic water polo skills and focused on encouraging her students to stay active.

Lindsay is a program aide and has been on the varsity water polo and swim teams for three years. She is a member of Girl Up and loves working with children, volunteering with the preschoolers at her church. Lindsay plans to attend California State University, Long Beach to pursue a career as an elementary school teacher. She thanks God for directing her path, her family for supporting her, Linda de Haas and Maria Ruvalacaba for their guidance, and her friends, teammates, and coaches for their endless support.















JULIA DE HART

Sherman Oaks

Julia used her passion for math and science for her Gold Award project, "MS. Math." She created a website for middle school girls with math tutorials to help them understand tricky concepts. She also wrote biographies on successful women in STEM to encourage girls to enter STEM careers.

Julia is an honor student, varsity athlete, and active member of her community. She is part of the California Scholarship Federation and participates in the Giving Spirit. She has played soccer for 13 years and runs hurdles for the track team, of which she is the captain. Julia will pursue a degree in architectural engineering at Cal Poly. Julia thanks Mrs. Yonemura for helping with her project, and her parents for motivating her.



MARISSA DICKEY

Arcadia

Through her Gold Award project, "A New Library for Immaculate Heart of Mary School," Marissa shared her love of reading by collecting 1,925 books for the school library. She also cleaned the library, planned where the bookcases would go, researched library software systems, and cataloged the books. Now, the students have a full selection of books to read.

Marissa is a member of the National Honor Society and California Scholarship Federation. She participates in peer and elementary tutoring, Ministry, and tennis. She also altar serves at her church and volunteers at Arcadia Methodist Hospital. Marissa plans to attend college to become a registered nurse and wants to work as a nurse in a foreign country. Marissa thanks Mrs. Diehl, Mrs. Ditt, Mrs. Krappman, Ms. Alberto, the principal, and her Gold Award advisor for their help.



EMILY DICKINSON

La Cañada

For her Gold Award project, Emily held conferences in two cities in China with 40 students from more than 12 high schools to raise awareness and discuss issues of environmental health, such as air and water pollution and improper waste disposal. She encourages environmental consciousness and recognition of the lasting effects of pollution.

Emily is also a violinist and pianist. She has been playing piano for 12 years and violin for seven in various orchestras including PYSO which did a tour in Europe in 2012. She also plays on an awardwinning water polo team and swims. Emily plans to attend college and pursue a career in the sciences in order to continue spreading environmental consciousness. She thanks Leilani Wilmore, Dr. He, and her parents for their support.



MARGARET M. DIEHL

Glendale

Motivated by the financial struggle of Immaculate of Mary School, Margaret raised funds for new irrigation, soil, and plants for her Gold Award project, "Peace Memorial Garden Renovations." The students and faculty will benefit by enjoying and taking care of their lovely new garden.

A Girl Scout since kindergarten, Margaret plays volleyball for Immaculate Heart High School, making All-League First Team in 2014. Having served as spirit chair and secretary, next year Margaret will be the president of the Girls' Athletic Association. She is also involved at her church as a confirmation leader and eucharistic minister. Margaret plans to study psychology to become a high school guidance counselor. She thanks her family and friends for their support, Mrs. Krappman for her help, Mr. Marston for his landscaping expertise, and Ms. Alberto for project guidance.



CASSANDRA DINH

Rosemead

To combat educational budget cuts targeting her middle school's arts program, Cassandra pursued her own renovation of the program for her Gold Award project, "A Note of Service." Through new instruments, instrumental shelving, and organization of instructional materials, she created a more creative and opportune learning environment.

Cassandra is president of the California Scholarship Federation, founder of her school's Red Cross and Amnesty International chapters, a member of the Associated Student Body, and a state and national speech and debate competitor. Cassandra plans to pursue a degree in political science and become an education policy maker. She thanks Mrs. Schraans and Mr. Hayami for supporting her and her family for tolerating the countless instruments that always filled the house.

HALEY DITT

Pasadena

While Haley's dad was ill at Huntington Hospital, she found there were no activities or games available for visitors. Her Gold Award project, "Boredom Busters," included gathering books and games, decorating a cart, and stocking a room full of activities for young visitors. Everything was catalogued and a postcard advertises the activities.

Haley has been a Girl Scout for 12 years. She's enjoyed seven years on the Rose Bowl Aquatics swim team and three on her school's varsity swim team. Haley is a eucharistic minister and confirmation leader at her church, St. Philip the Apostle. Haley plans to pursue a career in English. She thanks Mrs. Diehl and Maryjayne Johnstone. She would not have been able to do this without you! Haley also thanks her mom and sister for their endless support and willingness to drive her everywhere!

JENNA DORSE

La Cañada

Jenna's passion for healthy living inspired her to work with the Pasadena STARS foundation's at-risk first through fifth graders and expose them to a healthier lifestyle. Through her Gold Award project, "Healthy Mind and Body," she taught six enrichment lessons covering nutrition and sports. She collected sports equipment and raised funds through recycling to buy new equipment for the site.

A 12-year Girl Scout, Jenna is a junior at La Cañada High School (LCHS). She was class president, competed on Foothill Force Jump Rope Team, and is on LCHS' Varsity Comedy Sportz team. She was chosen as a Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Ambassador and earned the Leadership4Service award. Jenna plans to major in a STEM field in college. She thanks Rosa Ramirez, friends, and family who donated equipment, Karen Nichols, Sharlene Kayne, and Kevin Dorse.

GABRIELLE DROOKS

Rancho Cucamonga

Gabrielle's Gold Award project was inspired by her diagnosis of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD). Once diagnosed, she realized that not many people knew about OCD or how to know if one has it. Determined to spread awareness, she has successfully educated many people about OCD and hopes she has helped others.

In addition to her 13-year Girl Scout career, Gabrielle spent three years in choir during high school and was also part of the special education club. She is now attending Chaffey College and plans to transfer to California State University, Fullerton to pursue a degree in speech pathology with an emphasis in special education. Gabrielle thanks Lisa Delgadillo, Heidi Cox, and her family for their wonderful support and motivation.













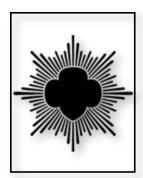


CHRISTINA THEODORA DUPAS

Glendale

For her Gold Award project, "Archival of Historical Photographs for St. Philip Apostle School," Christina organized thousands of photos containing more than 60 years of her school's history. She also developed a photo archive that preserves and makes the photos accessible to the community.

In addition to her 11-year Girl Scout career, Christina plays varsity basketball and is a former volleyball player. She belongs to a competition-winning Greek folk dance group, volunteers as a children's dance director, and feeds the homeless. She is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and plans to attend college to pursue a career in health sciences. Christina thanks Mrs. Diehl for her encouragement, guidance, and support; Maria Karras for her guidance and the use of equipment; and St. Philip School.



TAYLOR ELY

Rancho Palos Verdes

Taylor's Gold Award project, "Environmental Message of the Month," was inspired by her love of nature. She created and facilitated a program at Palos Verdes Intermediate School to introduce the students to various environmental issues and inform them on how they can make a difference. She wants the students to be aware of what is going on in the world and that our actions matter.

Taylor was a valedictorian at Palos Verdes High School. She also won the school's overall science award. She has been a dancer since she was three, and she surfs, kayaks, and is a certified diver. Taylor is at University of California, Los Angeles majoring in marine biology, hoping to pursue a career in conservation. She thanks the PVIS teachers, students, parents, PTA, and staff for helping her make the project successful.



MARY KATHRYN FARLEY

Glendale

Mary collaborated with Elizabeth House to collect shoes for families for her Gold Award project, "Happy Feet: Rebuilding the Family One Sole at a Time!" She obtained shoe donations and raised funds to purchase additional shoes. A Disney animator assisted with creating a project logo; "Happy Feet" is now in use at Elizabeth House for further shoe donations.

Mary has been a Girl Scout for 11 years. She is a club swimmer, water polo player, and is the recipient of two varsity letters in swimming and two in water polo. Mary has competed in the CIF Division I swimming finals and was selected to be a member of the 2013-14 Olympic Development Team. Mary plans to pursue a career in marine biology and play water polo with dolphins. She thanks her parents, Joe Puglia, Rooh Steif, Terry Bright, and the staff of Elizabeth House.



DEVIN MARIE FITZPATRICK

Redondo Beach

Devin's Gold Award project, "Girls College Safety Boot Camp," filled a need in the community for awareness and education among female college-bound students regarding gaining real-life skills for self-defense. In addition to a full-day training session, the young women also participated in scenarios that forced them to apply the skills they learned.

Along with her 12-year Girl Scout career, Devin is a club and varsity soccer player and is a California Interscholastic Federation champion. Devin is also involved in the Associated Student Body, along with other school activities, and plans on attending a medical mission trip this summer. She plans to play soccer in college while studying to become a nurse or physician's assistant. Devin thanks Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Martis for their support and encouragement, her family, and Sgt. Chris Roosen for his guidance along the way.



ALEXANDRA FORSEY-SMEREK

Palos Verdes Estates

Alexandra's passion for drama, the arts, and teaching inspired her to create a performing arts and crafts program for a local English language education summer school program for her Gold Award project, "Giving English Learners a Voice." Her program promoted the arts as a diverse form of instruction; resource packets were donated for future use.

In addition to her ten-year Girl Scout career, Alexandra plays on her high school's varsity soccer and lacrosse teams and a club soccer team. She is an editor of her school's magazine, a board member of the National English Honor Society, a member of the Science Honor Society, and is active in the National Charity League. Alexandra will attend a four-year university. She thanks Mrs. Wilken and Mrs. Jenness for their guidance, her family for their support, and Mrs. Pastel for her enthusiasm.

KATHERINE ANN FOSTER

Upland

A love of camp and art inspired Katherine to create a new crafts center at Camp Mariastella where she's spent years as a camper and counselor. For her Gold Award project, she restocked, reorganized, and provided a new patio for the room.

Katherine is an honors student and AP Scholar at Upland High School and works with San Antonio Regional Hospital's Junior Volunteer Program, National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, and St. Anthony's Church. She is also an artist, excelling in ceramics and jewelry design. Katherine plans to study nursing at Carroll College. She thanks her family and sends a special thankyou to the sisters at Camp Mariastella and to the family, friends, and counselors who got their hands dirty during her Gold Award project.

MEGAN LAUREL FOUNTAIN

Long Beach

Megan's discoveries of LGBT inequalities around the world, including eight countries that have death penalties, motivated her to educate LGBT teenagers at the LA Gay & Lesbian Center on these differences and how to stay safe while traveling. She wrote and facilitated five trainings presented at the center for her Gold Award project, "LGBT Around the World."

A Girl Scout for 12 years, Megan has traveled a lot, including going to Europe with her troop, which sparked her interest in studying international relations at San Francisco State University. She is also minoring in LGBT studies. She will transfer to Ohio State University in the fall. Megan holds a 4.0 GPA and plans to earn a doctorate in international relations, ultimately making a difference within the United Nations. She thanks her mom and troop leader.

KRISTA FREDRICKSON

Valencia

For her Gold Award project, "Staging Homes for Police Training," Krista worked with the sheriff's department's Pitchess Honor Rancho, staging five houses with furniture that was donated by garage sales and churches so that the homes looked like what officers could expect in real life. Krista hopes that all the officers will be trained professionally in the homes she helped stage.

In addition to her 13-year Girl Scout career, Krista is on her high school hip-hop team and is taking singing lessons. She is also a member of National Honor Society and California Scholarship Federation. Krista plans to attend California State University, Northridge to pursue a business degree. She thanks Mrs. Pepe for giving her the opportunity to help the sheriff's department, as well as her family for helping her move items, and Mrs. McCorkle for motivation.















VICTORIA FRIEND

Redondo Beach

For her Gold Award project, "Little Library for Peter Weber Equestrian Center," Victoria built a library for horse-related books and created digital instructional materials to address the classroom parts of the Horsemanship belt loop and merit badge requirements.

Victoria is an accomplished equestrienne, winning or placing in many events. She is also a member of the California Scholarship Federation, an AP Scholar of Distinction, a National Merit Scholar finalist, and has published her first book, *The Forest Gods' Reign*. Victoria will pursue a degree in international relations with a possible minor in creative writing. She plans on working for a U.S. government agency. Victoria thanks Mrs. Absher and Mrs. Ryyth, her parents for their support and advice, and Mrs. Vavrek.



HAYLEY FUNK

El Segundo

Hayley established a sustainable pen-pal program between her middle school and the middle school in Guaymas, Mexico for her Gold Award project, "Bridging Cultures Through Bi-Literacy." Traveling to Guaymas as an ambassador to work with the students, she administered a survey to measure the project effectiveness.

In addition to her 13-year Girl Scout career, Hayley is a varsity cheerleader and is on the swim team. She is a senior class representative and a youth tree-planting supervisor for Tree Musketeers. Hayley is a member of Heal the Bay Club and Miss El Segundo 2013-14. She will attend University of South Carolina in the fall and plans to pursue a degree in psychology. She thanks Robin, Eileen, Dave, and her friends and family for all the love and support.



KIRA FURUICHI

Los Angeles

Kira's Gold Award project, "Ending the 'R' Word Through Art and Community," was fueled by her immense passion for promoting equality within the developmentally disabled community. She worked with a group of developmentally disabled teenagers to promote education and equality by creating artistic pins on business cards.

An 11-year Girl Scout, Kira is also a varsity tennis captain, president of Medical Club, and an editor for the school newspaper. Kira has been awarded California Scholarship Federation recognition and a Posse Scholarship to Northwestern University where she will pursue degrees in environmental science and social policy. She plans to work for *National Geographic*. Kira thanks Connie Yahata for her support and her family for continually motivating and helping her.



JESSICA MICHELLE GABELA

Diamond Bar

For her Gold Award project, Jessica labeled Baldwin Academy's library books with the Accelerated Reader (AR) quiz number and quiz type to help students find the quiz on computers easier, saving teachers time and limiting instruction disruptions. The books will continue to be used.

Jessica has been a Girl Scout for 10 years and is an honor roll student and a tri-athlete, participating in cross-country, track, and soccer. She volunteers with the athletic trainer at school and after a major sports injury, became the sports manager for cross-country and track. Jessica plans to attend college for kinesiology, and later, graduate school to become a physical therapist. Jessica thanks Mrs. Picado for being so helpful, Mrs. Pierce for years of support, and her parents for encouraging her to pursue her dreams.



MARISA GALVEZ

Chino Hills

Marisa's Gold Award project, "Girl Power," informed younger women about women's status in society today. She started a club on campus, held informative Girl Power events, and collected toiletries. She hopes the club will continue to inform and empower girls to achieve their aspirations.

In addition to 10 years of Girl Scouting, Marisa is president of the Girl Power club. She is also in National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, and has been an activities director for AVID. She enjoys peer tutoring and was a 2014 Emerging Leader. Marisa plans to attend college and explore cognitive neuroscience as well as join improv clubs on campus. She thanks Mrs. Plummer for being a great project advisor and Mrs. Kim for being her dedicated troop leader. She also thanks her mom, dad, sister, and Papa Ron for motivating her to do her best.

KARAH ANN GEBHARD

Pasadena

Karah's Gold Award project, "Food for Thought," addressed environmental awareness and helped people in need. She hosted a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day lunch for the homeless. In addition, Karah built a composting system for the garden and held classes to educate young students on square-foot gardening and composting.

Karah participates in her school's audition choir and a cappella group. She is a member of the Red Cross Club and has helped host the annual blood drive. Karah is passionate about her work with Easter Seals where she volunteers as a camp counselor. She plans to pursue biology and bioethics degrees to become an ER physician or an orthopedic surgeon, and make medical care accessible to people of all economic backgrounds. Karah thanks JoLynn, her parents, and her mentor, Barbara.

VIVIANNA KARINA GERGES

Whittier

Vivianna is an avid hiker and loves nature, which is what inspired her Gold Award project, "Saving the Brodiaea Flower," a rare endangered plant. She held environmental classes and conducted an invasive species removal. She also designed a brochure, signage, DVD, and website. She hopes to inspire others to take action to protect our environment.

In addition to her 13-year Girl Scout career, Vivianna is captain of the debate team and participated in Model UN, Mock Trial, and Academic Decathlon. She is also a member of Junior State of America, National Honor Society, and California Scholarship Federation. Vivianna is a national AP scholar and an honor student. She plans to attend college to become an educator and an advocate for the environment. Vivianna thanks her mom, dad, and her brother for their love and support.

EMILY GIFFORD

Pasadena

Emily's Gold Award project, "Life in the Foothills" was inspired by the desire to educate her neighbors about the challenges of wildlife. She created and distributed booklets that covered fire safety to neighbors, local libraries, her school, and her local fire station.

In 2012, Emily marched with the 100th anniversary Girl Scout float. An avid fencer, she is currently attending Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey on an academic and athletic scholarship. Emily would like to write and illustrate children's books and/or pursue a career in fashion. She thanks her project advisors, Ellen Chervenick and Linda Cline. Emily is also grateful to Jane Lundegard and Toni Callahan for their support while at Clairbourn School.















JENNA GIULIONI

South Pasadena

Jenna's Gold Award project, "Sensory Interactions," was focused on finding a way to not only entertain, but to actually engage the elderly with all five of their senses. She also tested sense-specific activities and put them all together in a website for easy access.

Outside of Girl Scouts, Jenna spends much of her time working on the school paper as a news editor. She volunteers at the Huntington Hospital, Broadview Christian Science Nursing Home, and the Catalina Island Medical Center. She also participates in the YMCA's Youth and Government program during the fall. After college, Jenna hopes to become a doctor of geriatric medicine. She thanks everyone who has helped her on her project, in particular George Morgan, Alexandria Levitt, Ellen Fusco, and the residents of the Catalina Island Medical Center.

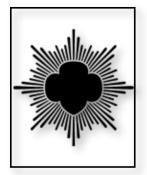


BROOKE GLEASON

Manhattan Beach

Brooke's Gold Award project, "I Will Remember For You," was inspired by her interest in joining the fight to cure Alzheimer's Disease. She created memory books for residents at Silverado Senior Living in Redondo Beach, California. She also designed a template book and YouTube video for families hoping to create their own memory books for dementia patients.

An 11-year Girl Scout, Brooke is a member of her high school soccer team and the president and co-founder of Kleats 4 Kids Club, which collects and donates gently used sports equipment to underprivileged kids. She is also a member of Sandpiper Junior's charity organization and Model UN. Brooke plans to earn a degree in neurobiology, attend medical school, and continue researching neuroscience. She thanks Mrs. DiFiori, her family, and the Silverado Senior Living community.



ELISSA GOLDMAN

Sherman Oaks

Elissa's Gold Award project, "Hunger Hurts Project," began through her ongoing involvement with food pantries in her area. She coordinated with North Hollywood Interfaith Food and started a club at her school that held food drives.

Elissa has been a Girl Scout for 13 years. She graduated from North Hollywood High School in June of 2014 and currently attends the University of California, Davis pursuing a major in microbiology. She also plans to attend medical school. Elissa thanks her parents, teachers, and food pantry coordinator, Leslye Adelman, for their unwavering support.



LINDSEY GOLLOM

Valencia

Lindsey worked with the Domestic Violence Center of the Santa Clarita Valley for her Gold Award project, "Storage Space for a Safe Place." She renovated their storage space by building shelves and rolling carts to improve the efficiency of their programs. She loved working with this organization and seeing how much they do for women and children in the community.

In addition to her 11-year Girl Scout career, Lindsey is a member of the National Honor Society and plays on the Valencia High School varsity tennis team that recently won the CIF Southern Section championship. Lindsey plans on attending college to pursue a career in science. She thanks her parents, Mrs. Froggatt, Mrs. Cromidas, and Mrs. Hardy for their support and guidance throughout the process.



ADIVA MONIQUE GONZALEZ

Los Angeles

Adiva's Gold Award project, "Talk to the Animals," was inspired by her passion for animals. She created an event called "The Blessing of the Animals and Pet Fair." She hopes she conveyed the importance of loving and respecting animals.

