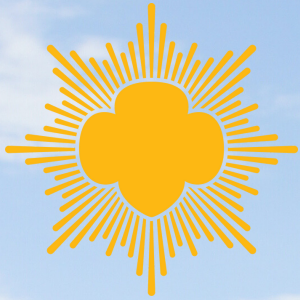


Igniting Change *Inspiring Tomorrow*

Gold Award

Class of 2024





From The Desk Of The CEO

Dear Girl Scouts,

Welcome to the 2024 In Your Honor Yearbook! Girl Scouts Nation's Capital is thrilled to extend a warm **CONGRATULATIONS** to all the Girl Scouts in our Council who have earned their Gold Award, Silver Trefoil Award, and Silver Award!

As I begin my tenure, I am absolutely blown away by the incredible dedication, passion, and hard work these Girl Scouts have put in to earning the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award. They are the definition of change and exemplify the essence of leadership in our communities. This year, we are honoring **115** Girl Scouts from **25** counties in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia who have earned their Gold Award. Congratulations Gold Award Girl Scouts!

We're equally proud to recognize **156** Girl Scouts who earned their Silver Trefoil Award, an award unique to Girl Scouts Nation's Capital. These recipients have completed more than **100** hours of service in three categories: Girl Scout community hours, national service hours, and global service hours. If we multiply the number of girls by the **100** hours of service, it means our Girl Scouts have contributed **15,600** hours of volunteer work. Well done, Silver Trefoil Girl Scouts!

Additionally, we recognize and celebrate **533** Girl Scouts who earned their Silver Award, each investing over **50** hours into their projects. As each Silver Award recipient completes their journey and takes on community projects they care about, they get one step closer to achieving their Gold Award.

Congratulations, Girl Scouts! You all are unstoppable and as your CEO, I'm proud to witness this milestone.

Lastly, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to all the troop leaders, advisors, mentors, and parents that have helped these Girl Scouts make their achievements a reality. It's with your dedication that continues to build girls of courage, confidence, and character that are ***Igniting Change and Inspiring Tomorrow.***

Kim R. Ford
Chief Executive Officer
Girl Scouts Nation's Capital



The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:

To serve God* and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

**Members may substitute wording appropriate to their own spiritual beliefs for the word "God."*

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
And to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Girl Scouts Nation's Capital

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Thank you to the
Women's Advisory Board
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Washington Region. These
women raise the profile
of Girl Scouting within the
corporate community, and
are committed to sharing
their expertise with Girl
Scouts earning the Gold
Award.



Official Gold Award Status

WHEREAS, since 1916, Girl Scouts have accepted the challenge of earning the Movement's highest award, thereby demonstrating a commitment to bettering themselves, their communities, and the world; and

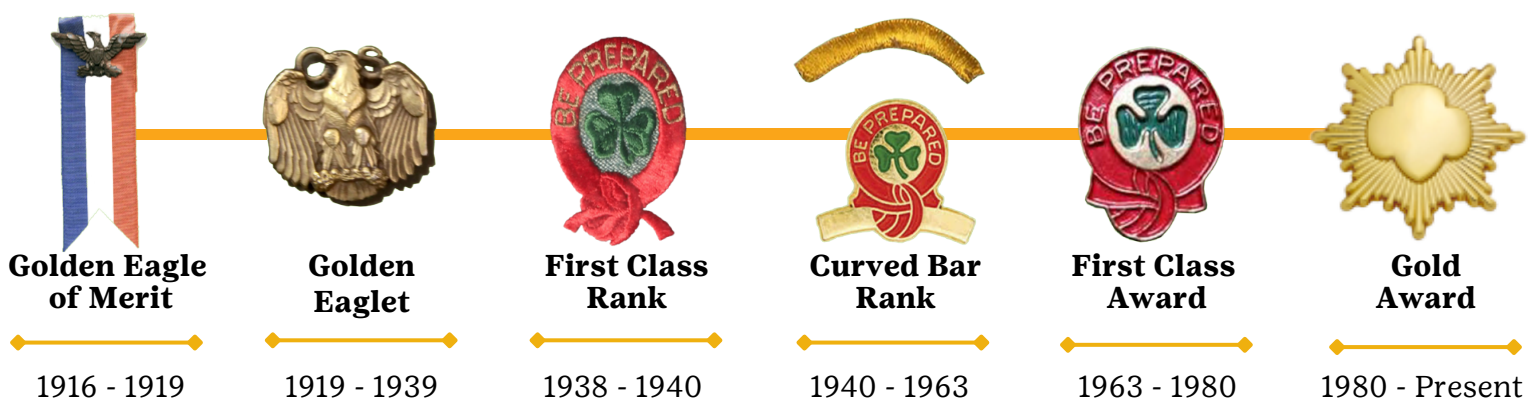
WHEREAS, this highest award has had different names over the years, including the Golden Eaglet (1916–39), the Curved Bar (1940–63), First Class (1938–40, 1963–80), and, since 1980, the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, those who have earned it have shown the same outstanding leadership skills, determination, and resilience that have made Girl Scouts' highest award a unique rite of passage for young women across the Movement;

