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**Local Girl Scouts Earn Gold Award**

*Girl Scout Council present 13 Girl Scouts with Scholarships*

**WASHINGTON** – The Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital (GSCNC) is pleased to recognize 220 local Girl Scouts who have earned the **Gold Award** at a ceremony Sunday, May 16 at Trinity Washington University. The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn, symbolizing outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service and advocacy.

In addition, 13 graduating seniors were selected by GSCNC to receive a **Gold Award** Scholarship, an award of \$1,000 to assist each girl with her college expenses. The Gold Award is highly regarded by many colleges and universities, the U.S. Armed Services and employers.

“We are extremely proud of this year’s Gold Award Girl Scouts who have created a legacy in Girl Scouting,” said Lidia Soto-Harmon, Deputy Executive Director of GSCNC. “They have demonstrated a commitment to serving their community, and are well on their way to establishing a lifetime of active citizenship.”

This year’s Gold Award projects reflect a variety of community needs from protecting the environment, documenting the oral histories of veterans, to providing resources to less fortunate families. Girl Scouts in their Senior or Ambassador years (ages 14-18), who successfully completed the Girl Scout prerequisites submitted a Gold Award project proposal that addressed a community need. Each girl committed a minimum of 65 hours to accomplishing her project. Only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts nationwide successfully earn this prestigious award.

[The following Girl Scouts are recipients of the 2010 Gold Award Scholarships:](#)

**About Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital**

Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital (GSCNC) is a non-profit organization with over 82,000 members, including 58,000 girls in 4,500 troops throughout the District of Columbia, six counties in Maryland and five counties in Northern Virginia. With the help of dedicated volunteers, the generosity of corporations and foundations, and our popular Girl Scout cookie program, GSCNC helps girls from kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade become leaders through a wide range of fun and educational activities. GSCNC is headquartered in Washington DC, with satellite offices in Frederick and Waldorf, Maryland; and in Lorton, Leesburg and Manassas, Virginia. To get involved, visit our website at [www.gscnc.org](http://www.gscnc.org).