Adiva is the president and secretary of the Eagle Rock/Highland Park 4-H Club. As a member of People to People, Adiva has been able to travel outside of the country with other teens. Adiva hopes to become a forensics photographer while also holding an assisting job that would draw her back to her passion for animals. Adiva thanks her mom for being the most supportive troop leader. She also thanks her family and friends for standing by her throughout this journey.

MARLENA GONZALEZ

Los Angeles

Working as a mentor for Youth Orchestra LA (YOLA) at LA County High School for the Arts (LACHSA) inspired Marlena's Gold Award project, "YOLA at LACHSA Mentor Handbook." She created a handbook in hopes to help new mentors serve the children of YOLA in the future. She also raised funds to purchase a comb binder.

Marlena is a cellist at LACHSA where she sits second chair in the orchestra. She has received awards for achievement in Algebra II and the Outstanding Scholar Award. Marlena has also received an Outstanding Achievement Award for her contributions to YOLA. She plans on studying cello performance at a university. Marlena thanks Ms. D'Alexander for her support and guidance and Mr. Mautner for all his help. She also thanks Sharon Bergh for her commitment over the past 11 years.

JENNIFER GORMAN

La Crescenta

Jennifer's Gold Award project, "Beyond Subsistence," was inspired by the hunger crisis in LA. She worked to increase the range of items available at the Metro SOVA food pantry. Through her project she was able to establish a pet pantry within the facility.

In addition to her 11 years in Girl Scouts, Jennifer is captain of the junior varsity pep squad; staff editor for *Journey*, the school's literary magazine; and junior representative for Key Club. She is also an active member of the French and chemistry clubs. Jennifer plans to attend a university and pursue a degree in chemical engineering. She thanks Ms. Bergen, her troop leader, for her support. She also thanks her mother, and her Gold Award advisor, Lisa Wiley, for her encouragement and devotion to the Metro SOVA.

PAOLA Z. GRANADOS

Chino

Paola's Gold Award project, "Capturing the World," was inspired by her interest in crafts and photography. She set up a summer workshop for kids in a nearby elementary school's summer day camp. She compiled the crafts they worked on into a booklet and distributed a copy to the city activity center.

Besides Girl Scouts, Paola has been involved with her school's Spanish club, photography club, Leo's Club, and swim team. She has also earned a Distinguished Scholar Award and an AP Scholar Award. Paola plans to work in the art industry. She wants to study design, business, or journalism. She is also committed to helping young women realize their potential. Paola thanks her family and friends for their support, and her troop leader, Jinger, for pushing her to complete the project.















MELODY GRAY

South Pasadena

Melody partnered with the Women's Pregnancy Care Clinic in Pasadena. This clinic provides counseling and ultrasound services for women with unexpected pregnancies. For her Gold Award project, "Renovation for Trust," Melody renovated the lobby and counseling room to help create a relaxed environment. She also re-tiled the bathroom, kitchen, and ultrasound room.

Melody has been on her high school water polo team since her freshman year, participated in four musicals, volunteered at Huntington Hospital, and was awarded Maxima Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam. She also is an academic coach for geometry. Melody's dream is to pursue biochemistry with a minor in Latin in college. She wants to be an obstetrician/gynecologist and work in third-world countries to help others. She thanks her troop leaders, Sheila Richman, and her family.



SAMANTHA GRUMAN

Valencia

Samantha's Gold Award project, "Can't Hear But Can Feel," was inspired by her love of American Sign Language (ASL). She taught kids at different summer camps about the deaf culture, community and language. She hopes that she sparked a similar love for ASL in the kids she taught.

Along with being a 10-year Girl Scout, Samantha has been a cheerleader for all four years in high school. She was also the cheer coach of the special education cheer team and was part of Circle of Friends. Samantha has also volunteered for the National Honor Society and the California Scholarship Federation. She plans to attend California State University, Northridge in the fall, and will focus on deaf studies and psychology to become an applied behavior analyst with a focus in autism. Samantha thanks Elizabeth Tarantini for her inspiration and her family their support.



EMILY GUARIN

Alhambra

Emily's Gold Award project, "Model Rocketry Workshop for Girls," used model rocketry to inspire an interest in math and science in young girls. She implemented the knowledge in rocket science she gained from participating in the Team America Rocketry Challenge with her troop.

Emily is an active member of the math and model United Nations clubs as well as the soccer and varsity track teams at Westridge High School. She participates in rocket competitions and underwater robotics competitions. She is also the current reigning Miss California Teen and will be competing for the title of Miss America Teen. Emily plans to attend Harvard to study political science and economics, with the hopes of becoming a United Nations humanitarian affairs officer. She thanks her troop leader, family, and fellow Girl Scouts for their guidance and encouragement.



NOELLE CHRISTIANA HALE

El Segundo

Noelle's Gold Award project, "Support Our Troops," set out to serve the members of our armed services through letter-writing campaigns, a club at school, donation drives, and adoption of soldiers. The project rose awareness about the plight of service men and women.

In addition to her 11-year Girl Scout career, Noelle is an honor roll student, member of the student government, volunteer at St. Roberts Homeless Shelter and Operation Gratitude, member of the track team, and varsity cheerleader. After college and law school, Noelle wants to represent her district in the United States Congress. She thanks Girl Scouts for her foundation. She also thanks her mom, Robin Funk, Nancy Levy of Operation Gratitude, and her troop.



SARAH HANKINS

Pasadena

Sarah's Gold Award project, "Door of Hope Playground Update," updated a playground at a home owned by the Door of Hope, a facility for families who have been homeless and are in the process of rebuilding their lives. This playground will offer their children a safe place to play.

Sarah has been a Girl Scout for 12 years. She is a member of the National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, and serves on the Campus Ministry Leadership Team. Sarah is also a member of the Comedy Sportz team and has been cast in school drama productions. After graduating, Sarah plans to attend college. Sarah thanks Mrs. Diehl, Mrs. Ditt, and Mrs. Krappman. Sarah also thanks Mrs. Bessie Ramirez Ruiz and her family for their support.

OLIVIA HARRIGIAN

San Marino

Olivia's Gold Award project, "On My Honor," involved creating a website for civilians to learn more about discipline, intense training, and character-testing experiences that the military ingrains in its members. The application of these values would be community-changing.

Olivia is a civil air patrol cadet, earning Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year. She also belongs to the National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, Stars and Stripes Club, and astronomy club, and was chosen for Girls State. Olivia has run Southern California championship races and was named MVP. She dreams of becoming a U.S. fighter pilot and attending a military academy. She thanks her troop leaders and family for encouraging her. Without the enthusiastic support of the past and present members of the military, her project would not be the same.

LINDSEY ROBYN HARRIS

La Cañada

Lindsey's Gold Award project, "Hope for the Homeless," was inspired by her interest in helping those who are homeless and in need. She filled more than 50 bags with donated toiletry items, and created a resource guide, which lists valuable information the homeless can use if they need help with housing, finances, and medical care.

Lindsey is a member of the National Honor Society and the California Scholarship Federation at La Cañada High School. She also competes as an open championship-level Irish dancer, participating at regional, national, and world competitions. Lindsey plans to pursue a psychology degree. She thanks her mom, Octavia Sisley, Marta de Paula Cea, the community members and Girl Scouts who donated supplies, and her friends and family who supported her throughout this project.

BRENNAN ELIZABETH DOLE HART

Pasadena

Brennan's Gold Award project, "In My Own Words," was a culmination of her passion for writing and serving the community. She created a book of poems, articles, and short stories to raise awareness for common issues young women face. She hopes the message of women's empowerment reaches all ages, and that others will continue to speak out and inspire.

In addition to her nine years with Girl Scouts, Brennan is extremely dedicated to her violin career. She is also a member of the Polytechnic Dance Team, co-president of the Poetry Slam Team, a peer mentor to the class of 2019, and an intern for local designers. Brennan plans to attend college and establish a global career. She will continue giving back, specifically as an advocate for human rights. Brennan thanks Leilani Wilmore, Grace Hamilton, and most importantly, her family.















BROOKELYNN HATCHETT

Rancho Cucamonga

Brookelynn's love for children and soccer led her to helping children get educated on being fit outdoors through her Gold Award project, "Fit For the Future." She hopes technology does not dominate youth and that no matter how much our world advances, they will continue to be active outdoors.

An eight-year Girl Scout, Brookelynn has earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver awards. She has also played soccer for 12 years and excels academically. Brookelynn plans to attend college next fall where she will double major in nursing and pre-veterinary. In the future, she hopes to be a neonatal nurse for newborn children in rural areas of the Dominican Republic as well a marine veterinarian to express her appreciation for underwater wildlife.



MARISA HATTLER

Beverly Hills

Marisa's Gold Award project, "Where Do I Go From Here?: A Guide of Resources," is close to her heart because it directly impacts girls and boys her age. She partnered with the Los Angeles Unified School District's Homeless Students Unit to create a resource guide for homeless youth. The guide provides information on college, jobs, health, hotlines, and organizations.

In addition to Girl Scouting, Marisa is an honor roll student and a student ambassador. She participates on the varsity cheerleading team, and is involved in the hardware engineering club and the Crafts for Charity Club, too. She also helps the theater department by creating costumes for school productions. Marisa plans to pursue a degree in economics and earn an MBA to become an investment banker. Marisa thanks Ms. Hand, Mrs. Pavia, and her family.



KATHERINE GRACE HATTON

San Gabriel

For Katherine's Gold Award project, "Cheer Up!," she conducted a cheer camp for girls at Dolores Mission School in East Los Angeles. During the camp, Katherine worked to motivate the girls to become confident and healthy young women. In addition, Katherine collaborated with the principal to initiate a cheer program at the school while continuing cheer camp every summer.

A 12-year Girl Scout, Katherine is also captain of the Loyola High School Cheer Squad, a member of the Nordstrom BP Fashion Board internship program, and a senior member of the Mayfield Senior Dance Conservatory, where she's choreographed dance pieces and assisted in teaching. Katherine will attend college in the fall and become a fashion stylist. Katherine thanks Mrs. Puccinelli and Mrs. Collins for motivating her to work her hardest and her parents for supporting her.



CORINNE HAUCK

Chino Hills

For her Gold Award project, "Blanket Buddies," Corinne partnered with Acres of Hope, fundraising enough money to buy 25 blankets and assemble 25 stationary sets. Corinne is pen pals with several of these kids and hopes that their literacy skills will improve and their blanket will comfort them in difficult times.

Corinne is the news editor of Ayala High School's newspaper and is training to be next year's editorin-chief. She is a member of the Spanish club and the California Scholarship Federation. Corinne also takes ballet, jazz, and contemporary dance classes. She plans to attend college but has not settled on a degree yet. She is positive that whatever she pursues, she will do it full-heartily. Corinne thanks her mom for the endless encouragement in her Girl Scout career.



JULIA CATHERINE HEER

Arcadia

Julia's Gold Award project, "Food Forward San Gabriel Valley," was inspired by all of the unused fruit that grows in backyards in the San Gabriel Valley. She partnered with AP environmental science students and campus environmentalists to pick fruit from neighborhood fruit trees and donate it to local food banks. She is passionate about the fight against hunger.

In addition to her 12-year Girl Scout career, Julia is active in theater and is an anchor and news reporter for Arcadia High's weekly news cast. She loves to hike, travel, and hang out with her friends. Julia plans to attend USC and pursue a business degree. She hopes to find a career in medical sales or pharmaceuticals. She thanks her two troop leaders, Molly Lihani and Vicke Thrower, for all of their support and her family for always being there and helping.

MADELEINE STEWART HELDMAN

Los Angeles

For Madeleine's Gold Award project, "Art for Growth and Learning," she created a program at various schools and camps to teach art throughout Los Angeles. She made her largest impact at the STAR Program, an after-school and summer camp that works hand in hand with the Los Angeles Unified School District, to make an instructional book of all the projects that she taught.

Madeleine is a member of Model United Nations and plans to run a conference for her program next year. She also runs her school's annual Better Self for a Better World Conference, plays on her school's varsity tennis team, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Madeleine plans to attend college and is undecided to what major she will choose. Madeleine thanks her troop, troop leaders, and parents for their support throughout the Gold Award process.

BROOKE HIGA

Calabasas Hills

Brooke's Gold Award project, "Sonatas for Seniors," was inspired by her love for music. She set up a permanent music program at Meadowbrook Senior Living. In order to provide monthly concerts, she founded Songs for Service Club at her school so that musicians and singers could perform. She saw firsthand how happy music made all the seniors.

Brooke is a scholar athlete, member of the Math and Science Honor societies as well as the California Scholarship Federation. She runs varsity cross-country/track and was selected as First Team, All League for cross-country. She plays flute for Honors Wind Ensemble, has earned her Girl Scout Bronze and Silver awards, and is an Emerging Leader. In college, Brooke plans to study biology or viticulture. She thanks her mom, Girl Scout sisters, father, and the Agoura High School musicians.

MACKENZIE HOLMQUIST

La Crescenta

Mackenzie's Gold Award project, "Project Dominican Video," was inspired by her love for creating films. While participating in her church's Dominican Republic mission trip, Mackenzie recorded more than two hours of footage that was edited into a 10-minute video to promote her church's mission trip. She hopes her film will encourage further missionary service for years to come.

A 10-year Girl Scout, Mackenzie is also an editor for the Crescenta Valley High School newspaper. She participates in National Honor Society and French Club, and also started a club that supplies children in her community with books. Mackenzie has been a member of National Charity League for six years, plans to attend college and pursue a career in the film industry as a writer and director for television. She thanks Michelle Sirota, Christine Pehar, her family, and her friends.















MARY SHEA HOLT

San Marino

Mary's Gold Award project, "Place of Prayer for St. Andrews School," was sparked by the need for an intimate space where students and faculty could spend a quiet moment in prayer at St. Andrew Catholic School. Mary cleaned, plastered, painted, and furnished an unused storage room, turning the room into a serene sanctuary for the students and faculty.

An 11-year Girl Scout, Mary is a three-sport athlete at her high school. She has played tennis, water polo, and softball since her freshman year, and has earned two California Interscholastic Federation championships. She is also the junior class representative for the Girls' Service League. Mary plans to attend college and pursue a career that involves helping people. Mary thanks Leilani Wilmore and Dr. Ken Foersch for their guidance, and her family for their support and love.



NATALIE HONEYWELL

Glendora

For her Gold Award project, "Crafty Day Box Project," Natalie used the drawing skills she gained in class combined with the leadership skills she acquired in Girl Scouts to put together art project packets and gather supplies needed to create the projects in order to inspire others to pursue art.

Natalie is on the Glendora cross-country and track team and practices painting and drawing in anticipation of taking advanced art courses. She is also a professional weirdo and unofficial taste tester of all things chocolate. Since there are too many amateur weirdos out there to make a professional career out of it, Natalie is relocating her efforts. She hopes to finish every task on her summer bucket list before going to college and earning a degree in art, science, or English. She thanks her family for support and food!



HEATHER HONIG

Monrovia

Heather's Gold Award project, "Readers' Helpers of Monrovia," was inspired by her lifelong love of reading and her previous volunteer work with the organization BookEnds. For her project, she fundraised and collected donations in order to refurbish the library at the Boys & Girls Club of Monrovia. Now her library helps the Boys & Girls Club run their educational programs.

Heather has been a Girl Scout for 12 years and works as a tutor and camp counselor. She has been on the honor roll for four years and is involved in her school's water conservation club. She also volunteers on Skid Row and with Tree People. Heather plans to attend a women's college to major in women's studies or child development. She thanks her mom and Amita Padhiar for supporting her throughout her project, as well as her friends who volunteered their time.



PAIGE HORNBAKER

Playa del Rey

Always around water, Paige knows the importance of water safety and drowning prevention. For her Gold Award project, "Water Safety and Drowning Prevention," she went to multiple libraries in the LA area to teach kids and their parents about the dangers around water and how to stay safe. She also got *Josh the Otter*, which teaches kids to learn to float, into all 72 of the LA public libraries.

Paige is in the National Charity League, where she was president, and is president of the founding Heal the Bay Youth Board. She is also the managing editor for Pali High's student magazine, and is on her school's varsity indoor and beach volleyball teams. Paige plans to attend college and study journalism or business. She hopes to become a journalist, author, interior designer, and actor. She thanks her loving parents for their incredible support and Josh the Otter for their help.



EMILIE CLAIRE HU

Pasadena

Emilie's Gold Award project, "Angles of My World," combined her interest in art and photography with her love of working with children. She developed a five-week curriculum and taught 65 fifthand sixth-grade students at Partnership for Success!, a summer enrichment program for lowincome high-achieving students. She encouraged creative expression through digital arts.

In addition to her 10-year Girl Scout career, Emilie is on the varsity tennis team for Flintridge Prep. She is also a member of the Spanish Honor Society, debate team, and Homeless Hunger Initiative. Emilie plans to attend college and pursue a creative career. She thanks her parents for their support, Mrs. Cote for giving her the opportunity with Partnership for Success!, Samy's Camera for the cameras, all who donated supplies and funds, and the students for their enthusiasm.

MEGAN HU

Acardia

Megan worked with the Hear Center, a nonprofit organization for people with hearing disabilities. For her Gold Award project, "Building Strong Relationships," she researched and wrote articles for their website and organized a social event to show appreciation to clients and donors. By doing this, she helped build stronger relationships between the Hear Center and the people they serve.

Megan was on the Girl Scout robotics team and played center on the junior varsity basketball team. Presently, she plays the viola for her school's orchestra, is a member of the California Scholarship Federation, is the Inter Club Council Representative for her school's Gender Equity Club, and works as a sales associate for Aeropostale. Megan plans to attend college and pursue a degree in business. She thanks her family and her advisor, Jennifer Ryen.

JOANNA HUA

Temple City

Joanna's Gold Award project, "One Day at a Time," began when she realized there were many stigmas attached to mental illnesses like depression, which prevented her from expressing emotions. She promoted positivity and awareness through inspirational events, and collected more than 1,000 positive messages from the community.

Joanna is a Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Award recipient and a 2014 Emerging Leader. She's the founder and president of the Giving Bach club, which provides interactive music to those in need. She is a member of the swim team, pit orchestra, Model United Nations, a volunteer leader at Methodist Hospital, and National Junior Forensics League Champion. Joanna plans to pursue a medical career in psychiatry or pediatrics. Joanna thanks Ms. Hernandez and Ms. Gonzalez.

DELENA HUMBLE

Valencia

Delena's Gold Award project, "Eating Disorder Awareness," was inspired by her drive to assist young people in addressing their issues with eating disorders and hopes this project endures, supporting and educating those in need.

Delena has been a Girl Scout for nine years and has earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards. In addition, she has maintained a 3.83 GPA while taking rigorous AP and college courses. Delena is a member of National Honor Society and California Scholarship Federation. She also won three championships on the soccer team. Delena plans to attend Coe College to study biochemistry and English literature while playing soccer. She thanks Tia Spezially and the parents in the eating disorder awareness group for their trust and support. She also thanks her parents for their support and love.















ALANA HYMAN

West Hills

Alana's Gold Award project, "Kids Living With Food Allergies," was sparked by her frustrations of having food allergies and wanted to spread awareness. She created a website and hosted workshops that taught about living with food allergies and dealing with their effects.

A 10-year Girl Scout, Alana is a Bronze and Silver Award recipient and program aide. She also plays the alto saxophone in the Level 4 Jazz Band at her school, and is active in Link Crew, which helps freshmen transfer from middle school to high school. Alana is in the California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society. In college, Alana will major in biomedical engineering. Her passion is to find cures and treatments for medical issues, like food allergies. She thanks her biology teacher and Gold Award Advisor Mrs. Jobsz, her troop leaders, and family for all their support.



PAIGE HYMAN

Agoura Hills

For her Gold Award project, "Healthy Family Healthy Planet," Paige created a series of three workshops at the Guadalupe Center where she taught families about healthy eating, preparing healthy snacks, proper exercise, recycling, and helping the environment. Paige also established a monthly newsletter to provide on-going education in these topics.