THEREFORE, Girl Scouts of the USA proclaimed that all who have earned the highest award in Girl Scouts can, beginning January 15, 2019, and henceforth are recognized as Gold Award Girl Scouts, united by their similarities and their ideals, with all rights and privileges therein.

Through the Years

Throughout the history of the Girl Scouts Movement, the highest honor of a Girl Scout can receive has had numerous requirements and titles. Although the awards changed, the girls who have earned them throughout history made lasting impressions on their local and global communities.



Proclamation

Girl Scouts who earned their First Class, Curved Bar, Golden Eaglet, or Golden Eagle of Merit, are a part of the Gold Award Girl Scout family. To request your Gold Award Pin and digital credentials, visit our website!

www.gscnc.org



The Gold Award is Girl Scouting's highest honor. This prestigious award is earned by a select group of Girl Scouts who have demonstrated a high commitment to improving their communities and advocating lasting change. From March 2023 to March 2024, **115** Girl Scouts from **25** counties in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia earned their Gold Award.

The road to the Gold Award begins with discovery. Each Girl Scout uses their own values and skills to identify a community issue they are passionate about and then determines the topic and audience for their project. Before proceeding, each Girl Scout submits a project proposal to the Gold Award Panel. The Panel welcomes all projects for which there is a demonstrated need. The

Panel works with Girl Scouts to support the development of their projects and acts as mentors along the way.

While working on their project, each Girl Scout dedicates themselves to advancing their cause and accomplishing their goals. All of the projects completed this year will have a lasting and positive impact on our region and beyond. From protecting the environment to teaching financial literacy, these Girl Scouts have exhibited outstanding leadership, exceptional organizational skills, and a sincere commitment to improving their communities.

The following pages feature this year's Gold Award Girl Scouts and descriptions of their projects. By necessity, the descriptions are brief and may not fully describe the scope of the project.

Congratulations to all of our Gold Award Girl Scouts!



Gold Award Girl Scouts



Mentorship for Positive Body Image

Layla led workshops teaching girls the importance of body image. Making a resource video-series to help girls use strategies to maintain a positive body image.



Layla Abshire | Oakhill, VA



Healing Harps

Grace provided musical therapy for seniors at assisted-living facilities, and hospice care through her HealingHarps.org website.



Grace Adeboyejo | Waldorf, MD



Knot Forgotten

Alexis taught crochet classes to connect teenagers and elderly in assisted living. Teaching teens about elderly loneliness and building connections.



Alexis Ali | Herndon, VA



Writers Workshop for Kids

Helen created a writers workshop teaching writing confidence for elementary aged students whose education was halted during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Helen Archer | Dumfries, VA



Rose Parks Elementary Learning Garden

Kaci designed an outdoor learning garden and built 8 raised beds at her Elementary school, planting flowers and vegetables that coordinated to each grade level.



Kaci Atkins | Woodbridge, VA



Comfy for Canines

Keira led workshops educating kids about making blankets for cats and dogs, and made enrichment treats to give every animal in the shelter a comfortable life.



Keira Barboza | South Riding, VA

Gold Award Girl Scouts



Language Sharing

Anjali created a program of informal English classes for teen Afghan refugees to ease their transition and build a strong community based on cultural exchange.



Anjali Bhargava | Bethesda, MD



Happy & Healthy Pets

Frances led a badge workshop for Brownies on pet care and educated new adopters on pet care, while also creating blankets for the pets.



Frances Blank | Bethesda, MD



Bullying: What is it and How Can You Prevent It?

Maire created a video interviewing members of her community to educate others on the reality of bullying and how it can be prevented.



Maire Bockey | Leonardtown, MD



Reducing Textile Waste Through Awareness

Sarah led textile upcycling workshops and taught teens about the harmful marketing practice called greenwashing through a YouTube video and workshops.



Sarah Bolles | Arlington, VA



Letters for Elders

Lauren created an interactive pen pal program to bridge the communication gap between young teens and senior citizens to create a more connected world.



