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## **L.A. Area Girls Celebrate Centennial of Girl Scout Gold Award at State Capitol *Honoring a Century of Girls and Women Making the World a Better Place***

**LOS ANGELES, June 24, 2016** – Girl Scouts from all over California—including eight exceptional girls from Greater LA—gathered at the State Capitol on June 22 and June 23 for an empowering celebration of the organization's highest award, the Girl Scout Gold Award.

In addition to witnessing a [resolution](#) introduced by Assembly member Cristina Garcia (District 58) recognizing the centennial of the Girl Scout Gold Award, each girl met with members of the California Legislative Women's Caucus, shadowing legislators at the State Capitol and networking with influential women business leaders.

[Click here](#) to view photos from the event.

Eight local girls were among the group of Girl Scouts invited to participate in this celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scout Gold Award. Representing Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, the following 2016 Girl Scout Gold Awardees attended, shadowing Assembly members Autumn Burke (District 62), Cristina Garcia (District 58), and Jacqui Irwin (District 44), among others.

Inaara Biring, San Marino  
Jacqueline Brown-Gaines, Los Angeles  
Daniela Castro, Covina  
Alyssa Chiang, Granada Hills  
Candace Gendreau, Downey  
Sarah Gillespie, La Cañada  
Piper Ireland, Rancho Palos Verdes  
Clare Madera, Woodland Hills

[Click here](#) to read about the impressive projects each girl completed in order to earn the coveted Girl Scout Gold Award this year.

The event at the State Capitol mirrors events all over the country, as Girl Scout troops and councils are "Celebrating 100 Years of Changing the World" through the Gold Award. Gold Award recipients have improved the lives of tens of thousands of people throughout the world through projects such as building libraries that teach new immigrants to speak and read English, constructing hospitals that serve women and children in war-torn regions and encouraging sustainable food growth and consumption, and more.

Earning a Gold Award requires girls to take action in a sustainable way by identifying issues in their communities or the world and working to resolve them for future generations. Like earning Boy Scouts' Eagle Scout designation, earning the Girl Scout Gold Award is a powerful and transformative experience that could entitle girls to college scholarships or an advanced rank when entering the military. Due to the commitment and effort required, fewer than six percent of eligible Girl Scouts earn this prestigious award.

#### **About Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles:**

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, serves more than 40,000 girls in partnership with more than 24,000 volunteers throughout the diverse communities of Los Angeles County and parts of Kern, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. The council engages girls through programs in Leadership, Business and Financial Literacy, Outdoor Adventure, STE[A]M (science, technology, engineering, art, math), and Healthy Living. To join, volunteer, reconnect, or support, visit [www.girlscoutsla.org](http://www.girlscoutsla.org) or call 213-213-0123.



*Photo: From (L) to (R), 2016 Girl Scout Gold Awardees Inaara Biring (San Marino), Jacqueline Gaines-Brown (Los Angeles), Alyssa Chiang (Granada Hills), Clare Madera (Woodland Hills), Daniela Castro (Covina), Sarah Gillespie (La Cañada), Piper Ireland (Rancho Palos Verdes), Candace Gendreau (Downey). © Getty Images*