Paige is a junior at Agoura High School and is a member of Link Crew, the ambassadors to incoming freshman. She takes photography and dance and has played AYSO for 13 years. Paige has been in Girl Scouts for 11 years and was selected as an Emerging Leader. She has earned her Girl Scout Silver Award. In college, Paige hopes to study fashion and photography. Paige thanks Bonnie Higa, her troop, her family, and her friends for all of their support.



SABRINA INOUE

Rancho Palos Verdes

Sabrina's Gold Award project helped spread awareness of the APA (Asian Pacific American) Community Toy Drive and the struggles of low-income Asian Americans. She created the website for APA Community Toy Drive as well as a pamphlet with information about low-income Asian American families in the Los Angeles area.

During her 13 years as a Girl Scout, Sabrina earned the Girl Scout Silver Award. She is a member of her high school basketball team and volunteers at Community Helpline. Sabrina plans to attend college and pursue a degree in philosophy. She hopes to have a career in law, possibly in the area of civil rights. She thanks her mother for helping her with her Gold Award project idea; her project advisor, Diane Tan; and her troop leader, Mila Linke.



ALYSSA NICOLE ISAAK

Manhattan Beach

Alyssa's Gold Award project, "Unplug," is a children's book she wrote, illustrated, and published. It addresses overuse of technology. At local elementary schools, she read and discussed the book and ways for children to unplug. By leaving two copies at each school, Alyssa hopes children find a balance between real and virtual worlds.

Alyssa is a 12-year Girl Scout and recipient of the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards. She is also the varsity golf team captain where she played for four years and started the BeYOUtiful Club, which promotes self love of inner beauty. She's a board member for National Charity League and has a love for horseback riding. Alyssa will be attending college. She thanks her troop leaders, Kristy Isaak (her mom) and Dean Tatum, for always making meetings fun. She also thanks her Gold Award advisor, Linda Figel, for her help along the way.



EMILY M. IVERSON

Cerritos

For her Gold Award project, "A Place To Feel Safe," Emily refurbished a children's classroom at a local domestic abuse shelter, created stations for counseling, art, and reading, and collected more than 2,000 books for the shelter. She also implemented a reusable art program.

A 10-year Girl Scout, Emily is a Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Award recipient. She is president of the French club and yearbook business manager/editor at her school. She is also a member of her local dragon boating team and a camp counselor at the Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site for four years. Emily plans to earn a master's degree and work in education, motivating girls to reach their potential. Emily thanks her leader, Heather Scott, and parents, who never stopped believing in her.

TANYA ARUSHI JAIN

Pasadena

Tanya's Gold Award project, "Let's Dance," focused on improving children's health. She created a dance program at the Boys & Girls Club in Pasadena teaching children different types of dance from ballet to hip-hop. She bought them ballet shoes so they could continue to dance, and educated others on the importance of exercise.

A 12-year Girl Scout, Tanya is a Silver Award recipient. She is also part of the Science Olympiad, Model United Nations teams, Feminist Education, and Latino Unidos clubs at school. She danced with San Marino Dance Academy for 14 years and earned silver and bronze medals for National Spanish Exam. Tanya plans to study biology and sociology in college, go to medical school, and become a surgeon. She'll also continue activism. She thanks her troop leader, Leilani, and her family.

KATHRYN JENNESS

Rancho Palos Verdes

Kathryn created a digital photo library of popular unique costumes for rent at the Costume Closet for her Gold Award project. Her work included organizing photo shoots of costumed models, editing the photos to include the Costume Closet's stock numbers, and creating a website.

Kathryn is a Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awardee. She's also a member of National Charity League, plays the clarinet in the marching band, and serves as a member of California Scholarship Federation. Since 2009, Kathryn has annually earned the President's Volunteer Service Award and in 2013 received the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Kathryn thanks her family and friends and is excited for her senior year. After graduation, Kathryn plans to travel in Europe with friends, and attend college on the east coast.

SARA JOHNSEN

Glendora

Sara's Gold Award project, "Lady Tartan Basketball Camp 2014," was influenced by her passion for basketball. She held a basketball camp for girls ages 8-13, teaching the fundamentals of basketball and important future life skills. She hopes her impact will promote an active and healthy lifestyle.

An 11-year Girl Scout, Sara is a Bronze and Silver Award recipient, and a captain of the basketball team for two years, member of the track and field team, and a National Honor Society and California Scholarship Federation member. Sara plans to study marine biology in college. She thanks her parents; troop leader, JoAnne; and Michael for their love and support. She also thanks Nikole Pearce and her family and friends who contributed to her Gold Award.





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HAYA KALIOUNJI

Pasadena

For Haya's Gold Award project, "Rise Again," she wanted to give to her mother country Syria and provided prosthetic devices to four people who lost their limbs in the Syrian War. To raise money, she gave speeches and sold her handmade crafts at booths. She gave hope back to victims and helped them rise again.

Haya is a nine-year Girl Scout, tennis player, and artist. She was the Syrian and Lebanese tennis champion under 14. Since age four, she has taken painting and drawing classes. Haya is a member of her school's Red Cross Club and based on her project, she created an organization that continues to help victims. In college Haya will major in life sciences and preserve the environment. She thanks everyone who helped her realize the project, especially her parents and family.



NICOLE KATO

Chino

Nicole chose to make her Gold Award project about fitness and basketball because it's been so important to her life. In order to give youth the knowledge they need to live healthy lifestyles and pursue a sport, she held a youth clinic through a summer daycare program and is now coaching a first-grade boy's basketball team.

Nicole is a 12-year Girl Scout and has earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver awards. She played basketball for 13 years and was team captain. She has also practiced and performed odori, a traditional Japanese dance, for 10 years and was president of the Girl Up club. Nicole plans to pursue a degree in bioengineering. She thanks her brother for helping her coach during her project. She also thanks her mother and troop leader, Michelle Chavez.



AMANDA T. KATZ

Rolling Hills Estates

For her Gold Award project, "Helping Hands At The Hospital," Amanda installed educational iPad apps and created care packages and a video tour of the pediatric floor providing valuable information to children, caretakers, and adults to prepare for their stay. The video will be used for years to come.

A 10-year Girl Scout, Amanda is a Bronze and Silver Award recipient. She is a member of California Scholarship Federation, Science National Honor Society, Math National Honor Society, Principal's Advisory Council, and Link Crew at her school. Amanda also created and is president of ALS Awareness Club. In college, she will study pre-pharmacy or chemistry to become a pharmacist to help her community. Amanda thanks her family and her Gold Award advisor, Gina Jones.



HANNAH KHORASSANI

Woodland Hills

Hannah's Gold Award project, "Ready to Explore-Student Edition," was sparked by her love to travel. She held a pre-travel program for a group of new student travelers embarking on an international journey to inform and teach them about the complications of travel and going to a new places. She and the school plan to continue this program for upcoming student travelers.

Hannah is a 12-year Girl Scout and Silver Award recipient. She enjoys photography and has traveled to many countries. She is Senior Class Historian and a member of many clubs, including California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society. Hannah plans to pursue a degree in social sciences and continue her photography and travel hobbies. Hannah thanks her troop leader, Ingrid, and Gold Award advisor, Mr. Kinnaman, for helping her throughout the process, along with her mom, dad, sister, and dog Max.



AMANDA KIM

Cerritos

Amanda's Gold Award project, "Souls of the Future," incorporated her love for helping children and love for serving at church by launching a children's ministry at her church. Throughout four months she gathered help from her peers to create an environment that challenged children to grow in their spiritual lives.

A nine-year Girl Scout, Amanda is also a Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Award recipient. She spends her free time at church as a youth group leader and is involved in the American Cancer Society Club at her school. Amanda plans to attend school in San Diego to become a speech pathologist. She thanks her amazing troop leader, Heather Scott, for all the support she has given her throughout her Girl Scout career. Amanda also thanks her family and friends for their support.

HANNAH KIM

San Gabriel

Hannah's Gold Award project, "Jump into STEAM!," was inspired by her passion for all things science. She created two STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) workshops for middle school girls featuring a neuroscientist keynote speaker and experiments like DNA extraction. She hopes her workshops inspire the next generation of women in STEAM careers.

A 10-year Girl Scout, Hannah is a Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Award recipient. She is very active at school and is head of Model United Nations club, co-head of Korean Affinity and Student Voices, and plays viola in chamber orchestra, junior varsity soccer, and lacrosse. She has volunteered more than 80 hours with Methodist Hospital Arcadia. She plans to become a neurologist while continuing her work in social activism. She thanks her family and Ms. Jossalyn.

SERAPIA KIM

Northridge

Serapia's Gold Award project, "Speak with Confidence," develops students' public speaking and critical thinking skills by growing confidence in expressing their voices and ability to logically communicate ideas. This will help them to become active and informed members of society.

A six-year Girl Scout, Serapia is a Silver Award recipient. She is also co-president of the Model United Nations team, a speech and debate team member, and has competed at the quarterfinals at San Diego Winter Classic Tournament. She plays flute in the CSUN Symphony Youth Orchestra and is a third-degree black belt in Taekwondo. Serapia plans to attend Williams College to study chemistry and philosophy/political science and become a policy maker in the field of natural sciences. Serapia thanks her troop leader, Tandy Wilson, for her support and Mrs. Lopez, for her help.

DELANEY KINFORD

Agoura Hills

Delaney's Gold Award project, "Paws to Think," addressed the issue of uninformed canine adoptions which result in poorly placed animals, high rates of animal returns, and overcrowding of public shelters in Agoura Hills. Delaney established a training system for problem dogs, created pet information packets, and helped Brownies earn a pet care patch.

Delaney is the captain of the equestrian team, the editor-in-chief of the Agoura High yearbook, student council member, a California Scholarship Federation member, and the salutatorian of her senior class. She enjoys volunteering at her local animal shelter and scuba diving. Delaney plans to attend UC Davis to study animal science as a Jastro Scholar and hopes to own a small animal veterinary practice one day. She thanks her family and Michele Faulkner for their love and support.















MEGAN NICOLE KING

Chino

Megan's Gold Award project, "Heaven's Haven," was inspired by her passion to speak up for those who cannot fight for themselves. Megan contacted city halls looking for a project that would involve animal justice and discovered a local horse rescue that was in need of a new horse corral.

Megan was a photo editor for her school yearbook, class vice president for two years, and an ambassador for St. Lucy's Priory High School. Megan is also on the cheer and swim teams, altar service for church, member of an international service program known as KIWIN's, and a member of American Legions. Currently, she is a psychology major at Humboldt State University. Megan hopes to own a photography business or a vet clinic. Megan thanks her friends, her parents, Gold Award advisor, and troop leader, Marina Kelleher, for being an amazing support system.



KATHERINE KINGSBURY

La Crescenta

Katherine's Gold Award project, "Verdugo Woodlands Kinder Yard Beautification," was fueled by her aspiration to become a teacher. Katherine's project consisted of re-painting and re-organizing the kindergarten toy shed to look like a barn. Katherine also re-painted and re-floored the yard's playhouse and painted the perimeter wall with a dairy cow print to match her "barn" theme.

Katherine has been a Girl Scout for 13 years. In high school, Katherine was involved with her cheer and water polo teams. Katherine plans to attend Sonoma State University this fall. Katherine thanks her mother, Jennifer Kingsbury, for always supporting her. "Love you mama!"



MADISON KNAPP

Chino Hills

Madison's Gold Award project, "Books 4 Hope," was inspired by her love and compassion for children and books. Madison knew that her project needed to make a difference for herself and others, so she created multiple libraries at City of Hope.

In addition to 11 years as a Girl Scout, Madison is a varsity swimmer and water polo player at her high school. Her swimming goals are to go to the California Interscholastic Federation and break the school record for the 400-free relay. Madison hopes to receive a scholarship through her water polo and swim career. She would like to major in nursing and become an EMT.



EMMA KOHUT

Santa Monica

Emma's Gold Award project, "Helpful, Happy, Harmonies," helped children find their voices by creating a music program for mildly autistic preschoolers who were preparing to enter kindergarten. The program allowed children to be themselves, evolve creatively, and develop behavioral skills.

A 10-year Girl Scout, Emma was involved with track, journalism, and the Spanish immersion program in high school. Emma also played violin for nine years and was in the symphony orchestra. Emma is currently attending Cornell University and participates in the service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, while working in the Slope Media TV Department and studying communication with a potential minor in film. She hopes to work in the television and entertainment industry. Emma thanks her father, sister, and troop for their support and laughter. Above all, she is grateful to her incredible leader, mentor, and mother, Jennifer.



KELSEY JORDAN KOLB

La Cañada

Kelsey's Gold Award project, "Kitten Play Pen," stemmed from her love of art and animals. Kelsey painted colorful murals at a local pet shelter, donated various toys and a cat tree, and created a kitten care pamphlet. Kelsey wants to educate future adopters about the responsibilities required to raise a kitten.

Kelsey is a 13-year Girl Scout and an award-winning gymnast. She enjoys painting and playing the piano. Kelsey is a leader on her competitive cheer team, was captain of her high school's varsity cheer squad, and is a member of the California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, and French Club. She plans to study biology in college to become a doctor or vet. She thanks her family; troop leader, Jillian Cycon; and the staff at Pet Orphans.

KATHERINE KRAPPMAN

San Gabriel

Katherine's Gold Award project, "St. Bernard's Library Renovation," was sparked by her love of reading and children. Katherine organized a book drive and raised money for books and bins for classroom libraries. In addition to a new coding system for all the books, she bought 80 new bibles for the school.

A Girl Scout for 11 years, Katherine is on the student council and is a Kairos Leader for her school. She is also a member of California Scholarship Federation, Aloha Kai, Varsity Club, and the Christian Action Movement. Katherine plays high school and club volleyball, and runs a monthly homeless meal program in Pasadena. She plans to pursue a degree in physical therapy or athletic training, and thanks her troop leaders, Mrs. Diehl and Mrs. Ditt, and her family for all of the support.

LISA KURT

Rancho Palos Verdes

Lisa's Gold Award project, "Saving Senior Stories," came from her passion for US History and hope to preserve the memories of senior citizens. Lisa interviewed 32 seniors, documented their life experiences with WWII, the Great Depression, and racism, and compiled her findings into a book.

Lisa was involved with Associated Student Body, for which she helped organize events like "Walk for Life." Lisa is co-president of Teen Court, a class that decides local juvenile court cases, and is president of the National English Honor Society. Lisa competed for speech and debate at the local and state levels, and plans to attend college in the fall, where she will study mental health, management, and Spanish. Lisa thanks her troop leader, Mrs. Van Volkom, as well as her family for their encouragement.

CHARLOTTE KWONG

Pasadena

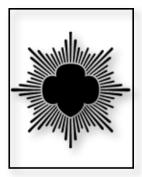
Charlotte's project, "Redesigning Health Messaging," utilizes her love of art to educate people on sensitive and important health issues. Charlotte researched effective messaging techniques and created three posters aimed at young people to promote sexual health in a positive way. These posters have been posted in Pasadena schools, used in parades, and distributed in clinics.

Charlotte is a musician and artist and is part of a rock-climbing team. She has participated in her school's science olympiad team, creative writing program, and glee club, and plans to pursue both her passions for art and health messaging in college. Charlotte thanks Matt Feaster, MPH, from the Pasadena Public Health Department, as well as the Pasadena Unified School District for being supportive and helping her with research and distribution. Charlotte also thanks her parents.















TESS LAFIA

La Cañada

For Tess's Gold Award project, "The Truth Behind Eating Disorders," Tess filmed, wrote, edited, and directed an online short film explaining facts and misconceptions about eating disorders. Tess's goal was to help people understand that if you are dealing with an eating disorder, you are not alone.

A 13-year Girl Scout, Tess is a passionate filmmaker and writer. She is a student delegate for a women's cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico; an event decorator of the Glove Affair; and is a National Charity League ticktocker. Tess is currently working on a documentary for the United Nations about education for women. She plans to attend film school and pursue her passion for writing and directing. Tess thanks her parents for helping her throughout this process and her fellow troop members for their support.



AUDREY LAI

Cerritos

For her Gold Award project, "Cyber Savvy Seniors," Audrey held technology guidance workshops at her local senior center. The goal was to make senior citizens more comfortable with electronic devices. She built a website, answered their questions, and presented topics for them to learn.

Audrey is captain of her school's junior varsity volleyball team, and is an award-winning track team member, Key Club member, city youth volunteer, and fundraiser commissioner/event planner for her class committee. Audrey plans to earn a degree in health and medicine and work with people to improve the quality of their lives. She thanks her troop leader, Sheila, for the constant support and advice, her family, and her Gold Award advisor, Cynthia, for the motivation throughout the project.



BRIA LAMOTHE

Calabasas

Bria's Gold Award project, "Wrap of Love," was inspired by her mother's work with underprivileged families. Bria partnered with Early Head Start Program at Westside Children's Center to make new baby blankets for low-income families. She also created a YouTube video on how to make these nurturing blankets and improve the quality of children's lives.

Bria made honor roll at Agoura High and excelled on the water polo and swim teams. She was a member of the Glimmer Club, which combats the exploitative representations of women in the media, and continues to be an on-going volunteer in her community. Bria is currently pursuing a degree in journalism and marketing at the University of Oregon and is continuing her philanthropic activities through her sorority. She thanks her Grandma Shirley, family, and friends, for their support.



NORA LANSING

Altadena

Nora's Gold Award project, "Dance for Life," was inspired by her love for dance. Nora held workshops and volunteered at a summer camp for underprivileged youth, teaching various styles of dance. Nora hopes her classes helped children be more confident and strive to continue to participate in the arts and physical education.

In addition to her 13-year Girl Scout career, Nora attends Westridge School for Girls. Nora is part of her school's Advanced Dance class, and a plays on the varsity soccer team. Nora is planning to attend the University of California, Santa Cruz, and major in environmental science and anthropology. Nora thanks her parents for always encouraging and supporting her passions. She also thanks Troop Leader JoLynn Pollard for her dedication.



KAYLENA LEDOUX

Burbank

Kaylena's Gold Award project, "Carrier Should You Stay or Go," centers around her service at the Burbank Animal Shelter. Kaylena noticed that the fire trucks could not get in the facility in case of an emergency due to the overcrowding and disorganization of donated items. Kaylena spent most of her summer sorting and organizing the items and installing shelves.

Kaylena is a member of the California Scholarship Federation, works to maintain her honors status, and volunteers at her high school's administrative office and library. Kaylena has consistently sold between 500 and 1,800 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies each year. She plans to attend a local state college, and thanks her family and all of her present and past troop leaders for their passion and support.

STEPHANIE LEE

San Marino

Stephanie's Gold Award project, "Read To Live Healthier Lives," benefitted the members at the APC Senior Wellness Center. Stephanie refurnished the library by enriching the collection of books, decorated the library with posters and pamphlets, and provided a book cart.

In addition to eight years of Girl Scouts, Stephanie sings in her school's chamber choir, and participates on the speech and debate team. Stephanie is also the junior varsity team captain, and has been playing piano for 10 years. Stephanie aspires to be a veterinarian because of her passionate love for animals. Stephanie thanks Mary Kitayama, advisor, and Margarita Chung, volunteer coordinator, for their motivation throughout her project. She also thanks Mrs. Mochizuki, her troop leader, and many others for their unconditional support.

MADELINE ANN LEWIS

Pasadena

Madeline's Gold Award project, "Connecting Communities," connected two communities through a pen-pal program she created. A fourth-grade class in Pasadena was paired with a fourth-grade class in Kisumu, Kenya. This program broadened the students' world views and allowed them to form relationships that could last a lifetime.

Madeline is on the swim team and is a captain of her cross-country team. Madeline is also involved in Mu Alpha Theta, California Scholarship Federation, and is president of Varsity Club, a club which supports athletics. Madeline is looking forward to attending college to pursue journalism. She thanks Mrs. Lewis for being a wonderful leader and mom. Madeline would also like to thank Mrs. Viehl for her support.

VICTORIA LOEFFLER

Calabasas

Victoria's Gold Award project, "Trail Blazing Ride On," was inspired by her love for horses and helping people with disabilities, like her sister Isabel. Victoria created an obstacle trail to help both the riders and horses.