Lauren Bottom | Reston, VA



Fighting Climate Change by Planting Trees

Lillian educated her community on the importance of planting trees to mitigate climate change, planting a maple tree and making an educational social media campaign.



Lillian Boulay | Herndon, VA



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Helping Hawks: Tutoring and Mentoring Program

Alaina created a website and a tutoring and mentoring program at her local middle school where high school students serve as volunteer tutors and mentors.



Alaina Bowie | Frederick, MD



Just Keep Swimming

Annabelle led a presentation to 24 swim teams educating young female swimmers about how to navigate their menstruation while pursuing their swimming career.



Annabelle Bragdon | Woodbridge, VA



Communication Board

Sara installed a communication board in her local school to help children with language limitations as a resource to help them communicate more easily.



Sara Brousseau | Charles Town, WV



AfroTech Robotics

Taylor hosted a workshop that led Black/African American girls ages 7 to 12 years old into a crash course to learn about technology and engineering.



Taylor Brown | Upper Marlboro, MD



Do More DC

Claire developed, created, and published a website that shares information about volunteering in D.C. categorized by age, location, and type of volunteering.



Claire Buchanan | Bethesda, MD



Happie Nappies

Avery researched and launched an education and awareness campaign about the financial, environmental, and health benefits of reusable diapers.



Avery Cañedo | Oakton, VA

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Knot Alone

Alice created a safe space for teens to openly talk about the mental health crisis among youth providing stress relieving activities and resources for her peers.



Alice Cao-Dao | Centreville, VA



Girls in STEM

Kylie taught young girls about STEM and jobs that they may not have realized counts as STEM at her local elementary school.



Kylie Charters | Fairfax Station, VA



Financial Foundations

Areeba collaborated with her school club and created workshops to educate high school students on financial literacy and prepare for their post-graduate plans.



Areeba Chaudary | Manassas, VA



The Innovation Club

Julia created a club that allows young high school women to access information about and entrepreneurship that has been added to her school's curriculum.



Julia Coley | Bowie, MD



On the Same Page Reading Club

Amanda created an after-school learning environment to help close the learning gap formed from the COVID-19 pandemic to help students meet grade level standards.



Amanda Collingham | Mount Airy, MD



The Human Mind in Nature

Samantha built a mindfulness sidewalk for students to relax and acknowledge the importance of nature with native species to attract pollinators.



Samantha Collins | Alexandria, VA



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Tree Planting

Grace worked with Fairfax County Urban Forest Management to plant 10 trees with her community to benefit her local Middle school and surrounding wildlife.



Grace Corbett | Springfield, VA



Dream Team Foundation

Melissa created an organization that provides comfort, crafts, education, and entertainment to children and families in medical isolation.



Melissa Deedy | Brookeville, MD



Independent Research Course

Katherine created an Independent Research Class for her school to develop a better understanding of research and writing at a college level.



Katherine DelGrippe | Frederick, MD

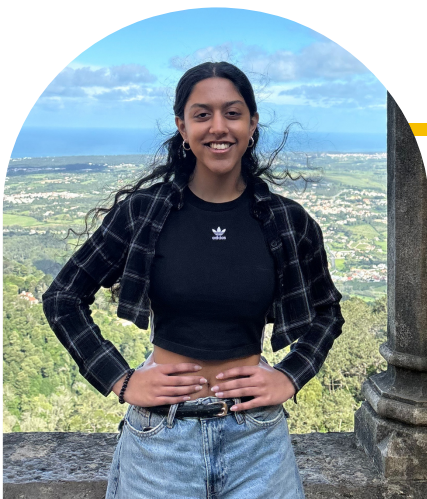


Crochet4Change

Sophia led a crochet workshop with repurposing plastic bags into plastic yarn, making bags and waterproof sleeping mats to give to the unhoused community in D.C.



Sophia Deng | North Potomac, MD



Go Eco Go

Sonaya created a program with educational packets that could be easily used by schools and educators to share with their classes.



Sonaya Dhuria | Bethesda, MD



Nourishing Garden

Roma addressed food insecurity in her community by doubling the size of a church's garden that produced 300 pounds of produce for the Nourish Now Food Bank.



Roma Diak | Gaithersburg, MD

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Softball Skills Clinic

Izzy led a softball clinic for young girls to improve their skills and make connections with older players to sponsor growth and lasting commitment to the sport.



Isabella Dilber | Chantilly, VA



Mind Mosaic

Kassidy worked with students to create an art gallery featuring works with a theme of inclusivity and how it affects people in day-to-day life.