Victoria participates in Pony Club. She also recently raised a guide dog puppy for Guide Dogs of America, teaching the dog basic obedience skills and participating in special classes for guide dogs. The dog, Pali, will go into advanced training to help the blind. Victoria plans to attend Colorado State University to pursue a degree in biology and wants to help animals through research or veterinary medicine. Victoria thanks Bonnie Higa for motivating her to do the Gold Award, as well as her family for their support and help throughout her project.















MIRANDA LOHR

South Pasadena

Miranda's Gold Award project, "Making Memories With Music," consisted of her teaching inner-city girls of Los Angeles about various musicians, how to read notes and rhythms, and how to play songs on the recorder. She hopes that by teaching girls the importance of music, they may continue to practice music on their own or join musical groups.

An 11-year Girl Scout, Miranda plays the tenor saxophone and synthesizer in the high school marching band. She is also the co-president and public relations manager of her church's youth group. She enjoys singing in her church choir and playing in the hand bell choir, too. Miranda plans to pursue pre-ministerial studies to be a pastor and social activist. She thanks Melinda, Sharon, and her dad for their help. She also thanks Denise, who helped to keep her organized and optimistic.



EMILY LOMASNEY

Chino Hills

Emily's Gold Award project, "Special Education Awards Night," addressed the issue of unequal praise of the students in the special education program in her district. The students who attended Emily's Senior Awards Night received a night dedicated to all of their accomplishments and hard work coupled with fun and handmade keepsakes.

A Girl Scout for 13 years, Emily is also a Polynesian dancer and has been involved with student leadership in a local and statewide level, serving on the California Association of Student Leaders State Board and her school's Associated Student Body. Emily will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall and major in child development to become an elementary school teacher. Emily thanks Kay Wilson and her other leader, who doubles as her mom, for all the years of support.



GABRIELLA SOFIA LOPEZ

Glendale

Gabriella's Gold Award project, "Brothers' Helpers Video," was focused on raising awareness of the homeless trying to survive on the streets of Los Angeles. She filmed, edited, and created a promotional video for Brothers' Helpers, a volunteer organization. Her video was uploaded to their website to bring awareness to this worthy organization's need for donations and volunteers.

Gabriella is a junior at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy and a 12-year Girl Scout. She is a member of National Honor Society, California Scholastic Federation, National Charity League, a yearbook sports editor, junior varsity softball co-captain, and plays varsity golf. Gabriella thanks Girl Scouts for allowing her to channel her passion for film into a project that will benefit those in need. She also thanks Roberta Peters and William Madigan, and sends a big thank-you to her parents.



KERRI LOW

San Marino

Kerri's Gold Award project, "Making It A Better Place," was about helping the homeless families at the Door of Hope. She made 20 welcome kits and refurbished the front porch area by adding donated furniture and planted flowers. Kerri hopes her project will inspire other people to help homeless families get back on their feet, so homelessness can come to an end.

In addition of being a Girl Scout for 11 years, Kerri is an athlete and has played tennis for seven years. She is also a photographer for the Mayfield Crier newspaper, a member of the Children's Hospital Los Angeles Club, and a swim team manager for her school. Kerri plans to pursue a degree in business and one day run her own business. Kerri thanks Mrs. Sung for her continuous support and encouragement, her parents for helping her along the way, and her advisor, Brandon Brown, at the Door of Hope.



NAOMI CHERISE LOW

South Pasadena

For her Gold Award project, "The Tree Of Life," Naomi beautified her church, First Chinese Baptist Church Los Angeles, by painting a 44' x 8' mural which depicts a forest filled with animals representing the six classrooms. Centered is a large tree where the names of children who make faith decisions are placed. She is grateful to give back to her church.

A junior at South Pasadena High, Naomi lettered in varsity golf for two years, is the yearbook ads manager, and is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and the Red Cross Club. She has been appointed a South Pasadena City Youth Commissioner and will travel to Myanmar this summer to support a dental team treating orphans. She wants to pursue a career in dentistry. Naomi is grateful to her family and friends, and gives special thanks to Pam Shishima.

KATHERINE LU

La Cañada

For her Gold Award project, "Healthy Body, Healthy Brain," Katherine collected about \$1,000 for various sports equipment to give to low-income children in the Lake Avenue STARS after-school tutoring program. With workshops on stretching and warm-ups, she hopes to educate children on ways to have fun when exercising your brain and body.

In addition to her 11-year Girl Scout career, Katherine is an athlete and loves to dance and play sports. She is also a member of the California Scholarship Federation, the National Honor Society, and Bible Study Fellowship. Katherine plans to attend college and continue helping others. She thanks her troop leader, Ms. Simone, and her advisor, Ms. Petti, for their encouragement. She also thanks her loving family for their support.

ELEANOR MARKI

La Cañada

For her Gold Award project, "Hahamongna Trails," Eleanor wanted to improve the outdoor areas she and so many others love. She worked with the Pasadena Department of Public Works to design, create, purchase, and install trail signs in Hahamongna Watershed Park.

Eleanor is a junior at La Cañada High School (LCHS). She runs on the varsity cross-country and track teams and is the president of the Partners in Health Club at LCHS. She is a volunteer nursery teacher at a local church and has been a Girl Scout for 11 years. There were many people involved in completing this project, the two foremost being Arroyo Seco Project Supervisor Rosa Laveaga, and Loren Pluth, the project manager for parks and landscape for the Pasadena City Government. Eleanor sends special thanks to her friend, Madeline Bonner, her troop leaders, and her family.

MEGAN MARTIS

Redondo Beach

Megan's Gold Award project, "Welcome Book and Comfort Bags for Cancer Patients," focused on bringing comfort to new cancer patients. She created a welcome book full of healthy recipes, poems she wrote, and music suggestions for new cancer patients attending the Cancer Support Community. She also collected tea, journals, and handmade blankets to put in the welcome bag.

Megan is a varsity soccer player, a member of the California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society, on the board of the Red Cross Club, a scholar athlete, on the honor roll, and volunteers in her community. She aspires to earn a degree in marine biology, and hopes to travel the world and study marine life. Megan thanks the Cancer Support Community of Redondo Beach, her friends, and family for supporting her.















ISABEL MARTOS-REPATH

La Crescenta

Isabel's Gold Award project, "So You Want To Be A Robotics Mentor: A Guide," a guide for high school students, was written to foster the development of STEM programs for elementary and middle school students. It is drawn from her experience in Girl Scout FIRST LEGO League robotics and more than 300 hours mentoring younger students in FIRST programs.

An 11-year Girl Scout, Isabel is a freshman and President's Scholar at Harvey Mudd College, majoring in engineering. She is passionate about STEM and believes she can be a catalyst for change. Isabel was honored as a 2013 FIRST Dean's List Award recipient, and plans to pursue a career in robotics, systems engineering, avionics, and aerospace. She thanks her family, Girl Scout sisters, troop leaders, Girls LEAD cohort, friends, and mentors for their amazing support and influence.



ARINEH MATOSIAN

La Cañada

Arineh's desire to help those in need inspired her Gold Award project, "Giving Aid to Fighters." For her project, she created and distributed 35 care packages and donated DVDs and video games to teens going through medical recovery to give them comfort by having items that suit their interests.

Arineh is a senior at La Cañada High School and is part of the concert choir, a senior representative of the band, and a section leader of the drum line, who were finalists in the 2014 world championships. She is a member of Dumbledore's Army and Bookworms Club, and is the vice president of the Armenian Club. Arineh plans to pursue a degree in computer engineering with plans to develop software to aid future medical advancements. She thanks her parents, her brother, Marta de Paula Cea, Ann Christensen, Shavown Cox, and her friends that supported her.



MONIQUE ELIZABETH MCANNALLY

Valencia

Monique's Gold Award project, "Organization and Beautification of Our Lady Of Perpetual Help C. Office," was created to help benefit the students and teachers of the confirmation project program at the church and the parishioners. She set up an organization system in the office and the storage room, and also set up a recycling program in the confirmation office.

In addition to her 11-year Girl Scout career, Monique is in ground school to earn her private pilot's license. She is a member of the Whiteman Airport Association, AOPA, and the SFV 99s. She is also a varsity swimmer and a member of the Drug Free Youth in Town Club. Monique plans to become a commercial pilot. She thanks her troop leaders, troop mates, Miss Christine Colvin, and her family for all of their help, support, and motivation throughout her Girl Scout career.



KATHRYNE MCDOUGAL

Sierra Madre

Kathryne's Gold Award project, "Lightening the Load," was driven by her determination to give every student the opportunity to do well in school. With the help of her troop, she made mobileaccessible versions of the sixth-grade math and science textbooks. She hopes that the rest of her troop will continue this project, until each grade's books are accessible.

Kathryne is a four-year member of her school's theater program and Fine Arts Honor Society. She will graduate with honors in performing arts. Kathryne is also the student leader of both the ballroom dance and living history clubs at Culver, and has been named a National Merit Finalist. Kathryne plans to pursue a degree in accounting. She thanks her troop leader and the entirety of Troop 12421. A special thank-you goes to her dorm sisters at Culver, who were always willing to lend a hand or give advice.



KAITLYN MCGLOIN

Pasadena

For her Gold Award project, "Edible and Sustainable Garden at St.Thomas More," Kaitlyn built a vegetable garden to teach students how to grow vegetables and eat healthier. She created a handbook for students and teachers to use with the garden.

Kaitlyn has been a Girl Scout for 10 years. She is a senior at Mayfield Senior School and a member of the California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society. She plays the guitar at her parish and in her school's instrumental conservatory, and represents her conservatory in the Students Art Council. Kaitlyn plans to pursue a degree in math. She thanks Mrs. Rodriguez, Mrs. Markley, and the troops for allowing her to work with their school for her project. She also thanks Mrs. Guzman for guidance and her mother for always encouraging her and giving her wisdom.

MIKAELA MCGOLDRICK

La Cañada

Mikaela's Gold Award project, "Para Sentirse Como en Casa," was inspired by the children she met, most of whom could not speak English, while pursuing her Silver Award at The Ronald McDonald House. Mikaela collected books, movies, and coloring books in foreign languages. She held reading events with the Spanish Honors Society at the House, and wrote a book with a younger troop.

In addition to her 13-year Girl Scout career, Mikaela is a member of her school's Spanish Honors Society and Women's Activism Club. She is also on her school's varsity basketball team and is a member of the Flintridge Prep Dance Company. Mikaela participates in various school plays and hopes to attend college and major in psychology or linguistics. Mikaela thanks her mother, Susan Marki, Roseanne Morrison, Vicky Garcia, Troop 8331, and everyone else who has supported her.

JACQUELINE JANETTA MCGREAL

San Marino

Jacqueline's Gold Award project, "Huntington Memorial Emergency Room Comfy Blankets," was inspired by her own experience of visiting the ER at a young age. With the help of Troop 1301 and Mayfield Junior School, Jacqueline delivered 50 handmade blankets to children visiting Huntington Memorial's ER to help ease their stress.

A 13-year Girl Scout, Jacqueline just completed her freshman year at Chaminade University in Honolulu where she is studying interior-environmental design. She is also on the tennis team, is a representative for the Student Athletic Association, and is very active in the student-campus ministry. Jacqueline will soon intern at an interior design firm and work on set design at Paramount Pictures. She thanks Mrs. Terri Miller, Troop 1301, Mrs. Robyn Manzini, and Mrs. Mary Monroe.

KIMBERLY MCKENNEY

Alta Loma

Kimberly's Gold Award project, "Warming the World," consisted of making 53 fleece blankets for the teenage patients at Loma Linda University Medical Center and making a "how-to" video so that anyone can learn how to make a no-sew blanket. She hopes that her project will help those who received a blanket have a sense of security and safety and encourage others to help.

Outside of Girl Scouts, Kimberly takes great pride in excelling in her academics. She is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and the National Society of High School Scholars. Kimberly plans to pursue a career in the medical field. She thanks her troop leaders, Dawn Cuskey, Tanisha Dennis, and Patty Dolan, for their endless encouragement, as well as her family, friends, and loved ones for their support.















REE LOUISE MEAD

Chino Hills

For their Gold Award project, "Chino Hills Chalk," Ree aimed to provide a means of public artistic expression for community members, since many art programs were canceled due to budget cuts. They organized a summer chalk art festival at a local park and collected enough art supplies to donate to each elementary school in the school district.

Ree is a member of their university PRIDE alliance. In high school, Ree was a choir member and student director of the advanced treble group during senior year. Ree looks forward to reigniting this interest in university choir next semester at the University of Redlands. They are designing their own emphasis as a part of the integrative Johnston Program and plans to study a combination of identities, art, and language, eventually pursuing a career as an elementary school teacher.



SOPHIE MENDELL

Santa Clarita

Sophie's Gold Award project, "Art for the Ages," was inspired by her love of art. Sophie worked with Picasso's Playmates to develop an online database for students' artwork, and created an annual art show to exhibit the creativity and development of students working there.

Sophie has been playing soccer for 12 years, is captain of her club team and plays varsity soccer at Hart where they have won back-to-back league titles. She is involved in the California Scholastic Federation and National Honor Society, is an active member of People to People International, and has a job coaching children of all ages in soccer. Sophie thanks her family, Co-Leader Stephanie Linn, Project Advisor Paula Bradley, and her mentors, Joan Bradt and Liisa Froggatt. She plans to study microbiology and immunology and play soccer at college.



SUMMER MENDELL

Santa Clarita

Summer's Gold Award project, "Student Mobile App," was inspired by her fascination with technology. She created an iOS application for iPhone users at her school, providing easy access to important school information. She hopes to inspire others to learn how to create mobile apps.

Summer has been a Girl Scout for 12 years where she has participated in many hours of community service while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She participates in tennis and varsity track, and is a member of the National Honor Society and the California Scholastic Federation. Summer will attend the University of California, Santa Barbara to pursue a degree in English. She thanks her mom and troop leader Carolynne Mendell; co-leader, Stephanie Linn; mentor, Joan Bradt; and advisor, Greg Borish. She also thanks her friends, family, and sponsors.



JIHANA SAMAYA MENDU

Rolling Hills

Jihana found inspiration for her Gold Award project, "Happy Smile, Happy Heart" when she accompanied a group of doctors on a mission to Arequipa, Peru. Jihana taught good oral hygiene and preventative care, and provided dental care packages for the kids.

Jihana is an avid volunteer with National Charity League, a board member of California Scholarship Federation, and a member of the Principal's Advisory Committee. She is also an editor of her school's magazine, *The Point*. A dancer of 13 years and a proud member of Palos Verdes High School's Associated Student Body, Jihana hopes to become a doctor and continue to help people. She thanks Mrs. Jenness for her counsel, Ms. Boddicker for her help and support, and friends and family for their encouragement, motivation, and support.



LEONORA M. MEROTH

Rancho Palos Verdes

With a scarcity of minorities and women in engineering, Leonora hoped to encourage elementary students of these backgrounds to pursue careers in science- or engineering-related fields through her Gold Award project, "STEMFriends." She created a two-week summer workshop covering reallife STEM topics with hands-on experiments.

Leonora is an active participant in her school's theater productions and STE[A]M programs, working with her PVIT team on new space technology for the future. She is also a member of National Honor Society, National English and Science Honors Society, and Thespian Society. Leonora plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering and become an Imagineer for Disney. She thanks Debora Southwell, Annemarie Wargin, and her family for supporting her endeavors.

SHALETHA MITCHELL

La Crescenta

For Shaletha's Gold Award project, "Falcon Choir Handbooks," she combined her love of music and singing by making 130 handbooks for her high school's choirs. She was inspired by her dedicated teacher and wanted to help with the distribution of the music syllabus.

Shaletha has been in choir throughout high school. Her 12 years as a Girl Scout has been enriching, challenging and motivating. She illustrates that people with special needs can exceed expectations and overcome life's challenges. A choir trip to Italy has motivated her to keep learning about singing and join Glendale College Choir in the fall. Shaletha thanks Marylu Issaevitch, Louise Mitchell, her friends, and her family for helping her achieve her Gold Award. She also thanks her choir teacher and advisor, Mr. Mack; aunt; uncle; grandmother; and mother.

TALEEN MITCHELL

South Pasadena

Taleen's "Seniors and Pets" Gold Award project combined her volunteer work with seniors and her pet-sitting business for animals with special needs. She coordinated booths for health fairs at a senior center, and created blogs, brochures, and displays to educate seniors on caring for pets.

Taleen is a competitive volleyball player for her high school and club teams. She is captain of her current volleyball team, plays the cello, and enjoys being active in her Science Olympiad and Skills USA clubs. She also keeps busy with her pet-sitting business and donates 25% to charity. Taleen plans to attend college, and while she is still figuring out what her major will be, she is interested in math, engineering, and technology. She thanks Akila Gibbs, Mrs. Kwong, the Pasadena Humane Society, and her fellow Girl Scouts for their support and encouragement.

MIRAI MIURA

Santa Monica

Mirai's Gold Award project "Spread the Word" was inspired by her school experience in Japan where she noticed that many of the students had a hard time pronouncing proper English. She researched and called many different organizations to create beginner English packets.

Mirai is part of her high school's orchestra and has been playing violin since she was nine years old. She is a member of the Associated Student Body, a leadership program that organizes most of the school activities, as well as the Japanese National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars. Mirai plans to attend college and major in environmental engineering to become a laboratory researcher. Mirai thanks Mr. Oyama, Mrs. Tom, Mrs. Setoguchi, and her family.















RACHEL MOCHIZUKI

San Marino

Rachel's love of working with young children led her to build an outdoor art class environment for pre-kindergarten children at the Institute for the Redesign of Learning for her Gold Award project "Art 'n Kids." The children at this center—who may be underserved, at-risk, or have learning disabilities—can now enjoy art.

Rachel sings with the choir at her high school and was part of the Southern California Vocal Association and All-State Honor Choirs. Rachel is also active in National Charity League, the cocaptain of the junior varsity girls' basketball team, and member of the California Scholarship Federation. She plans to pursue a degree in childhood development. Rachel thanks her mother, friends, and family.



CAROLINE DOROTHY MOE

La Cañada

Caroline's passion for music inspired her Gold Award project, "Music Comes to Moor Field." She collected donated instruments, constructed a rolling music cabinet, and designed a program for preschoolers with hearing impairment, learning and developmental disabilities, and autism.

Caroline is senior class president, a four-year member and president of Vocal Conservatory, a member of student council, a varsity track member, and a Girl Scout camp counselor. She traveled twice to Italy with an arts immersion program, is a group home tutor, and president for Habitat for Humanity. Caroline will attend Skidmore College for psychology and music, and plans to work in the juvenile detention system. Caroline thanks her parents, family, and friends for their support. She also thanks her Girl Scout leader of 12 years, Carin Schiller, and Kim Valentine.



JULIA FRANCESCA MORREALE

La Cañada

"Project Audio Books" was inspired by Julia's love of doing voice-overs. She boosted the audio library of the Braille Institute by recording books requested by the patrons. She also created and presented an informational PowerPoint presentation on the proper etiquette of how to guide a visually impaired person around.

Julia is an AP student, chair of the Creative Writing Conservatory on her school arts council, founder and president of the Animation Club, member of the Classic Film Club and Book Club, tutor, lector at her church, and Girl Scout camp counselor. Julia plans to major in psychology in college, but her dream job is to be a voice actor. Julia thanks Gina Morreale, Carin Schiller, Cristina Chavez, and her family and friends for their support throughout the Gold Award process, especially Julie Daniels.



KYLIE MURDOCK

Palos Verdes Estates

"Empowering Youth Against Violence in America" addressed the problem of violence against youth. Kylie organized and taught two four-week self-defense summer camps at the Boys & Girls Club of San Pedro and organized self-defense classes for girls heading to college.

Kylie was named a Girl Scout Emerging Leader in 2012. She is on her high school's dance team and recently choreographed a dance for their annual show. Kylie is on her school's board of Science National Honor Society, and hopes to pursue a degree in biochemistry. She plans to continue her passion for service by becoming a pediatric surgeon and work in Africa with Doctors Without Borders. She thanks Mrs. Taulli, Ms. Marconet, and her mother.