Kassidy Dwyer | Takoma Park, MD



Junior and Cadet First aid and Conversations About Careers in the Medical Field

Reyna led a first-aid event teaching children ages 8-14 on how to apply a Band-Aid, bandage a wound, and do CPR, and other skills with medical professionals.



Reyna Farley | Bowie, MD



At Ease with Allergies

Lauren promoted allergen awareness to her community by creating infographics shared at her local elementary school, middle school, and school newsletters.



Lauren Farman | Lansdowne, VA



Educating Future Recyclers

Jillian led a recycling effort for a local elementary school that built 4 park benches for their outdoor classroom made of recycled plastic bottle caps.



Jillian Felder | Chantilly, VA



Mental Means!

Mariam designed Mental Means to share the importance of mental health for desi and Asian teenagers and provide skills in bettering their mental health.



Fathima Mariam Fiham | Bristow, VA



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The Future is Fair: Shopping Locally and Mindfully to Help the Planet

Anna advocated for mindful shopping mindsets in her community, building a website and other materials about sustainable production practices and consumer habits.



Anna Foote | Alexandria, VA



Art Cart Program

Sarah partnered with the Little Lights non-profit organization to create an art program and provided supplies for children in D.C. public housing.



Sarah Furches | Arlington, VA



Better Together: Creating Bonds through Buddies

Ally coordinated a spring encampment centered around environmental activities for troops of various ages in her service unit.



Ally Geronimo | Annandale, VA



Landscaping with Butterfly Habitats

Alexandra partnered with her town to implement native pollinator plants in landscaping, addressing the decline of butterfly habitats due to rapid urbanization.



Alexandra Godaire | Herndon, VA



Self-love Podcast

Madeline created a podcast, website, and virtual workshop to help teenage girls from becoming engrossed in the unrealistic beauty standards of social media.



Madelyn Gordon | Arlington, VA



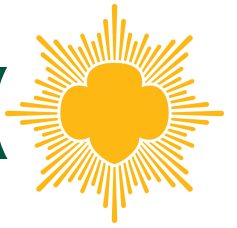
Daytime Camping Skills

Eleanor ran a two-day encampment at Camp White Rock teaching outdoor skills, safety, and activities to build confidence and love of the outdoors for participants.



Eleanor Greco | Silver Spring, MD

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Breaking Technology Barriers

Joahri's project provided the senior community with the skills to achieve computer savvy and technical literacy.



Johari Green | Lanham, MD



Pollinator Garden Apiary

Navya installed an art apiary in the Garden Meadow Exhibit at Locust Grove Nature Center. The installation educates viewers about pollinator extinction.



Navya Gupta | Potomac, VA



MES Multicultural Fair

Emily organized a Multicultural Fair at her local elementary school full of games, music, dances, and more fun from around the world.



Emily Halstead | Port Republic, MD



Dar Al-Noor Library Center

Amina created an Islamic Outreach Center, providing Islamic books in multiple languages for the non-English speaking congregants of Dar al Noor Islamic Center.



Amina Haq | Manassas, VA



Counting the Cost for College

Chloe created a website offering easily accessible information and tips to financing college and held a webinar presenting her website to her target audience.



Chloe Harris | Bryans Road, MD



A Pectus Notebook

Kathleen partnered with Mayo Clinic and CHKD to create pectusnotebook.org and hosted support meetings to share information about pectus excavatum.



Kathleen Higgins | Fairfax Station, VA



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The Reading Rainbow

Micah's project "Reading Rainbow" addressed literacy in her community by allowing easy access to books for children, teens, and adults.



Micah Nicole Hoover | Accokeek, MD



Fighting the Gender Gap in STEM

Teema created a presentation for girls ages 9-12 to even out the significant gender gap throughout various STEM disciplines.



Teema Jarrah | Dunn Loring, VA



Sew for Gold

Charlotte created a sewing class and with the help of community seniors, taught over 30 kids to sew, donated 200 hats to military, and created a video tutorial.



Charlotte Jiggins | Chevy Chase, MD



Raising Awareness for Kids with Disabilities & Other Rare Diseases

Ava created a website, blog, and videos to educate Maryland voters on disability rights and legislation that impacts kids with disabilities and/or rare diseases.



Ava Johnson | Mitchellville, MD



Hope for Teens

Anais established a teen board to build a solid support system for grieving teens in her community, leading fun activities for grieving teens in her community.



Anais Joubert | Alexandria, VA



BHPCNC Children's Garden

Rachel redesigned a children's garden by adding elements such as new plants and bug motels along with an activity book to engage in the outdoor environment.