BRIDGET LEIGH MURPHY

Saugus

For "History of the Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center," Bridget scanned an entire library of newspaper articles, documents and photographs so they could be stored digitally by year for easy access. She also framed and hung awards in the hallway of the senior center.

Bridget has earned her Girl Scout Silver Award and attended Tech Trek at Whittier College and received an academic excellence award in social studies as a freshman. She is a member of the National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, Key Club, track and field and is a member of the US Figure Skating Club. Bridget thanks her mom and dad for their love and encouragement, Julie Hill, Jeri Okamoto, and Marin Trunkey. She also thanks Robin Clough at the senior center for giving her this incredible opportunity.

AYANNA NOELLE NEAL

Culver City

For her Gold Award project, "Saving the LAX Dunes," Ayanna restored the LAX Coastal Dunes habitat by removing non-native plants. She coordinated three days where 65 volunteers collected 130+ bags of non-native plants. In addition, she obtained event sponsors, generated publicity via social media, and established a Community Advisory Board to continue restoration efforts.

An eight-year Girl Scout, Ayanna has earned the Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards. She currently serves as a student ambassador, participates in various leadership committees, and sings in the choir. Ayanna received the ABC7 "Cool Kids" award for her work in the community. She plans to pursue a career in music or psychology. Ayanna thanks her parents and troop leader for their support, and Ms. Peggy Nguyen and the friends of the LAX Dunes volunteers for their commitment.

TAYLOR NELSON

Valencia

"HOPE for Children, One Pencil at a Time" was inspired by Taylor's love of education and the plight of underfunded schools in impoverished countries. She distributed 5,600 school supplies and created 225 educational kits for Hope Medium School in India, which included handmade curriculum, personal whiteboards, and pencils.

Taylor has enjoyed Girl Scouts for 11 years and is a member of the National Honor Society and the California Scholarship Federation. She is a six-year participant in Associated Student Body and a member of Santa Clarita Assisteens; runs cross-country and track; and holds many academic valor awards. Taylor plans to pursue a career in forensic science or education. She thanks Mrs. Day, her mother, and Kathleen Kahovec for their support. She also appreciates all of the generous donations.

LAUREN NEUMANN

Sunland

"Giddy Up and Go!" was inspired by Lauren's life-long love of horses. She hosted a horse camp for underprivileged youth in the San Fernando Valley teaching horsemanship, horseback riding, and life skills. She hopes that the children will use these skills to seek out new opportunities in their communities.

Lauren is an international baccalaureate student at Granada Hills Charter High School, and has earned high honor roll for her academic achievement. She trains with her horse on a daily basis and participates in competitions across California. Lauren plans to pursue an animal sciences degree and become a large-animal veterinarian. Lauren thanks her family and Troop Leader Mrs. Zadravecz for supporting her throughout her many years as a Girl Scout.















DREW ELISABETH NICHOLS

La Cañada

For "Hear the Silence," Drew reached out to PACER.org/bully and created a PSA with a perspective of bullying from a mother, victim, and bully. She created a podcast and distributed pamphlets to local organizations, and taught an anti-bullying class to young children.

Drew is a student at La Cañada High School and an active member of the concert choir and varsity water polo team. This winter, Drew participated in community service for Focus North America (Youth Equipped to Serve) and worked with the Fred Jordan Mission to provide services on Skid Row to many people without homes. Drew plans to attend Cal Arts School of Design in 2016 to study animation as well as film and video production. She thanks Julie Hertzog; her parents, Karen and Mike Nichols; the Child Educational Center; her leader, Sharlene Kayne; and the Baxter family.



ALLISON O'CONNOR

Diamond Bar

"Hope for the Homeless" was inspired by Allison's desire to help the homeless in her community. She sold baked goods, held a clothing drive with live music, and partnered with Right Now Counts to hold a BBQ for the homeless community in LA.

Allison is a musician and sings in her school's advanced choir. She also leads worship music for her church's youth and adult ministries. She has been a member of the California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society for the past two years, and a Girl Scout for 10 years. Allison plans to pursue a music education degree, and become a worship leader and choir director. Allison thanks her troop leaders for their support; her friends and family for their encouragement; and her project advisor, Mrs. Johnson, for her help and mentorship.



RACHEL A. ODA

Rolling Hills Estates

For her Gold Award project, "We All Dance," Rachel created a curriculum on special needs dance education that includes self-created and edited video. It improves motor and cognition skills through muscle memory and was implemented in a nine-week workshop with special needs youth.

An eight-year Girl Scout and Bronze and Silver Awardee, Rachel is also National Charity League Class President, Associated Student Body Secretary, and a member of Science and History National Honors societies. She is also a three-year California Scholarship Federation member; Most Valuable Member on her school's mock trial team, which placed second in LA County; and a varsity dance soloist. In college, she plans to study law. She thanks her family, Mrs. Cascione, Liz Cantine, and GSGLA.



DIANA NICOLE O'TOOLE

La Cañada

Diana's Gold Award project, "Operation Gratitude," was inspired by her brother Brian, a Naval aviator. She worked with Operation Gratitude, collected 110 letters, made 300 survival bracelets, raised funds, and purchased care package supplies. She hopes her work will inspire people to give back to the military.

A 12-year Girl Scout and Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Award recipient, Diana is also a volunteer at Huntington Memorial Hospital, and a member of the cross-country team, swim team, Academic Decathlon, French Club, Christian Action Movement, National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, Mu Alpha Theta, and is senior class vice president. Diana plans to attend UCLA's College of Nursing. She thanks her family and friends, St. Bede community, Carin Schiller, Robert Donovan, everyone at Operation Gratitude, and all the brave men and women in uniform.



HANNAH OTT

Rancho Cucamonga

For Hannah's Gold Award project, "Rising Stars Get Recognized," she created a website and volunteered hours at Rising Stars of Equestrian Therapy. Prior to the website, the organization could only be contacted through the city website and Facebook page. By increasing it's visibility, she hopes that the disabled community can easily access necessary equine therapy.

A 13-year Girl Scout and Bronze and Silver Award recipient, Hannah represented Girl Scouts in the 2015 Tournament of Roses Parade. Hannah received honor roll in school and a biology internship under the tutelage of scientists at CalTech for the summer of 2015. Hannah will attend University of California, Riverside to study pre-med and become a medical examiner. She wants to enter the criminal justice field.

PAIGE PALLEVA

Cerritos

Paige's Gold Award project, "Giving Gratitude," brought awareness to the needs of servicemen/ women stationed overseas. She taught community members how to make Paracord survival bracelets, sent uplifting letters to our troops, and held collection drives for requested items which were then donated to Operation Gratitude for care packages.

A 10-year Girl Scout and Bronze and Silver Award recipient, Paige is also a member of the Cerritos High School Dance Drill Team, varsity track team, and an intern at Nordstrom. Paige will attend Chapman University on the Chancellor Scholarship and major in business with an emphasis in marketing. She plans to pursue a career in the business side of the fashion industry. She thanks her family, friends, troop, and leader for their support with the Gold Award and her other endeavors.

NICOLE BRITTANEY PANG

Pasadena

Nicole's Gold Award project, "The Fosters (Bags of Life)," was fueled by her passion for dance and intrigue regarding the of neglect of foster care children. Nicole collected items to donate to underprivileged foster kids and created a dance outreach club at her school to teach them along with others the joys of dance, in hopes to spread awareness.

A four-year Girl Scout and Silver Award recipient, Nicole is also a board member and dancer in her school's senior dance company; a member of the varsity cheerleading team, California Scholastic Federation, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta; a student mentor; and school ambassador. Nicole plans to pursue degrees in the sciences and medical field with the goal of helping others. She thanks her mom and Troop Leader Monica Virgen for their support.

FLORENCIA PARK

Rolling Hills Estates

Florencia's Gold Award project, "Preventing Abuse Through Self-Defense Classes," was created after Florencia realized that a lack of self-defense education can result in abuse and bullying. She taught self-defense classes to elementary and middle school students at Richstone Family Center, an abuse prevention facility, in hopes the children would become mindful and confident.

A 10-year Girl Scout, Bronze and Silver Award awardee, and Taekwondo practitioner, Florencia also received a Gold Presidential Service Award in Education from Book Buddies where she reads books to foreign students weekly. She was president of several clubs like Amnesty International, Book Buddies, and Junior Statesman of America. Florencia plans to pursue a degree in education. She thanks her family and friends who have supported her dreams.















KAITLYN PASTORIZA-PLUKAS

Santa Monica

As a local Santa Monican, Kaitlyn has always had an invested interest in the ocean and its sustainabilty. For her Gold Award project, "Marine Protected Area Puppet Theatre and Show," she designed and wrote a puppet show for the local aquarium to educate children about the importance of marine protected areas, the national forests of the sea.

In addition to her nine years of Girl Scouting, Kaitlyn is a member of her school's top choral ensemble and recently toured Europe, singing in cathedrals like the Notre Dame. She has also been on her school's volleyball team for four years and has participated in many local theater shows. Kaitlyn plans to pursue a degree in literature or writing. She thanks the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium staff for their continued support, and her parents for their helpfulness and uplifting humor.



MIRANDA A. PATINO

Downey

Miranda's Gold Award project, "Creating the Next Generation of Women Golfers," was inspired by her passion for golf and benefits to youths. She hosted six lessons and tested their skills. Her goal was to inspire these girls interest in golf and increase women's representation in golf.

An 11-year Girl Scout and Bronze and Silver Award recipient, Miranda has been on the honor roll four years and takes Honors/AP courses, while playing on her high school golf team. She's an altar server and member of National Honor Society, Catholic Scholarship Foundation, and Latina Golfers Association. Miranda will attend Loyola Marymount University where she received the Jesuit Community Scholarship Award. She plans to pursue graphic design and advertising and work for Disney. She thanks her family, Azucena, Pico Golf Course, and Southern California Golf Association.



FRANCESCA PAVIA

Los Angeles

Francesca's Gold Award project, "Happy Bat Habitats," was sparked by her appreciation of nature and wildlife. She educated her community about the bat population in Los Angeles through a booth at the local Farmers' Market and website. She hopes her work will encourage people to cherish the bat population and help them flourish in an urban environment.

A 13-year Girl Scout and Bronze Award recipient, Francesca also plays violin in her high school orchestra and more exclusive chamber trio. She is captain of the varsity cross-country team and plays on a lacrosse club team. She volunteers in weekly youth classes at Saint Augustine's By the Sea Episcopal Church. In college Francesca will pursue human biology and attend medical school and become a surgeon. Francesca thanks her troop leader, Helen Hand, and her family.



KATHERINE A. PEREZ

Arcadia

Katherine's Gold Award project, "Everyone Plays!," was inspired by her referee volunteer work for AYSO. She created and implemented an event that taught the rules of the game to parents in order to strengthen family involvement with knowledgeable sideline support. She also utilized this event to showcase the referee role and increase volunteer involvement.

A 10-year Girl Scout (with two years in robotics) and Bronze and Silver Award recipient, Katherine is also on Arcadia High School's varsity track and field team. She is a VolunTeen for the City of Arcadia, member of Key Club, and vice president of the Gender Equity Club. Katherine looks forward to her senior year in high school. She plans to go to college and is not sure what she will major in, but is excited at the prospect of figuring it out, and expanding her horizons along the way.



MONICA PEREZ

Arcadia

Monica's Gold Award project, "Gaming For The Gold," was inspired by her love of working with children. She donated over 60 board games for a charity that houses and educates at-risk youth, in addition to providing a storage facility and monetary donation. She also spent time teaching them how to play the games.

A 12-year Girl Scout and Silver Award recipient, Monica loves theater and has been in many productions. She is an advertising manager of her school's newspaper, member of the California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, and her school's comedy improv team. Monica will attend college in the fall for journalism. She thanks Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Eustace. She also thanks her parents and dedicates her award to the late Ana Uyemura, who was so dedicated to Girl Scouts.

WHITNEY PIEPER

Rolling Hills

Whitney's Gold Award project, "Celebrate Character," educated elementary school children about the importance of character traits through painting a mural that incorporated these meaningful traits. She also created and taught 10 lesson plans that help children to think about how they can incorporate these virtues into their everyday personal interactions.

An 11-year Girl Scout and Bronze and Silver Award recipient, Whitney has earned the President's Volunteer Service Award for five consecutive years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and plays competitive basketball. She's been acknowledged as All-Area, All-Conference, and All-CIF team member. Whitney hopes to pursue a career in television and film production. She thanks Terry Jenness for her inspiring dedication, positive spirit, and everlasting support.

JESSICA PIERCE

Diamond Bar

Jessica worked with the House of Ruth to help educate teens about domestic violence through their community outreach program for her Gold Award project, "House of Ruth Teen Public Service Announcements." Since most cases of domestic violence occur before the age of 23, Jessica chose to do two PSAs focusing on providing guidance to teens on where they can get help.

In addition to her 10-year Girl Scout career, Jessica has played soccer and volleyball at the club and school level. She was recently awarded All League First Team, Team Captain, and Best Offensive Player. She has been on the honor roll for two years and participates in many clubs. Jessica will attend Beloit College to pursue her dream of playing college volleyball while earning a degree in computer science. She is thankful to her mom and family for always supporting her.

TABATHA PIÑA

Pasadena

For Tabatha's Gold Award project, "Bringing Order to the Chaos," she organized the shared science materials across all of the teachers' rooms and created a system to allow teachers to keep track of the locations of materials and monitor supply levels.

During her 11-year Girl Scout experience, Tabatha has accomplished many things. She has been recognized for math achievements, helped start and participate in clubs, competed on her school's swim team, marched in the 2015 Tournament Troop, and participated in robotics. Tabatha plans to attend college and become a mechanical engineer. Tabatha thanks Mrs. Stotlar for her dedication. She also thanks her troop and Mrs. Tomason for her help and encouragement.















GWYNN POLLARD

Altadena

For her Gold Award project, "DVD Patient Entertainment Program," Gwynn worked with a local hospital to create and supply a DVD library, complete with 300 DVDs and several portable DVD players, for patients to use during their stay. This project was close to Gwynn because the hospital is where her mother volunteered as a teen and where her grandmother currently works.

Gwynn is a senior at Harvard-Westlake, where she is the varsity fencing captain, leading her team to win the SoCal Scholastic Championship for the third year. She is also an editor of her school's award-winning yearbook and a leader in a student support club. Gwynn plans to pursue a political science degree to work in international relations and public policy. She thanks her grandparents, Mary Grim, and her mother/troop leader for her support throughout her 14 years Girl Scouts.



MACKAY POLLARD

Altadena

MacKay's Gold Award project, "Bravery Bags," was inspired by Kathy Dukes, cancer survivor and mentor throughout the process. MacKay created 201 care packages for patients undergoing cancer treatment at the Northridge Hospital Cancer Center. She hopes these bags help the patients feel more comfortable during their tough process and remind them that they are not alone.

A 13-year Girl Scout, MacKay is an avid musician, participating in Westridge School's Glee Club and independent study of the bass guitar. She is a member of her school's soccer team and a hardworking employee at the Altadena Town and Country Club's "Kids' Klub." MacKay thanks her mother and troop leader, JoLynn Pollard, for her dedication. She also thanks her grandmother and Jill Dickson for their motivation; and Kathy Dukes, a true inspiration and mentor.



KIRSTEN POLZIN

Shadow Hills

Kirsten's Gold Award project, "Aloha Kai," was sparked by her love of the ocean. She created a club focused on ocean preservation and completed badges with younger Girl Scouts. She hopes that her work will inspire future generations to conserve this important resource.

Kirsten is a member of the water polo team, dance company, California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, her school's campus ministry leadership team, and is a volunteer at the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission. She is also the co-president of Aloha Kai. Kirsten plans to pursue a doctorate in veterinary medicine and become a veterinarian. Kirsten dedicates her project to her troop leader, Mrs. Fitzgerald, who lost her battle to cancer. She thanks her family and Gold Award mentor for their help and motivation.



KUNIKA POULSEN

Palos Verdes Estates

Kunika's Gold Award project, "Self Defense for Girls and Women," addressed the problem of violence against women. More than 25% of women experience domestic or campus violence in their lifetime. Kunika has created free self-defense workshops for girls that inculcate situational awareness and life skills to avoid and defend against violence, rape, and drugs.

In addition to her 11-year Girl Scout career, Kunika has earned her black belt in karate and placed in several national tournaments. She is a certified lifeguard, cross-country runner, and an enthusiastic tap dancer. She is on the Palos Verdes High School Model United Nations Board and is a member of the National Honor Society. Kunika plans to pursue degrees in mathematics and business. She foresees an active outdoor lifestyle with many pet dogs in her future. She thanks her family, Mrs. Taulli, and Sensei Dave Johnson for their support and for being wonderful role models.



MICHAELA MARIE PUCCINELLI

San Gabriel

Michaela's Gold Award project, "Literary Resources for Inner-City Students," addressed the issue of the lack of reading resources for children with learning challenges. The children and parents at Dolores Mission School in Boyle Heights benefitted by having learning aids, created by Michaela, available for them to use at home.

Michaela is a senior at Mayfield Senior School and has been a Girl Scout for 12 years. She is involved in her school's vocal conservatory, which provides many opportunities like performing at the Vatican and touring the California coast. Michaela also volunteers at a YMCA camp. She will attend Villanova University's School of Business in the fall. Michaela thanks Troop 121, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Basso, and her family. Michaela especially thanks her mom for never giving up on her.

KRYSTEN RACS

Los Angeles

Krysten's Gold Award project, "Food for Life," developed from her interest in cooking. Her project combined ways to share the love of simple cooking while encouraging healthy eating habits. Working with the Altadena Congregations Together Serving Food Pantry and church youth, she assembled and distributed Friendship Soup Jars and recipes to Food Pantry patrons.

Krysten began her 12-year Girl Scout career as a Daisy. She attends Eagle Rock High School and serves as vice president of the junior class student council. She is a member of the We Save Grant Writing Club that pursues funding for campus environmental projects. Krysten also swims competitively and holds several high school swim team records. Krysten plans to pursue a degree in business. She thanks her family and mentors for their encouragement and confidence in her.

MEGHAN MICHIKO RAMOS

Chino Hills

Meghan's Gold Award project, "Kits for Katrina," involved Meghan collecting and making hygiene kits to distribute to the many homeless people in New Orleans, still distraught from the hurricane. While she was there, she helped rebuild one of the victim's homes. She hopes to return soon and continue to build relationships in the community.

Meghan was a trumpet player in the band for four years and was a part of the color guard for three years. She is also a member of the Spanish Club, California Scholarship Federation, and the Ayala Girls Varsity Basketball team, league champions. She hopes to get a basketball scholarship and earn a degree to become an optometrist with her own practice. Meghan thanks her irreplaceable troop leader and Gold Award advisor, Mrs. Debbie, for guiding her; and her family for supporting her.

PAIGE ANNELIESE REALMUTO

Pasadena

Paige created her Gold Award project, "The Literary Club," for teenage girls at the Hillsides residential facility in Pasadena. She provided a stress-free environment for the girls to discuss books, write in their journals, and do fun activities. She also arranged for an author to speak to the girls. She hopes she inspired them to keep reading.

Paige is a senior at La Cañada High School and has been a Girl Scout for 13 years. She is an avid participant in theater and choir and has been in the same book club since second grade. Paige will attend Pasadena City College next year as a student in the film and radio production program. She thanks her troop leaders for their support, and Laura Kelso and Sherri Ginsberg at Hillsides, her family and friends, and, most importantly, the amazing girls in the Literary Club.















NAOMI REELEY

Hacienda Heights

Naomi's Gold Award project, "The Life Project," is deeply rooted in her love for and involvement with the organization Donate Life. She used her project to educate her community about organ and tissue donation with the goal of diffusing the stigmas attached to donation. Through various events and a club Naomi set up, her work will continue to educate high school students.

Naomi began Girl Scouts as a Daisy and has earned the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. She is in the color guard and band, is the founder and president of the Donate Life Club, president of the California Scholarship Federation, and advocacy outreach commissioner for Girl Up. Naomi plans to pursue a degree in political science. She dreams of a career on Capitol Hill and later becoming an elementary school teacher. Naomi thanks her parents, sisters, friends, and boyfriend for their help.