Rachel Kebler | Bethesda, MD

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A Conversation about Conservation

Rose directed and edited a documentary to uplift youth perspectives on climate change, hosting an event to screen and discuss the film.



Rose Kepka | Takoma Park, MD



Photo Boards for Black Hill Nature Center

Natasha created four photo boards of the four seasons displayed at the Black Hill Nature Center to help connect visitors with nature.



Natasha Khrenova | North Potomac, MD



Girls in STEM

Claire organized a “Girls in STEM Workshop” for 6th-9th graders with an 8-speaker professional women panel and a hands-on engineering design challenge.



Claire Kim | Great Falls, VA



Planted for your Thoughts

Elena’s project puts a plant in every classroom at her high school, as plants improve mental health, productivity, and even happiness.



Elena Kotschoubey | Bethesda, MD



Confronting Social Injustice in Iran

Nishita created a website and held workshops to teach youth about women’s rights issues in Iran and shipped handmade encouragement cards to protestors in Iran.



Nishita Koya | Ashburn, VA



From Trash to Treasure: The Magic of Composting to Reduce Food Waste

Eesha addressed the food waste problem in her community by creating a website and talking at local farmers markets about ways to compost your food at home.



Eesha Kulkarni | Chantilly, VA



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Creating a Synchronized Swimming Program for Special Needs Children

Anne created a program for special needs children to learn basic synchronized swimming skills at her community pool.



Anne Licato | Arlington, VA



Pooches Need Plushies Too!

Alexis recovered old tee-shirts from her community and taught other Girl Scouts to upcycle them into dog beds for foster dogs.



Alexis Lohfeld | Woodbridge, VA



American Sign Language Classes

Maurlea led two, three weeklong sessions teaching elementary school children the basics of American Sign Language.



Maurlea Long | Myersville, MD



Teaching Special Needs Students About STEM

Emilie created interactive STEM meetups for special needs students at her school. Students designed and built rockets and learned about outer space.



Emilie Lytle | Alexandria, VA



Music Garden

Claire created a music garden with three outdoor musical instruments accessible to all, allowing children to express themselves creatively and musically.



Claire Matthews | Frederick, MD



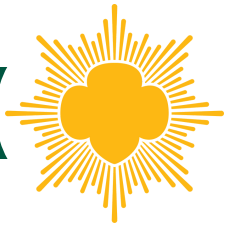
Cooking with the Crusaders

Josie founded a cookie club at her new high school teaching basic cooking skills and techniques, hosting end of semester parties to showcase their skills.



Josie McCabe | Tyler, TX

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Introduction to Camping

Grace built a website containing videos and other resources important for camping. She created the videos, and shared this website with City Kids, located in DC.



Grace McCain | Alexandria, VA



Marih Center Outreach

Elizabeth renovated a women's crisis shelter in her hometown by repainting the walls, updating the furniture and artwork, and providing new marketing resources.



Elizabeth McMahon | Alexandria, VA



Seed Swapping Libraries

Malin built seed swapping libraries which were distributed across the Department of Parks and Rec's community gardens around DC.



Malin Moeller | Washington, DC



EEKS GEEKS

Milo engaged their community to carry out environmental surveys and service-based projects that measure change in the environment in our own backyards.



Milo Molloy | Chantilly, VA



Soccer Camp for Children from Underserved Families

Serena ran a free, one-week soccer camp for children from underserved communities, teaching 28 children ages 5-8 basic soccer skills and nutrition.



Serena Moss | Alexandria, VA



Reviving and Blazing A Trail

Moksha improved the sustainability of a walking trail by reviving it, helping with erosion and pathways so people will not go off the trail and harm the surrounding environment.



Moksha Mummalanei | Fairfax Station, VA



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Feral Cat Overpopulation Awareness

Laura created pamphlets addressing feral cat overpopulation to and built shelters to educate her community.



Laura Munoz | Hollywood, MD



Spreading the Love for Art

Brianna hosted workshops for children in grades 3-6, teaching pop art self-portraits, fostering art education and creativity in her community.



Brianna Nguyen | Fairfax, VA



Pollination for the Next Generation

Lia designed a pollinator garden at a local day care and created curriculum for the students to learn about it and help install it.



Lia Olmos | Silver Spring, MD



Women Veterans: The History and their Stories

Mae created a short form documentary to educate students in her county about women veterans, the history of them, and their stories.



Mae O'Neil | Herndon, VA



Improving Self-Esteem Through Fine Arts

Sam started a junior color guard and incorporated self-esteem activities each day of a summer camp.