HANNAH RENER

Palos Verdes

Hannah's Gold Award project, "A Promise to Pediatrics," was created out of her love for children. She partnered with Torrance Memorial to bring technology to life in the pediatric wing. She realized that many children who are hospitalized would benefit from having something interactive to do so she raised the funds to purchase iPads and outfitted them with photos and videos she took.

Hannah has been a Girl Scout since first grade and is also a Ticktocker in the Peninsula Chapter of National Charity League. For the past three years, Hannah has been awarded the President's Award for volunteering. She has played soccer for more than 10 years, is on the high school sailing team, and is a member of National Honor Society. Hannah plans to attend college and make a difference. She thanks Gina Sievert, Meriam Wilhelm, her mom, her dad, and her little sister Emmy.



ASHLEY RICE

Temple City

Ashley's Gold Award project, "Senior Citizen Prom," was inspired by her love and passion for helping others. She planned, decorated, and hosted a prom for the residents at Leven Oaks Retirement Center. She hopes the prom helped the residents get exercise and have fun at the same time.

In addition to her 12-year Girl Scout career, Ashley is an actress and has participated in more than 12 musicals as well as being on the Comedy Sportz team. She is also on the soccer team, swim team, and loves to surf. She is a member of the National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, and the International Thespian Society. Ashley plans to attend college and pursue a career in publishing. She aspires to become a book publisher or a magazine editor and a fiction author. Ashley thanks her family and Ms. Denice for always supporting her in every endeavor.



RILEY RICHMAN

Los Angeles

Riley's Gold Award project, "Rolling Into Fitness," stemmed from her commitment to fitness and healthy eating. She created a week-long day camp for girls ages 11-15 with daily cooking, recipes, and education. She taught fun exercises that can be managed with everyday items, culminating in a trip to the LA Derby Doll Factory to learn and enjoy the basics of roller skating.

Riley has enjoyed her 11-year Girl Scout career, particularly the development of leadership skills. She served in student government at her high school, and for the past six years, Riley has been passionate about roller derby, currently serving as captain of the LA Jr. Aftershockers. Riley plans to pursue a degree in anthropology, ultimately doing field work studying cultures globally. She extends a heartfelt thank-you to her leader, for always being there; her advisor, for her unwavering support; and she is grateful for her family's belief in her.



CATHERINE GRACE RICKERT

La Cañada

"The Door of Hope Sewing Skills Development" was created to teach the residents of Door of Hope how to sew. The 23 participants in her classes had fun while they developed helpful life skills, learned possible job skills, and experienced a boost to self-esteem.

Catherine Grace is a varsity tennis team player at La Cañada High School. After school, she works at Paper Rabbit. In October 2014, she competed and won on "Project Runway: Threads," a teen version of the popular A&E Network reality show. She plans to attend college for fashion design with an emphasis on fashion journalism and business management. Catherine Grace thanks her super troop leaders, Priscilla Musso and Beth Shenfeld for their many years of inspiring, fun leadership.

ISABELLA RIOS

Pasadena

Isabella's Gold Award project, "Creating a Library for the Family Center at Union Station," was inspired by her love of literature and her concern for homelessness. She reorganized and refurbished the Union Station Homeless Center's library for families and developed literacy programs and a categorization system to make literature appealing for residents of the shelter.

Isabella has participated in student council as junior class secretary and Associated Student Body treasurer. As an aspiring lawyer, she participated in the Mock Trial Competition. She also played varsity soccer and is a St. Michael's Book Award recipient for her academic success and service to the community. Isabella plans to earn degrees in political science and history, and become a human rights lawyer. She thanks her mother; her family; and Gold Award advisors, Ms. Sisley and Ms. Pollia.

ANGIE RITTER

Rancho Palos Verdes

Angie's Gold Award project, "Growing Healthy Foods Garden and Presentation," provided underprivileged youth with outdoor science and nutrition education. She refurbished a fourth- and fifth-grade garden to provide students with hands-on experience of growing their own vegetables, and taught them nutritional benefits and garden maintenance.

A 14-year Girl Scout, Angie has volunteered at Palos Verdes Art Center Summer Camp and has enjoyed being a child care provider at Equinox. Angie's passion for the trumpet has extended from youth orchestras to her church. She plans to be an entrepreneur and earn a degree, applying her minor in psychology to her business profession. Angie hopes to study in Europe to experience how other cultures approach business. She thanks her family, Dr. Appell, Ms. Manabat, and Ms. Young.

CARA ROBERTS

San Marino

Cara's Gold Award project, "VBS Coordinator/Training Development," was driven by her love for the children in her community. She worked with SMCC to improve their Vacation Bible School (VBS) program by creating a new check in/out system, training the VBS volunteers, and providing suggestions.

Accompanying her many years of Girl Scouting, Cara has enjoyed playing the piano for nine years, completing the Level 9 Certificate of Merit Exam. Cara has also been a part of the cross-country and track programs at SMHS for her entire high school career. Cara aspires to continue helping people and is considering a career in engineering because of her strong interest in both math and science. Cara thanks her troop leaders and Rev. Becca Bateman for their unwavering support.















JENNY AMANDA ROMEY

Temple City

Jenny's Gold Award project, "Growing Strong," was sparked by her love of helping others. She partnered with WINGS Domestic Violence Shelter to help victims of domestic violence and to educate others about it.

In addition to her 12-year Girl Scout career, Jenny is a varsity water polo player, president of Temple City High's Girls Learn International, officer in her school's show choir and avid member of both her church's youth group and choir. Along with her activities she is part of the California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society. Jenny plans to attend Lycoming College and pursue a degree in archaeology in the fall. Jenny thanks her mother and troop leader Deanna Romey for the last 12 years of her hard work along with troop leaders Terry Garcia and Roberta Marriott.



KIMBERLY ROWGHANI

Rolling Hills Estates

For her Gold Award project, Kimberly created a club for the practical education of teen girls when she noticed that many teens lacked necessary skills needed to be successful in the adult world. She created the YWCA Teen Alignment Club in order to connect girls from her school with those in the Harbor area in learning skills such as cooking, budgeting, and self-defense.

Kimberly is involved in her school as a member of National Honor Society and board member of the California Scholarship Federation. She also loves horseback riding, painting, dancing, cooking, baking, and reading. Kimberly plans to major in biological chemistry or neuroscience with a possible minor in sociology in order to become a doctor. She thanks her amazing troop leaders for providing her with so many memorable and wonderful experiences throughout the years.



SIMONE ROZEN

South Pasadena

For her Gold Award project, "Helping the Clinic with One Click," Simone created and updated the social media for Rose City Center, an organization that provides low-fee psychoanalytic psychotherapy. She created more awareness for the organization to benefit Rose City Center itself, as well as those that are now aware of its presence and can now get help.

A Girl Scout for 12 years, Simone is a senior at South Pasadena High School, a member of Senior Activities Commencement Crew, part of the California Scholarship Federation, and recipient of the Spotlight on Excellence award at her school for her 4.0 GPA. Simone will attend college in the fall to earn a business degree. She thanks her troop leaders, Sherry Hodge and Lisa Gleeson, her family, and everyone at Rose City Center for helping her with her project.



AIYANNA SANDERS

Los Angeles

Aiyanna's Gold Award project, "Sisters in Touch With Books," was sparked by her love for reading. She held a book drive collecting more than 800 books, created a library, and donated it to a shelter. She also volunteers at the shelter tutoring the kids.

Aiyanna is heavily involved in her church, where she has been youth president for four years. She is a member of the yearbook committee at school and a member of the Black Student Union. Aiyanna is on an all-star cheerleading team, which has won several national titles, and she was awarded Most Inspirational. Aiyanna plans to major in political science and attend law school to become a criminal justice defense attorney. Aiyanna thanks her troop mates for all of their support and brainstorming for her project. She also thanks her mom for her kind words of encouragement.



HANNAH ROSE SANDERS

South Pasadena

Hannah's Gold Award project, "Project Information Display System," started from her love of children. She raised \$800 at a yard sale and used the money to buy art supplies for the Early Learning Center. She photographed the steps to craft projects so that the non-English speaking children could have a visual representation of how the crafts were supposed to be done.

As well as being a Girl Scout for 13 years, Hannah has participated in Youth & Government for three years, been a photographer for her school's yearbook, ran on the junior varsity cross-country team, volunteers with her church, and is a volunteer leader for a Christian outreach organization called Wyldlife. Hannah plans to study journalism and work at a magazine or newspaper. Hannah thanks her troop leaders, Vanora Savig, her mom Heidi, and Project Advisor MJ Miller for motivating her.

KAITLYN SANDVIK

Chino Hills

Kaitlyn's Gold Award project was inspired by her love for kids. She worked with Clothed In Dignity to create activities children could participate in at an outreach for an underserved community. She provided the children with school supplies.

In addition to 11 years as a Girl Scout, Kaitlyn has participated in the Ayala Band and color guard for two years and has helped lead the ensemble to a ranking of first in the state and 12th in the nation. Her academic achievements include being recognized as one of the top ten students in her high school class. Kaitlyn plans to pursue a career in science or medicine. She hopes to incorporate her love for working with children into her career and possibly go into teaching. Kaitlyn thanks her family, her troop leader, and her Gold Award advisor for motivating her to do her best.

ANI RITA SARKISSIAN

Glendale

Ani's Gold Award project, "Express Yourself," was centered on her love for art and teaching. She created art workshops to encourage creativity and taught first- through sixth-graders at the Child Education Center (CEC). With activities such as tie-dye butterflies and face masks, the kids got to express themselves. Ani also created a booklet for CEC with her crafts so others can benefit.

Ani is the president of the Bookworms and a member of California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and National Forensics League. At LCHS, she is on School Site Council, runs for the cross-country and track teams, and is involved in the choir program. She has been a counselor at the La Cañada Girl Scout summer camp and is excited to study engineering in college. Ani thanks her parents, sister, troop leaders, project advisors, and friends for their support.

KATHERINE CLAIRE SCHILLER

La Cañada

Katherine's passion for the outdoors and her hiking and backpacking experience inspired her Gold Award project, "Soyez Assure." She rebuilt broken and graffitied picnic tables on a trail in the foothills. Her vision was to make the rest-stop as beautiful as the view. Kate hopes her work will inspire others to Leave No Trace.

Katherine serves as the Associated Student Body First Vice President, co-president of the Habitat for Humanity club, an admissions ambassador, and a Kairos retreat leader. She spent a summer in an immersion program in France. Katherine plans to pursue a history degree and become a teacher. She thanks her parents, project advisors, and friends and family who supported her, especially: Claudia Ferguson, Christopher McKim, Caroline Moe, Annie Pontrelli, and John and Cathy Schwartz.















MEGAN SCHULZE

Agoura Hills

Inspired by her love for working with children, Megan conducted children's workshops at the Ventura County Rescue Mission for her Gold Award project, "Backpacking for School." The workshops focused on bullying and self-esteem while providing a fun atmosphere. Megan also collected and distributed more than 150 backpacks of school supplies to every child at the mission.

Megan sings in Agoura High's Mixed Choir and Madrigals as well as the Los Robles Children's Choir. Selected from more than 3,000 singers, Megan traveled to Utah as a member of the ACDA National Honor Choir. Megan is also involved in the children's ministries at her church and is a competitive equestrian. In college Megan hopes to study vocal performance and music education. She thanks her family, her Troop 477-6 Girl Scout leaders and sisters, and Project Advisor Suzanne West.



ALYSSA SCHWANTNER

South Pasadena

Alyssa's Gold Award project, "Bags for the Fams," was powered by her love of sewing. After teaching three basic sewing classes to young Girl Scouts, she donated their 50 sewn bags, filled with toiletries, to the Pediatric Unit of Huntington Hospital. This way the families of children who are immediately admitted can focus their minds on their child and not buying toiletries.

Included in her 12-year Girl Scout career, Alyssa represents GSGLA as a council delegate and Emerging Leader. She also represents her school on the Future Business Leaders of America section team as the leadership associate, is on South Pasadena High's soccer team, and is a member of one of the virtual business companies. Alyssa plans to pursue a degree in elementary education or business management. She thanks her troop leaders, family, and Gold Award advisor.



COURTNEY SUSAN SCOTT

Lakewood

Courtney passionately believes that music education improves a child's success in school. She developed and led free music/performance camps in both Hawaiian Gardens and Compton for her Gold Award project, "City of Hawaiian Gardens." Participants gained confidence, improved listening skills, developed friendships, and received school supplies to help ensure future academic success.

A 13-year Girl Scout, Courtney is the drama club president, director, and lead in the school play. She is also a member of California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and an AP Scholar with Distinction, and a Sunday school teacher, math tutor, and City of Cerritos volunteer. Courtney plans to attend UCLA or UCSD for math with an emphasis in secondary education. She thanks her parents, grandparents, and sister, and gives a shout-out to her campers.



AUDREY M. SEE

Long Beach

Audrey's Gold Award project, "Crafty Kids Club for Miller Children's Hospital," was inspired by her love of crafts, sewing, and wanting to help children in her community. She started a craft club at Miller Children's Hospital in Long Beach. She developed 13 different crafts and prepared over 350 craft kits for patients to utilize at the hospital. The club is now a permanent program.

Audrey is an honor student at Long Beach Polytechnic High School with a GPA of 4.25. She is also first chair saxophonist in her school's symphonic band, and is a member of the varsity tennis team, which won the district championship this year. Audrey works at the YMCA, teaching young children, including those with learning disabilities, to swim. Audrey will major in business at California State University, Long Beach in the fall. She thanks her family and her project advisor, Maria Melendres.



SHUCHI SEHGAL

La Cañada

Shuchi's passion for medicine and community service urged her to make a difference that she could spread in the community and abroad. For her Gold Award project, Shuchi established the MDJunior club, held blood drives, and participated in medical outreach trips to Honduras. She hopes to continue to kindle love for selfless service and medicine in others.

In addition to her seven-year Girl Scout career, Shuchi is a varsity water polo player and swimmer. She is the editor of the Life section for the Polytechnic High School newspaper, a research assistant at Keck School of Medicine, and part of the Science Olympiad team. Shuchi plans to pursue a degree in biology and attend medical school to be a surgeon. Shuchi thanks her current and middle school troop leaders for helping her to fall in love with service in the community.

EMILY SETLOCK

Whittier

Emily's Gold Award project, "Crocheting For Communities Club," came out of her love for the art of crochet. Emily began Crocheting For Communities Club at her high school to teach her peers how to crochet as well as the importance of giving back to their communities. She hopes that her club will inspire more teens to take advantage of leadership opportunities.

In addition to her 13-year Girl Scout experience, Emily enjoys various volunteering opportunities such as working as a teacher at her church or as a helper for Cats In Need. Emily is also a proud member of the La Habra High Chamber Choir and loves to study music. She is also a part of the Marketing and Business Academy and Future Farmers of America. The greatest lesson that Emily has learned from Girl Scouting is never give up—it can be done.

SHIRALI RIYA SHAH

Pasadena

Shirali's Gold Award project, "Don't Blame Your Brain," shed light on the issue of mental health for teens through her love of the performing arts. She put together a production highlighting the struggles of common disorders and different treatments. Shirali hopes to inspire teens to get help, so they no longer suffer in silence.

In addition to Girl Scouts, Shirali plays soccer, studies classical Indian dance, practices the guitar, and takes acting classes. She is also co-captain of her badminton team and vice president of Supporting Poly Advocating Real Kindness. Shirali plans earn an engineering degree, and hopes to help people by creating necessary and efficient tools. Shirali thanks Troop Leader Leilani Wilmore for inspiring her to continue with Girl Scouts, as well as her family for their support.

BAILEY LAUREN SHAW

Oak Park

Bailey's Gold Award project, "PepperBu," was triggered by her desire for everyone to be able to write a good essay for college. She paired Pepperdine students who were training to be writing tutors with Malibu High School students who lacked the financial and academic resources to help them prepare college application essays.

In addition to her 12-year Girl Scout career, Bailey has been playing volleyball since age nine including club volleyball, beach volleyball, and for her high school team. She has played on the boys varsity golf team, is in the Future Meds Club, and is active in her church. Bailey hopes to go to Pepperdine University and get a pre-medicine degree to become a surgical nurse. Bailey thanks Sue Wegleitner and Theresa Flynn for their support and encouragement.















NATALIE SIROIS

Pasadena

Natalie's Gold Award project, "Operation Fido and Friends," stemmed from her passion for animals and art. Through her involvement with San Gabriel Valley Humane Society, she donated supplies, painted a mural, and renovated their office, making the shelter a welcoming and inviting place. She hopes her work will encourage people to assist non-profit animal shelters.

In addition to being a Girl Scout for 13 years, Natalie is part of student government and the varsity tennis team, and participates in many community service organizations. Natalie is also active in the art and theater department, and plans to pursue a business degree. She also hopes study abroad in Spain to further develop her second language, Spanish. Natalie thanks Mrs. Rios for her assistance, as well as her parents, family, and friends who helped her with the success of her project.



NATALIE LYNN SLATER

Santa Clarita

Natalie's Gold Award project, "Natalie's Carnival," created in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, benefitted the Special Olympics and the 999 for Kids Foundation. Natalie designed, built, and painted nine carnival games, which will be used by the sheriff's department during their annual charitable events.

Natalie is a sophomore at Saugus High School and is a member of the Blue Krew and several other clubs. Natalie has only missed one day of school between kindergarten and tenth grade. Natalie thanks her family for their love, support, and motivation. She also thanks Troop Leader Julie Hill for her guidance and support, as well as everyone who helped with her project—especially Sergeant Gerri McCorkle of the sheriff's department and Mr. Mark Williams.



CAROLINE SMITH

La Cañada

Caroline's Gold Award project, "Got Your Back," was inspired by her struggles with scoliosis, a condition involving the abnormal lateral curvature of the spine. She created and publicized an online informational resource and support forum for other teens dealing with scoliosis.

Besides her work with Girl Scouts and the YMCA, Caroline is co-president of her school's outdoor adventure club. She also produces short films, writes for an entertainment news website, and has been a video-editing intern. A member of the California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society, Caroline received scholarships from Chapman University and the La Cañada Thursday Club Foundation. She will attend Chapman's Dodge College of Film and Media Arts to pursue writing and directing, and thanks her parents, siblings, friends, Sharon Perlstein, and Lisa Collins.



HANNAH SMITH

San Pedro

Hannah's Gold Award project, "Sew Hopeful," comes from her love for sewing. She taught her friends basic sewing skills and how to make quilts. Twenty-four quilts were made and donated to House of Hope for women in recovery from drugs and alcohol for their Christmas party.

Hannah is on her school's newspaper and enjoys sailing tall ships and small boats. Her years in Girl Scouting and love for sailing earned her a trip to sail tall ships in Norway this summer. Hannah hopes to attend the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising to major in costume design. She thanks her mother and troop leader, Mrs. Smith, for her love and support; her other troop leader, Mrs. Coccia, for her participation and use of her garage; and her friends for their help and participation in the project.



AMBER SUK

La Cañada

For her Gold Award project, "First Aid, First Lesson," Amber provided 100 first-aid kits, 124 bottles of ibuprofen, and a week of summer school to Cambodian students of Teaching and Sharing Skills Enriching Lives, a nonprofit organization that provides free English education to children in Cambodia. Amber hopes to continue providing the opportunity to receive an education.

Amber is a junior at La Cañada High School. She is the founder and president of TASSEL and MELODY Club, debate captain of the speech and debate team, and member of the National Charity League. Amber plans to become a radiologist and increase awareness for global health and education. Amber thanks her mother, Michelle Kim; her troop leader, Diana Bromley; her project advisor, Samantha Kim; the founder of TASSEL, Joji Tatsugi; and her family and friends.

JASMINE SUN

Rowland Heights

Jasmine's Gold Award project, "Spending Love Through Art," was inspired by her passion for art. She organized a holiday-themed arts and crafts workshop for elementary school kids. She hopes that her workshop will help motivate students to have fun by creating art, rather than watching television or playing video games all day.