Sam Oswald | New Market, MD



Chasing Butterflies

Lily published a children's book, Chasing Butterflies to teach students strategies to cope with social anxiety. She hosted several reading events.



Lily Palmerino | Alexandria, VA

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Healthy Heads, Hearts, and Habits

Avery hosted stress management workshops for high school students with high levels of stress due to academics, social pressure, and unhealthy habits.



Avery Penn | Dickerson, MD



Pre-K Reading Center & Educational Resources

Francisca built reading centers for pre-K classrooms at her elementary school and worked with Barnes & Noble to organize a book drive to promote youth literacy.



Francisca Pitterle | Alexandria, VA



The Dyslexia Dossier Podcast

Cassandra created a podcast to give struggling parents advice on how to gain knowledge on the IEP system to better help children with dyslexia receive services.



Cassandra Raucheisen | Centreville, VA



Educational Access Project

Ella created a reading access program for teens, producing curriculum guides and legislative advocacy materials, promoting accessibility with national educator groups.



Ella Ridgway | Fairfax Station, VA



Prep to Go: Emergency Essentials for Kids

Molly educated children on climate change and natural disasters, teaching them about emergency preparedness and how to help others in case of an emergency.



Molly Rix | Burke, VA



Kids Explore Alexandria History

Rachel created a self-guided walking history tour of Old Town, Alexandria for children which is now permanently available in the Alexandria Visitor Center.



Rachel Robbins | Alexandria, VA



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Animal Care and Avoiding Overpopulation

Savannah taught younger Girl Scouts about the costs associated with taking care of animals and the importance of fixing household pets to avoid overpopulation.



Savannah Russ | Frederick, MD



Creating a Friendship and Sensory Garden

Taylor created a Friendship and Sensory Garden at her local elementary school to create an inviting space for students to learn about conservation.



Taylor Sartori | Arlington, VA



Empowering and Educating Young Low Income Students in Felipe Carillo Puerto, Mexico

Fiona worked with a school in Mexico and installed new technology. She connected the school with a club she belongs to for students to practice language skills.



Fiona Scheer | Bellingham, WV



Barred Owl Nest Boxes

Marisa built three Barred Owl Boxes for a local nature center. Two boxes will be hung in trees, and one is being used to educate visitors about Barred Owls.



Marisa Shah | Potomac, MD



Reuse, Reduce Textile Waste, Save the Environment

Meera addressed the issue of textile waste by making presentations to students on its impact and created a band uniform lending closet at a local high school.



Meera Shah | Falls Church, VA



Bees for Wayland

Jocelyn worked in Wayland Street Park removing invasive plants and planting native plants beneficial to the endangered Rusty Bumblebee species.



Jocelyn Shortle | Oakhill, VA

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Bully-Free Zone

Tanya helped tackle elementary school bullying through interactive workshops & empowering kids to be anti-bullying superheroes and to stand up for others.



Tanya Singhal | Herndon, VA



Sewing for Sustainability

Socorro taught girls how to sew, be more sustainable, and protect the environment. She made sewing kits, booklets, and videos for her award.



Socorro Sliker-Diaz | Chevy Chase, MD



Building Inclusion through BOCCE

Skyler led BOCCE court at her High School of students with and without intellectual/physical disabilities to spread inclusion on the unified sports teams.



Skyler Smith | La Plata, MD



Providing Academic and Executive Functioning Assistance to High-Schoolers

Ella created a club that was designed to increase awareness of executive functioning skills and improve access to executive functioning resources.



Ella Spirtas | Silver Spring, MD



Eating Away Anxiety!

Leyna led a cooking demonstration teaching peers about the causes of anxiety, how to recognize it, and foods that may lower anxiety.



Leyna Steen | Clifton, VA



The Sisters Collaborative

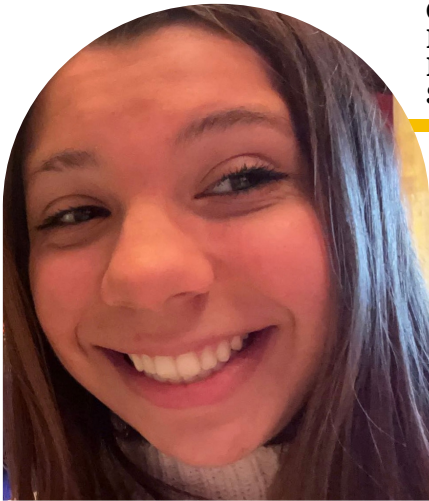
Savannah led a discussion, inviting teachers and speakers to talk about dual identities in sports that often lack diversity and building confidence for black women at PWI's.



Savannah Stewart | Bethesda, MD



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Community Garden Restoration: Sustainable Pollinator Habitat and Sensory Garden

Madison worked to restore and create sustainable gardens for pollinators in the community, she also created a sensory garden for children with disabilities.



Madison Stringer | Ashburn, VA



Script Library Renovation

Kyra reorganized her school theatre's library of scripts for the first time in over a decade, allowing space for new scripts to be bought or donated.



Kyra Tannehill | Springfield, VA



Houses for Feral Cats

Anjali built houses for feral cats, developed an instruction manual for future volunteers and promoted awareness for the needs of animals.



Anjali Thaloer | Chantilly, VA



Education Matters to Health

Logan promoted health literacy and wellness by publishing articles, posting infographics, and delivering presentations.



Logan Travers | Bowie, MD



The Show Must Go On

Alexandra organized technical theater workshops to provide peer-based opportunities for middle schoolers to learn the art behind the show.



Alexandra Vargo | Falls Church, VA



Speak Up and Out

Nitya helped build the confidence of young girls by equipping them with the tools to speak in public and advocate for themselves.



Nitya Varigala | Chantilly, VA

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Buddies for Burnout

Ariel created a program that brought therapy dogs into schools to support staff experiencing burnout in public schools.



Ariel Viar | Hollywood, MD



Lewis HS Weather Station

Mariana built a weather station at her local high school so that kids can see, touch, and practice using weather tools they are being taught about in class.



Mariana Vidal | Springfield, VA



Native Plant Prayer Garden

Aurelia renovated a prayer garden to increase emotional wellness and pollination, along with teaching girls how to build bird houses used for the garden.



Aurelia Vidrio | Burtonsville, MD



Building Engineering Interest in Young Women

Evelyn educated middle school girls about the significance of females in engineering and ways to get involved through an interactive workshop and pamphlets.



Evelyn Wagner | Reston, VA



Walkewell Shoes for Others

Penny started a non-profit to collect and distribute gently worn shoes to under resourced communities in the Northern VA area, providing over 700 pairs.



Penny Walke | Great Falls, VA



Spreading Awareness about Verbal Child Abuse

Catherine wrote and directed a one-act play about verbal child abuse and compiled resources for victims into a document and a Google site.



Catherine Walt | Alexandria, VA



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The Sustainable Clothing Closet

Beatrix aimed to limit fast fashion by providing pre-loved clothing to those who may not have access, donating clothing to Jubilee Housing in Washington D.C.



Beatrix Weber | Washington, DC



Soothing Strokes

Amanda provided stress management kits to global and local schools along with digital assets for parents to educate them on youth mental health.



Amanda Williams | Bryans Road, MD



Advising and Mentoring Youth Journalists

Vivien led several workshops to teach the elements of self-advocacy and created a documentary on the importance of youth representation in media.



Vivien Williams | Arlington, VA



History of the Oakton Schoolhouse

Nicole created a timeline of the historic Oakton Schoolhouse and presented her research to audiences to build civic engagement and increase a sense of community.



Nicole Williamson | Vienna, VA



Living with Anxiety

Caitlin hosted four workshops about anxiety for teenagers and helped them make jellyfish crafts to remember coping mechanisms they wanted to use for anxiety.



Caitlin Zecca | Alexandria, VA



Maryland Youth Wushu Club

Jenny started the Maryland Youth Wushu Club, an organization aimed to improve student's physical and mental health following the pandemic.



Jenny Zheng | Potomac, MD

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Shelter Week

Maya organized a week's worth of shelter meals for Becky's House, creating a guide and website showing others how to do the project in the future.



Maya Zutshi | Rockville, MD

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Ethel G. Harvey President's Award Recipients

The President's Award in Honor of Ethel G. Harvey is the only Girl Scouts Nation's Capital honorary award for girls. It is named in honor of Ethel Harvey, Girl Scouts Nation's Capital President from 1972-1978. The award is unique in that selection is made by girls who choose from among nominees the one they feel best exemplifies the criteria.

A Girl Scout Junior, Cadette, Senior or Ambassador in Girl Scouts Nation's Capital who has not received this award before and has: demonstrated their leadership abilities within Girl Scouts Nation's Capital, contributed to the growth of Girl Scouts Nation's Capital, demonstrated poise and sensitivity towards others, demonstrated both written and oral communication skills, actively participated in Girl Scout activities to help bring unity among the diverse elements within Girl Scouts Nation's Capital.