To add to her 12-year Girl Scout career, Jasmine is vice president of her senior class. She is also an active member in Key Club, Chinese Club, and the California Scholarship Federation. Jasmine plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona in the fall. In the future, she hopes to become a designer and work in the fashion industry. Jasmine thanks her family for their support. Also, she thanks Gold Award Advisor Howard Kuo and all her volunteers for helping her throughout her project.

JOCELYN SUN

Rowland Heights

Jocelyn's Gold Award project, "Water Conservation," was inspired by the severe drought in California. She held two seminars in two different languages to educate people about the drought and how to conserve water. She hopes her work will inspire people to start conserving water at home to work toward ending the drought.

In addition to her 12-year Girl Scout career, Jocelyn is senior class secretary of the Associated Student Body. She is also a member of Key Club, Best Buddies, and the Buddha's Light International Association: Young Adult Division of Los Angeles. Jocelyn plans to pursue a business degree, then attend the Culinary Institute of America, become a pastry chef, and open her own bakery. Jocelyn thanks her family and friends for their unending support.

ANNA SURMAN

San Marino

girl scouts

Anna's Gold Award project, "Science for Girls," was sparked by her passion for science and her desire to pass along this love to middle school girls who are often at risk of losing interest in the subject. Anna used her extensive media experience to create a video encouraging girls to stick with science.

Anna currently attends Columbia University where she is one of seven students to be honored as a Science Research Scholar. This summer, she will work in a scientific lab at Columbia. Anna plans to major in biology and film. Anna thanks her troop leaders, Mrs. Sheila Doan and Mrs. Cynthia Scannell, for their support. Most of all, Anna is grateful to Mrs. Robyn Manzini for keeping her on track.











LAUREN AURORA TAN

Pasadena

Lauren wanted to make a difference with her Gold Award project, "The Journey for Empowering Women." She collected clothes and purchased comfort items for the women at the East LA Women's Center, which serves battered women. She hopes the items help them feel better so that they can have productive lives.

Aside from Girl Scouting, Lauren is involved in the California Scholarship Federation and Pi Alpha Chi. She is especially passionate about the Got Books? club, where she tutors children at the library and is the club's president. Lauren plans to pursue a degree in medicine to become a speech therapist for those with autism or who have been in a car accident and are trying to regain their speech. Lauren thanks her family and Troop Leaders Mrs. Virgen and Mrs. Marich.



LILA ROSE TATUM

Manhattan Beach

Through her Gold Award project, "Helping Homeless Cats," Lila raised over \$1,000 selling ice cream which enabled her to furnish a vacant room earmarked for homeless carts at an animal shelter. She also created an informative brochure about the plight of homeless cats.

In addition to her 12-year Girl Scout career, Lila is a four-year Sandpiper Junior, serving this year as Community Service Records Vice President. She has earned several awards in art, participated in the Junior Lifeguard program for eight years, and is active in sports, including skiing, soccer, track, softball, and surfing. Lila will attend USC to obtain a communications degree. Combining her artistic talents and social skills, she would like to improve sports advertising's appeal to women. Lila thanks her troop leaders, Kristy Isaak and her mom, for all their guidance and support.



CRISTINA TAYLOR

Palos Verdes Estates

Cristina's Gold Award project, "Music Therapy," was based off of the practice of music therapy. She assembled groups of young musicians to visit local convalescent homes on a monthly basis and perform for the residents. She was extremely happy to be able to offer music, comfort, and company to those who listened to her performances.

In addition to being a Girl Scout for 12 years, Cristina is an award-winning cellist, soccer player, and editor-in-chief of Palos Verdes Peninsula High School's literary magazine. Next year, Cristina plans to attend Brown University. She thanks her troop leaders, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Amiridis, and Mrs. Parks, as well as the Del Amo Gardens Center for offering support throughout her project.



KALELA TAYLOR

West Covina

Kalela's Gold Award project, "Reading Corner," brought bookcases, bean bag chairs, stuffed animals, and books for a kindergarten class at Mesquite Trails Elementary School. She collected over 300 pre-K– second grade reading books and sorted them into bins by reading- and grade-level. The reading corner created a lending library for students.

A Girl Scout since first grade, Kalela is a founding member of GSGLA's color guard and led the Girl Scout float in the 2012 Tournament of Roses Parade. Having overcome many obstacles and with the support of her friends in Troop 78394, Kalela has earned the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and now the Gold Award. Kalela will continue coaching the color guard team and pursue other opportunities with Girl Scouts. She wants to be a preschool teacher. She thanks her grandmother, mother, Project Advisor Jennifer Butler, and all the members of Troop 78394 for their support.



MEGAN TCHENG

Sierra Madre

Megan's Gold Award project, "Boxing Up' a New Kind of Science Education," was fueled by her love of science and education. She created four science labs (24 kits total) for an afterschool program in the LA Unified School District. The program, P.S. Science, directs its efforts toward underprivileged students in need of a safe place to spend their afterschool hours.

Outside her role as a Girl Scout, Megan is an avid baker, filmmaker, and writer. She enjoys spending her free time making chocolate chip cookies or compiling footage for her newest film project. Megan is also involved in *The Paw Print*, her school newspaper, student council, and various other extracurriculars. She plans to pursue a neuroscience degree, and hopes to continue exposing herself to new experiences and unforeseen adventures through travels around the world.

PHILIPPA THOMAS

Pacific Palisades

Pippa's Gold Award project, "Skin Cancer Awareness," combined her interests in computers, children, and the outdoors. She created a program to educate teachers and children on the dangers of the sun and developed a website and curriculum that can be used in any school.

In addition to her seven-year Girl Scout career, Pippa plays competitive soccer, volunteers with her mother, and interns at the Santa Monica YWCA, running and coding their website. Pippa is also captain of the mock trial team, commissioner of athletics for Associated Student Body, and a computer science tutor. Pippa is deciding between a career in medicine or cognitive science with an emphasis on computer science, and wants to minor in artificial intelligence. Pippa plans to help fix societal problems through hard work and C++.

SARAH TOMASON

Temple City

Sarah's Gold Award project, "Spreading the Love," focused on helping a pregnancy help center, where she created an inspirational booklet of quotes and informational folders based on its classes. She brought pamphlets to her high school to share with her counselors and posted volunteer opportunities in the college and career center.

Sarah has been on her school volleyball team for three years. She is secretary of her Associated Student Body and will be the assemblies commissioner. She is also the activities director of Society of Friends, a club integrating special education students; volunteers at Methodist Hospital; and is active in her church. She hopes to become a pharmacist. Sarah thanks her family for their support; Mrs. Chavez; and, most of all, her mom/troop leader, who always motivated her.

STELANIE TRIPODIS

South Pasadena

Stelanie designed a vegetable garden at The Children's Ranch Foundation for her Gold Award project, "Watch them Grow." She created garden task manuals and planted vegetables for the ranch animals to eat. Her goal was to show kids of all abilities that growing a garden is not only good for the environment and their bodies, but also therapeutic and fun.

Stelanie is the secretary of Art Reach; the sports editor of her school's yearbook; and a team leader of her school's TEDx event. She is also a member of the YMCA Youth and Government program and the urban sustainability club. She plans to attend college and pursue her career goals while learning and helping others. Stelanie thanks Gold Award Mentor Jackie Sloan for her guidance and Troop Leader Margaret Finnegan for supporting her in everything she does.















BRIGIT ANNEMARIE VALERI

Rancho Palos Verdes

Brigit's Gold Award project, "We The Invisible," taught elementary and middle-school aged children about bullying, including different types of bullying, how to know when you are being bullied, and how to deal with it. Her project stressed the common misconceptions of bullying, and the importance of understanding today's forms of bullying.

Brigit is finishing her senior year at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, where she has been a member of the chamber choir and drama club for four years. Brigit is a passionate writer and participant in theater productions. She plans to attend the University of New Mexico for speech pathology, and hopes to spend her time writing and finally getting some of her books published. Brigit thanks Troop Leader Mrs. Van Volkom, her family, and Gold Award Advisor Ms. William.



EMILY VAN VOLKOM

Rancho Palos Verdes

Emily's Gold Award project, "Sound and Light Extravaganza," was inspired by her involvement in theater. In her high school's theater, she built structures to house technical equipment and also completed several improvement projects.

In Emily's 12 years as a Girl Scout, she has earned her Girl Scout Silver and Bronze Awards. She credits her Girl Scouting experience for her mastery of a bell hanger drill bit. Emily is also a senior at Palos Verdes Peninsula High. Emily is involved in technical theater; robotics; and Mock Trial, where she wrote an award-winning article. Emily will be attending college next year. Emily thanks her mother and troop leader, Mrs. Nadine Van Volkom, for improving Emily with unyielding dedication throughout her entire life.



KIMBERLY VAVREK

Redondo Beach

Kimberly's Gold Award project, "Life Math-Financial Literacy," addressed the financial literacy of students. She hoped to teach and inspire students to be financially prepared for their futures. Kimberly prepared a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation to teach high school students about the finances of owning or leasing a car.

In addition to her 10-year Girl Scout career, Kimberly is on Redondo Union High School's (RUHS) golf team, in which she has participated for four years. Kimberly received an academic letter for consistently achieving a high grade point average and is on the honor roll. Kimberly also pet sits for three families. Kimberly plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in nutrition, earn a master's degree, and become a licensed dietitian. Kimberly thanks Mrs. Absher and Mrs. Rodriguez.



RENEE VENTURA

Manhattan Beach

For her Gold Award project, "Recess Peacemakers," Renee created conflict resolution curriculum that she taught to third, fourth, and fifth graders in RAP, the afterschool program at Lawndale's Lucille J. Smith Elementary School. Students learned valuable conflict resolution techniques to become "peacemakers" who help other students solve conflicts appropriately.

An 11-year Girl Scout in Troop 4045, Renee is a junior at Mira Costa High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society and California Scholarship Federation. She has received Outstanding Scholar Awards in Spanish and math, plays varsity water polo, and is a scholar athlete. Renee plans to attend a university and hopes to become a speech therapist. Renee thanks Mary Bartlett, Cathy Walter, Rosa Isiah, Daren Pennix, and Dennis Howard for all their support. Also, she thanks her family for all of their love and guidance.



AMY KEENEY VIEHL

Altadena

For Amy's Gold Award project, "TLC for Teen Moms," she worked in the Pregnant and Parenting Teens (PPT) Program at Pasadena-based Learning Works, organizing a party for teens and their babies and donating over 4,000 diapers. Amy hopes that her work will raise awareness for PPT, encouraging others to support this cause.

Amy has participated in National Charity League for seven years. She has been on the varsity swim team and junior varsity tennis and volleyball teams at Mayfield Senior School, where she is also a member of the prom committee, Delivering Hope Service Club, Advising Council, and California Scholarship Federation. She is excited to attend college. Amy thanks Mrs. Grimm, Mayfield Senior School, Sherry Oliver, and Carole Lewis and Allison Viehl—her Girl Scout leaders for 11 years.

ANALARA ESTELLA VINCI

Pasadena

AnaLara was inspired to do her Gold Award project, "Hathaway-Sycamores: the Mural Project/Art Classes," by her love of the arts. She painted two murals and made booklets of free and inexpensive art classes in the Pasadena area for the Hathaway-Sycamores Transitional Facility. She hopes that her project will inspire many young people to thrive in the arts and believe in themselves.

A Girl Scout for 12 years, AnaLara is also the dance team liaison at her school and a member of the drama group and campus ministry program. She takes art classes at a local community center and works at a children's birthday party center. AnaLara plans to attend college and has an interest in science, history, and the arts. She believes that she can create artwork that will benefit the world. AnaLara thanks her troop leader and the directors of Hathaway-Sycamores for all their help.

LUISA SOPHIA VIRGEN

San Gabriel

For her Gold Award project, "Yes 2 the Dress," Luisa hosted a prom boutique to benefit girls of Oscar de La Hoya High School who struggle with the costs of prom. She collected over 200 gently used gowns along with shoes and accessories in her local community. Remaining items were donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

As a Girl Scout for ten years, Luisa has also participated in cross-country, and varsity soccer and track. She is the sports news reporter for her school's morning news, secretary of Fashion Club, and is active in student council and National Honor Society. Luisa plans to pursue a communications degree. She thanks Troop 225, family, friends, and community for their support—especially her mom, for pushing her to do her best, and Project Advisor Veronica Toledo, for her constant support.

TENAYAH VOLDEN

Lakewood

For Tenayah's Gold Award project, "The Buzzzz About Bullying," she developed a yearly curriculum for sixth graders at her former elementary school, providing bystanders of bullying with intervention tools. She created a brochure and an interactive workshop, through which she led students.

A Girl Scout for 12 years, Tenayah has also played school and club volleyball, and was team captain during her freshman year at Mayfair High. She has a passion for soccer, playing club in high school and college. She also participated in student leadership and many other groups. Tenayah currently attends Fullerton City College and plans to transfer to San Francisco Art Institute, where she hopes to play soccer. She is creating her own clothing and accessory line. Tenayah thanks her mom and troop leader and her dad for their support, and also Sarah and her siblings for their love.















ALICE ANN WALKER-DUPLER

Palos Verdes Estates

Alice's Gold Award project, "Real Women, Real Jobs," was sparked by a passion for improving young girls' lives. She held career fairs to inspire and motivate young women to complete high school, enter university, and become successful and professional women. Alice also created a website www.realwomenrealjobs.com to help young women find a career.

In addition to her nine-year Girl Scout career, Alice is a varsity cheerleader at Palos Verdes High School. She has dedicated hundreds of community service hours through Girl Scouts, Cotillion, Assembly, and the Boys & Girls Clubs, St. John Fisher parish, and a local women's shelter. Alice plans to pursue a business degree and run her own company. She thanks her family for their belief in her and appreciates the support of Project Advisor Susan Maniscalco and Troop Leader Sandra White.



KRISTEN DANIELLE WALL

San Marino

Kristen's Gold Award project, "Sand 'n' Tan," was influenced by her love of young children. She worked with Good Shepherd Shelter to maintain a safe environment for children at the shelter. She provided them with new pool furniture and a new sand box cover to keep the sand clean.

Kristen has been a Girl Scout for 12 years, where she learned the importance of communication and earned her Silver and Bronze awards. She has also been a member of her school's Advanced Theater Tech Conservatory for four years, which has led to many music, dance, and theater performances, and educational presentations. Kristen will attend college next year, where she plans to explore the many options available. She thanks her parents for their support, Troop Leader Mrs. Rios for providing a wonderful Girl Scout experience, and Sister Anne for letting her do her project.



ERICA WEI

San Marino

Erica's Gold Award project, "Inspired then Inspire," was sparked by her participation in Los Angeles Children's Chorus, where she grew her passion for music, choral singing, and working with children. For seven months, Erica taught a weekly choir class to fourth and fifth graders at Pasadena-based Cleveland Elementary. She hopes her class will inspire kids to pursue their passions fearlessly.

Alongside her eight-year Girl Scout career, Erica is a member of National Charity League. At Westridge School for Girls, Erica has been a member of student government as the student life representative and in varsity basketball and lacrosse. She will attend college, ready to explore the world's diverse perspectives. Erica thanks Mrs. Manning for her amazing support and extends a heartfelt thank-you to her parents, who have supported and loved her through everything.



BRYANNA WERTZ

Covina

BryAnna's Gold Award project, "Gathering Around a Campfire," was sparked by her love of animals and children. She worked with a therapeutic equestrian center that uses horses to provide children's therapy. She revamped their outdoor learning center to help provide a safe environment for everyone to learn, and hopes her project will show the benefits of this therapy.

Alongside her 12 years in Girl Scouts, BryAnna is the captain of her school's color guard team; participates on the track and field team; promotes school spirit on the Captain's Council; and is head of programs of the Assisteens of Covina Valley's board. BryAnna plans to pursue a biology degree with an emphasis in animal sciences. She hopes to become a wildlife conservationist. BryAnna thanks Troop Leaders Martha Garcia and DeAnna Wertz, her parents for always supporting her, and her grandpa for helping her each step of the way.



ELIZABETH MARIE WHAN

Pasadena

Elizabeth's Gold Award project, "The World Through Their Eyes," stemmed from her passion for photography. She taught photography classes at Hillsides, coordinating a program to inspire girls to express their creativity. She hopes her program will help girls pursue their dreams and grow their confidence and self-esteem.

A 12-year Girl Scout, Elizabeth is an honor roll student, recognized in the California Scholarship Federation and National Honor Society. Elizabeth is also the captain of her school's track and field team and manages and plays on the basketball team. Outside of school, she plays ice hockey. Elizabeth plans to pursue a sports management degree, aspiring to work in the National Hockey League or with the US Olympic Committee. Elizabeth thanks her parents and Mrs. Tomason.

RAVEN SOLEIL WILBUR

Claremont

With a passion for the ocean, Raven created a school club called "Ocean Lovers' Society" for her Gold Award project. Organizing beach clean-ups, a recycling program, and fundraising, her club assisted nonprofits to save our seas. She hopes her impact will reach the youth community.

An 11-year Girl Scout, Raven is her school's junior class president, a seven-year Associated Student Body participant, prom coordinator, varsity soccer captain and club soccer player, and an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate. She was also an Avon Walk for Breast Cancer youth crew member. Raven plans to pursue a degree in biochemistry and become a research scientist or nurse practitioner. Raven thanks Diana Hutzell and Erin Fowler for helping her achieve her Girl Scout Gold Award. She also thanks her beautiful family and friends for always believing in her.

HANNAH WILLIAMS

Studio City

Hannah's Gold Award project, "Pack a Snack," was sparked by her passion for working with atrisk children. She collected and provided snacks for at-risk youth at Vista Middle School. When delivering snacks, she inspired the kids through a presentation on healthy eating. Meanwhile, her sustainable donation jar provides funds for more snacks.

Hannah is a jazz pianist who will attend Berklee College of Music in the fall. She performs principal roles in ballet productions at her school, Campbell Hall, and she played for the varsity basketball team. She plans on earning numerous Grammys, joining the WNBA, and continuing her work with Children Mending Hearts. Hannah thanks Deb, Allison Martin, and Dana Romick for inspiring her to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award, and thanks Lysa Heslov for her time and help.

JOCELYN LEAH WILLIAMS

Ontario

Jocelyn's Gold Award project, "Intro to Outdoor Skills," began with a desire to encourage the love of the outdoors that she learned as a Girl Scout. She created and taught a beginning outdoor skills class to eight- to 11-year-old homeschoolers who had not been exposed to these skills.

Jocelyn loves the arts—especially drawing. She won first place in a local art show and now sells art cards. She has performed in multiple plays at Chino Community Children's Theatre. She has also been studying opera for almost three years and has performed arias for two talent shows. Jocelyn plans to support herself doing art, drawing, painting, set design for theatres, concept design for stories or video games. She is grateful for the support of her family and friends, particularly Dinah Williams, JoAnn Michelsen, and Carol Cunningham.















LAUREN WILMORE

Pasadena

Lauren created "School House Pop," a fun math and English curriculum for third- through fifthgrade students. She wrote academic lyrics to 10 well-known pop songs; recorded them into an album; and designed a student booklet, teaching guide, and YouTube channel. She taught the songs to local elementary school students and Girl Scouts.

In addition to being a song leader and choreographer for the San Marino Twilight Camp, Lauren maintains a 4.0 GPA and is a musical theater performer and soloist with the Pasadena Civic Ballet. She is a pianist, composer, and accompanist for her church choir, and also speaks French and Mandarin. Lauren plans to pursue an international degree that would combine her love of languages and education. She thanks Jackie Castillo and her mom/troop leader, Leilani Wilmore.



ALEXANDRA WINSCHEL

Pasadena

Alexandra loves to work with children, which prompted her to help the young girls at Five Acres for her Gold Award project, "Manners and More." She organized two speakers, one on hygiene and one on manners, for an assembly for the 20 girls. She hopes her work with Five Acres will instill a sense of confidence in the girls and continue to inspire others as they enter their teenage years.