**Annabelle
Bragdon**

**Ella
Ridgway**

**Kassidy
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The Gold Award Mentors

In the heart of the Girl Scouts Nation's Capital community, a devoted team of mentors guide Teen Girl Scouts towards earning the prestigious Gold Award. They offer personalized support to refine project proposals, fostering innovation and confidence through workshops and feedback sessions. Their dedication elevates the Gold Award process, empowering Girl Scouts to make meaningful contributions to their communities. As pillars of support, these mentors champion the success of Gold Award Girl Scouts, nurturing their aspirations and guiding them towards impactful leadership. Their invaluable contributions are essential in empowering girls to create positive change and leave a lasting impact on the world.

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Gold Award Scholarship Opportunities 2024

Many colleges and universities offer scholarships to Girl Scouts who have earned the Gold Award, because they recognize the leadership skills required to earn this award.

Our Council offers Gold Award scholarships to graduating high school seniors valued \$1,000 each to attend the college of her choice. The Gold Award Scholarship Panel is comprised of members of the business community with a commitment to Girl Scouting. The Panel reviewed written applications and identified semifinalists to be interviewed at the Council office. Based on the interviews, committee members selected the scholarship recipients. Our Council also offers a Young Woman of Distinction award to a Gold Award recipient, valued \$2,000.

The Council's scholarships for Gold Award recipients are funded through generous gifts from Sara Phillips, a lifetime Girl Scout volunteer, in support of the Sarah and Lawrence Phillips Scholarships; a gift from an anonymous donor in honor of Marilyn Carr; from Elizabeth Sarah Gere in Memory of Gold Award Girl Scout Rachel Deitch; and Shenandoah Region scholarships supported through an endowment from lifetime Girl Scouts Eva L. Woolridge and Lynne Seibert-Steptoe. Explore more scholarship opportunities at www.gscnc.org/scholarships

Congratulations

**Gold, Silver Trefoil, and Silver
Award Girl Scouts!**





The Silver Trefoil Award is unique to Girl Scouts Nation's Capital. This award originated in the 1970s as the Little Flower Award in memory of Senior Girl Scout Linda Curtis. Today, the award honors Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors who make the world a better place through service in three communities: Girl Scout Community, National, and Global.

Congratulations to the following Silver Trefoil Award Girl Scouts;

Ariana Adams

Juliana Ammar

Zia Anderson

Helen Archer

Julia Archibald

Nnennia Arinzeh

Juliet Auten

Annabelle Bailey

Ember Batrla

Marissa Beahm

Kaiya Best

Kayla Bethea

Tara Bhogaraju

Shaylyn Bjerke

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Reagan Chintala

Roma Chokshi

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Veronica Egbert

Josephine Ellis

Xander Emmerich

Adeline Emmerich

Julia Fellows

Alexandra Flanigan-Zarakas

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Ambreen Gandhi

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Kayla Hance

Ashley Harding

Emma Harmon

Madeline Harr

Alyssa Heese

Olivia Hill

Ella Hogan

Chyna Holloway

Emily Hudders

Eman Hussain

Nikita Hvozda

Alice Hyde

Marissa Incatasciato

Nasiah-Mae Ingram

Aisha Jacobs

Lindsey Jahn

Ava Jones

Dagny Kannengieszer

Melissa Karwoski

Samantha Kelly

Kendal Keough

Rose Kepka

Inaya Khan

Sarah Kordella

Alexandra Kugler

Nikhita Kuntipuram

Zion Lawrence

Kyra Macomber

Mahreen Mahmood

Sequoia Martindale

Keira McDowell

Alexis McGee

Leah Mcleary



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Laura Munoz
Saanvi Mupparthi
Caitlyn Murphy
Kristen Murphy
Rhea Nirmal
Margaret Nkafu
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Jaya Shah
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Suhaani Singh
Mischa Smith
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Catharine Smith
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Evelyn Steele
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Annika Tibbetts
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Helena Zenyuh**



The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Cadette can achieve. This award recognizes girls who participated in a range of Take Action projects benefiting their communities.

Through their projects, the Girl Scouts listed in this yearbook learned leadership and organizational skills, explored potential career paths and improved their neighborhoods.

Congratulations to the following Silver Award Girl Scouts;

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Hemshma Ala
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Abigail Bennett
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Gabriella Blount
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Abigail Bouse
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Kateryna Calibu
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Silva Carlson
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Alessandra Chavez
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Alaexa Chetelat
Irene Cho
Lilia Choice
Natalie Chou
Zunaira Choudhury
Victoria Christman
Lilly Classen
Abigail Close
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Keira Coughlin
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Matalyn Creech
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