In addition to being a Girl Scout for 11 years, Alexandra plays basketball for Mayfield Senior's varsity team and is in the inaugural year of Film and Digital Media Conservatory. She is a member in both the National Honor Society and the California Scholarship Federation. Alexandra is also an ambassador for Mayfield and is in campus ministry. Alexandra plans to attend college and pursue a digital media career. She thanks Mrs. Diehl, Mrs. Krappman, Mrs. Ditt, her family, and Susan Lowe.



EMBER WITTEN

Rosamond

Ember's Gold Award project was inspired by her love of books. She formed Jr. Friends of the Library Group and a book club to give her town a new source of entertainment and increase literary scores at school. She hopes her book club will keep teenagers from getting into trouble and increase their knowledge of English, improving their futures.

A 13-year Girl Scout, Ember was an editor and the vice president of her high school yearbook club; took several AP and honor classes; and participated in choir, drama, and science club. Her flag team won the Bronze and were the first to attend the championship. She also represented her school in a community speech contest. Ember plans to pursue a career in the film industry. She thanks the Wanda Kirk Friends of the Library, Michelle Carey, and her troop leaders for their support.



ALLISON WOJCIECHOWSKI

La Cañada

Allison's Gold Award project, "Allie's Toy Story," was influenced by her love of helping children learn. After teaching 100 children locally about poverty, she created 150 backpacks filled with school supplies. She delivered the backpacks to a school in the Dominican Republic where she played games, did crafts, and gave back to these beautiful underprivileged children.

Allison has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and an equestrian for 15 years. She has competed on her school equestrian team for six years and has held the leadership positions of treasurer, secretary, and captain. Allison also competed on her high school freshman/sophomore and junior varsity softball teams. Allison plans to major in business at the University of Oregon. She thanks her troop leader/mom and co-leader for helping her through Girl Scouts and life, helping make her the person she is today. She also thanks her family, friends, and Debbie Rudman for helping with her project.



BONNIE GRACE WONG

Monterey Park

TwentyOneShatteredMirrors.org was created to spread awareness about prevalent issues that plague society today including depression, self harm, eating disorders, and substance abuse. With the belief that "you are more than just a statistic," Bonnie created this site to tell the real-life accounts of the survivors who have overcome major obstacles.

Bonnie is the features editor of the school newspaper, editorial intern at Fiesta Publications, and news correspondent for the *West San Gabriel Valley Journal*. She is also the incoming president of her school's Christian Youth Fellowship, an *IDEA Magazine* board member, and a winner of So. Cal. Journalism Education Association's critical review. Bonnie plans to major in communication and write novels. She thanks God for His blessings, and also thanks her parents, brother, and Troop 1521.

KRIYA WONG

Rancho Palos Verdes

Kriya's Gold Award project, "Reading with Saints," was created based on her involvement with her church and her love for writing. She created two anthologies of Catholic saints' biographies, a collection of bible stories and audio tapes, a narrated video, an activity book, and a prayer guide. She hopes her work will inspire younger generations to find their faith as she has.

A 12-year Girl Scout, Kriya is captain of the cross-country team, undersecretary general of Model United Nations, and vice president of the women's chamber choir. She has participated in science research and her school's literary magazine, and is a National English Honors Society member. Kriya plans to pursue a technical degree in engineering with a focus in sustainable energy but would ultimately like to be an IP attorney. She thanks her parents, brother, Mrs. Van Volkom and Mrs. Liu.

MACKENZIE A. WONG

Arcadia

For her Gold Award project, "STEMming Future Growth," Mackenzie implemented a STEM workshop to encourage girls, who are currently underrepresented in science-related careers, to pursue them. She created lesson plans, led experiments, trained staff, and developed a curriculum guide to enable staff and volunteers to conduct the experiments and continue influencing girls.

Mackenzie is the Gender Equity Movement Club Activity Commissioner, a Green Team member, and varsity swim team captain, leading her team to win the 2015 Pacific League Championships. Mackenzie plans to attend University of California, San Diego to earn a degree in environmental science and find solutions to problems. She thanks her troop for making the past 12 years memorable and Teresa Watanabe, Mr. Lovrensky, and mum for their advice and pervasive positivity.

HELEN WOOD

Upland

Helen's Gold Award project, "Lifeline's Landscape," was initiated when a local women's and children's center was in need of re-landscaping their new facility. Helen put a team together and designed a dry rock bed landscape to accommodate California's drought issues. Having a drip system for drought-resistant plants made for easy maintenance for the workers.

A 14-year Girl Scout, Helen has been active in sports, theater, singing, and dance. She has been recognized by Senator Bob Dutton and Assemblymen Bill Emmerson for her leadership and community service and served as Miss Upland and grand marshal of the Christmas parade. Helen finished her first year at Liberty University and competes as a black belt on the Taekwondo team. She is majoring in zoology, minoring in chemistry, and working toward her MVD, specializing in being an exotic mammal veterinarian. She thanks her parents and her Eagle Scout twin brother.















MARNEY WOOD

Pasadena

Marney started an afterschool science club at the Pasadena Boys & Girls Club for children in grades K-5 for her Gold Award project, "Afterschool Science Club." Because there is very little science taught to early elementary school students, she wanted to introduce students to science in a fun and hands-on way, and inspire them to pursue it further.

Marney is the assistant editor on her school newspaper, does Science Olympiad, plays soccer, is in the Conscientious Activism and Young Democrats clubs at school, and is a frequent participant in plays and musicals. Marney thanks Vivian Kwong for inviting her to join Troop 881 when she was a new fourth grader at Westridge. She also thanks Ms. Chabot for her advice, JD Lovrensky for his help at the Boys & Girls Club, and her parents for their love and support.



AUDREY WU

San Marino

Audrey's Gold Award project, "Fun in the Garden," was inspired by her enjoyment of working with kids and gardens. She created a healthy edible garden at Mother's Club, and taught the kids how to maintain the garden and create healthy snacks. She hopes that her garden will continue to educate the kids about the importance of maintaining a healthy diet.

As well as being a Girl Scout for 11 years, Audrey has been a part of her high school's varsity tennis team for three years. She is also part of National Charity League and volunteers at Huntington Hospital. Audrey plans to pursue a degree in architecture or urban design. She thanks her troop leader, Leilani Wilmore, for her support; Sarah Hilbert for her motivation; Robyn Manzini for her advice; and her parents.



MICAELA WU

Temple City

Micaela's Gold Award project, "Transforming A Resource Center to Transform Lives," was inspired by a boy she met while volunteering at a Family Promise homeless shelter. She wanted to improve the conditions of it's run-down resource center to encourage the homeless families benefitting from it. She hopes that through her service, these families will be motivated to rebuild their lives.

Micaela has been a Girl Scout for three years, plays the viola in her school's symphony orchestra, is a music mentor, volunteers at the infant toddler ministries at her church, and is a member of many clubs. She plans to pursue a degree in nutrition, become a dietitian or researcher, and own a non-GMO and environmentally responsible farm. She thanks her mother and her project advisor for their hard work and support throughout her ambitious and at times, stressful, project.



CORIE YAGUCHI

La Crescenta

Corie found inspiration for her Gold Award project, "Sense-ational Kids," in her sister who has special needs. She worked with the Glendale Adventist Play to Learn Center to create therapy tents and balance beams to help children cope with Sensory Integration Disorder, something that many special need kids struggle with. These tents help prepare them for the real world.

Corie is currently in her fourth year on her school's dance team and is very active in her church youth group. This year she is the Southern District President, which includes 13 churches. She also received the ABC7 Cool Kids Award and AP Scholar with Distinction this past year. In the fall, Corie will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for architectural engineering. She thanks her parents and siblings for their support. She especially thanks her sister, Caryn, for being her inspiration. She also thanks Mrs. Sato, her leader, for her help for the past 10 years.



RITA MICHELLE YAZEJIAN

Calabasas

Rita's love for volleyball and her desire to help underprivileged kids gain awareness of the importance of exercise inspired her Gold Award project, "Volley for All." Rita taught her troop the fundamentals of the game, organized and ran a volleyball camp at the Guadalupe Center in Canoga Park, and collected and donated new equipment to the center.

At Calabasas High School, Rita is on the board of the National Honor Society, the California Scholarship Federation, and has been a member of her high school volleyball team for all four years. She is excited to go to college soon where she will major in cell biology. Rita thanks her family and friends for their support. Her project was possible because of the guidance of Sharon Lei Hager, Charles "Skip" Wrightson, Michele Faulkner, and Troop 1001-6.

BETHANY YEW

San Marino

Bethany combined her passions for music and reading in her Gold Award project, "Lyrics to Literacy." She created an eight-week after-school program to enhance literacy skills in first- and second-grade students. Bethany taught her curriculum to an after-school class in Pasadena Unified School District, and left them a copy of her curriculum to use in the future.

Bethany plays oboe for the Pasadena Youth Symphony Philharmonic and sings in the Tabernacle Youth Chorus, which will be travelling to Europe this summer. Bethany serves on cabinet for her high school's Rotary Interact Club and ACTS, the Christian club on campus. She also enjoys volunteering at Ability First. Bethany plans to pursue a degree in occupational therapy. She thanks her family for their support, Mrs. Roberts for always checking in, and Ms. Beecher for her assistance.

JIHEE YOON

La Cañada

Every week for two years, Jihee visited Hillsides in Pasadena and helped children with learning disabilities with academic and social skills. She also designed a website as a way to alleviate their sense of isolation and provide them with a place to expose themselves to academics using online learning games for her Gold Award project, "Abilities Vary, Yet Opportunities Aren't Limited."

A nine-year Girl Scout, Jihee is the managing editor of *The Spartan* newspaper and a captain of the speech and debate and Science Olympiad teams. She also participates in kumdo at La Cañada Kumdo Academy and is a first violinist at Korean-American Youth Symphony. Jihee's passion has always been for science and hopes to pursue a career in medicine and participate in "Doctors Without Borders." She thanks her family—especially her mother, Jacqueline Harris, and Ian Lee.

JULIANNE S. YOSHIMURA

Montebello

Julianne's Gold Award project, "No Strings Attached," was aimed to help her high school's orchestra raise funds to sustain the program. She developed a monthly donation system and raised more than \$600 to help the orchestra obtain instruments and parts they could otherwise not buy due to limited budget. She hopes her donation system will keep the orchestra alive.

In addition to her 10-year Girl Scout career, Julianne is a musician and first violinist in her high school orchestra. She is also a volunteer for the Japanese American Optimists, assisting them in community service projects for youth. She placed third in the Optimist Oratorical Contest and was a member in a citywide choir that performed in Europe. Julianne plans to pursue a degree in sociology and become a counselor. She thanks Mrs. Sato, and Dr. Rardin.





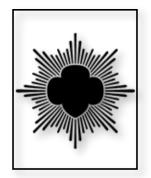








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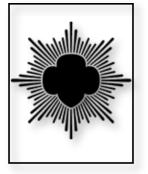
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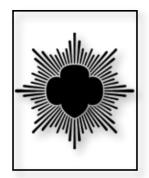
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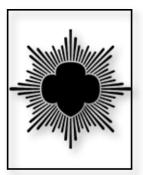
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Julia Catherine Heer

Troop 14061 • Gold Awardee 2015

Julia is a long-time Girl Scout. For her Gold Award Project, she worked to help expand the work of Fast Forward into the San Gabriel Valley. This organization is a non-profit group that works with homeowners to pick their unwanted fruit and then deliver it to local shelters – both homeowners and the hungry benefit from this partnership. In addition, Julia started an on-campus club for students at her high school that became a source for both publicity and volunteers for Fast Forward. Partnering with her AP Environmental Science Teacher ensures that the club will remain active on campus after her graduation this spring.



San Marino Girl Scouts proudly salute the 28 young ladies who succeeded in their quest to



Ana Marie Acosta Caroline Brockett Vanessa Chan Sara Collins Danielle Damas Emily Dickinson Cassandra Dinh Olivia Harrigian Brennan Hart Mary Shea Holt Emilie C. Hu Tanya A. Jain Stephanie Lee Kerri Low

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You are an inspiration to us all. Congratulations!



Congratulations to the

2015 Gold Award Recipients!

Best of luck in your endeavors.



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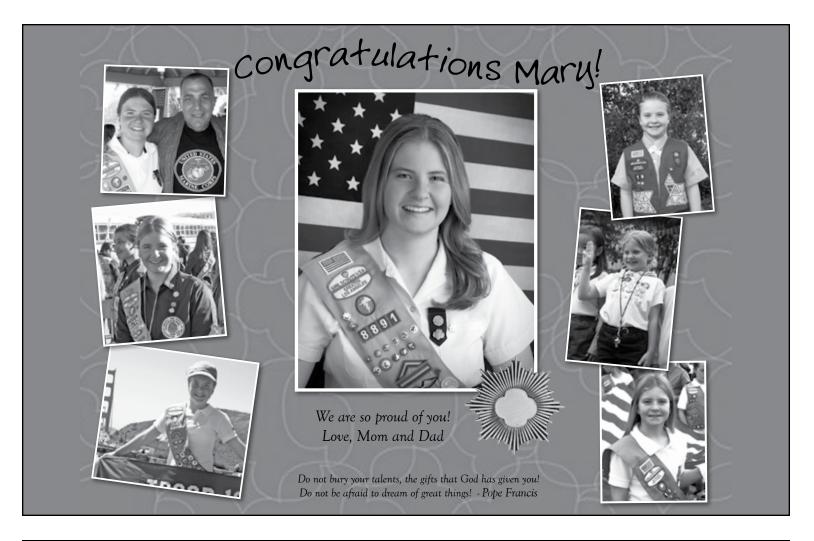


Congratulations from *Melikora*!

Congratulations to Kyra Averman, Rita Yazejian, and Delaney Kinford on earning the Girl Scout Gold Award. You are an inspiration to us all to make the world a better place! Demonstrating courage, confidence and most of all, character, you have exemplified the best of Girl Scouts. As you go forward, remember to keep the Promise and the Law in your hearts.

Love, from your Leaders and Melikora Troop sisters of 10016.

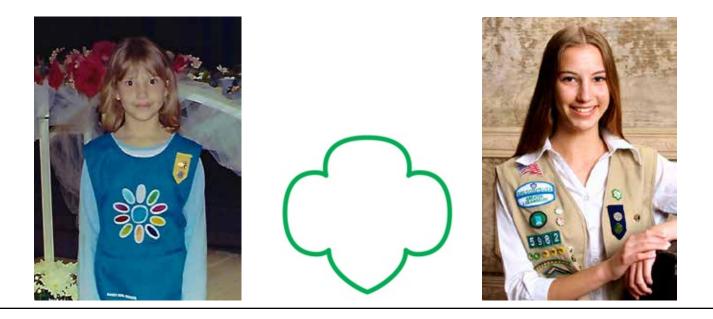




Congratulations Krista on earning your Gold Award!

We are so proud of your many accomplishments over the years from Daisy to Ambassador. We know that you will succeed in anything that you set your mind to. May God bless you on your next life Adventure!

Love, Mom, Dad, Carley and Kelley







Lauren, From daisy petals, brownie olympics, camporee, recycling shows, PSA's to your Gold award..... we are so proud of you and your accomplishments. love, Dad, Mom, Kenneth, GM Sue, GM B, and Pap paw.





Congratulations Summer & Sophie on earning your Gold Awards!

We are so proud of you both, Bronze, Silver, and now Gold! We are inspired by your dedication and commitment to everything that both of you do. It has been an amazing journey and privilege to have been your Scout leader these past 12 years.

> Love and Hugs, Mom & Dad



Alana Hyman

We are so proud of you for earning your Gold Award!

Let the star that you are, shíne as bríght as Gold

> Love Mommy, Daddy, Connor and Grandma



Summer E_t Sophíe



Congratulations!

Welcome to the club. We can't believe we've been scouting together for twelve years. We're so proud of you and all of your accomplishments and for earning your Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

We've made a lifetime of memories, and we can't wait to see what the future has in store for you. You are solid gold!

Love,

Kate - Gold Award '14 & Stephanie - Co-Leader



Newhall ~ Troop 3022





Gabriella de Asis "Got Needs? God Meets"

Serapia Kim "Speak with Confidence"





Congratulations on your Gold Award! Continue to be the change that you want to see in the world. We're so proud of you. Love, Mom & Dad



Congrats to Raven for earning her Girl Scouts Gold Award! Raven created a club at her high school called the Ocean Lovers' Society. The aim of the group was to

battle against pollution of the oceans and promote awareness of marine life protection. Motivated by her passion for the ocean, she took the club to many beach clean ups and started a new recycling/trash program at her school to reduce waste on the ground that could lead back to the sea.





EARN PATCHES LEARNING LIFE-SAVING SKILLS I'M A GIRL-I CAN FIGHT TOO!! (SELF-DEFENSE PATCH)

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BULLYING PREVENTION & HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS (NO BULLYING PATCH) Our young Divas define a healthy relationship: set boundaries for themselves in relationships. They learn to use alternatives to language that hurts others and use language they are proud of helps facilitate effective communication and can help them avoid conflict. In addition, they are trained to defend themselves from bullies.

WHAT/WHO ARE YOUR SUPPORTS & INTERNET SAFETY (INTERNET SAFETY PATCH) They identify family, community, and school supports to assist with being a Fierce and fabulous Girl That Can Fight Too! Young Divas learn about potential dangers of the internet: plan how they will stay safe when using the internet. We discuss cyber predators and identity theft prevention.

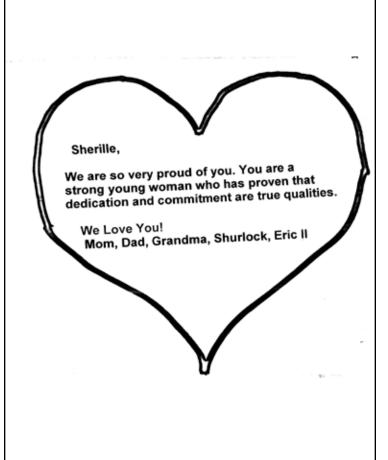
AM WORTH FIGHTING FOR (SELF-ESTEEM PATCH)

Empowerment and personal value are instilled in this segment which introduces young Divas to application of learned techniques in real-life situations. The young Divas grasp the importance of personal safety, awareness and boundary setting in their day-to-day lives. The best way to avoid danger is to realize it before it happens. The final course in this four-part series expedites response time and teaches situation awareness in society.



The "Fab Five" have traveled such an amazing journey together! What an honor to have been along for the ride! May you each continue to accept every challenge with the grace and enthusiasm you have mastered as Troop 11484!

All our Love, Cuskey, Dolan, McKenney, Lee, and Dennis Families









Shelly -Congratulations !!!

We admire and celebrate your accomplishments by earing your Gold Award

Don't ever forget for even a moment how very special you are.

with much love and always proud your Mom, friends and family



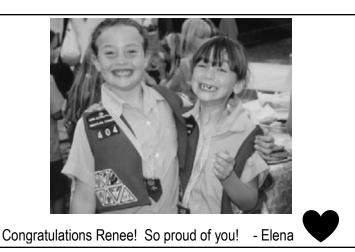
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Congratulations Renee Ventura!

From Brownies to Ambassadors...what an amazing gift it has been to be in scouting with you. I'm so very proud of you. You've made a true difference in the community through your Gold award (Recess Peacemakers). You have become a beautiful, accomplished, intelligent, and capable young woman. It has been an honor and a pleasure to be your troop leader. Keep up the great work and continue to reach for the stars! XOXO- Mrs. Bartlett

Congratulations Renee Ventura

We are so very proud of you! With love from your Girl Scout family Elena, Jaz, Raquel, &Talia Troop 4045



Congratulations Kristine Helen Daily! We are Proud of you!!



Way to go girls!!!!!



Senior/Ambassador Troop 19126

Kristine Congratulations on earning your Gold Award, We are very proud of you!!! Your Wind Quest Family

TROOP 8781 IS PROUD TO SAY

CONGRATULATIONS MADISON CARMENATE

ON THE COMPLETION OF YOUR GOLD AWARD





We are so proud of you for completing your Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards. You have made so many memories and friends thoughout your 11 years in Girl Scouts. We know you will do great things in the future.

We love you! Dad, Mom, Ashley & Chris



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We couldn't be more proud.

-the GSGLA Staff

