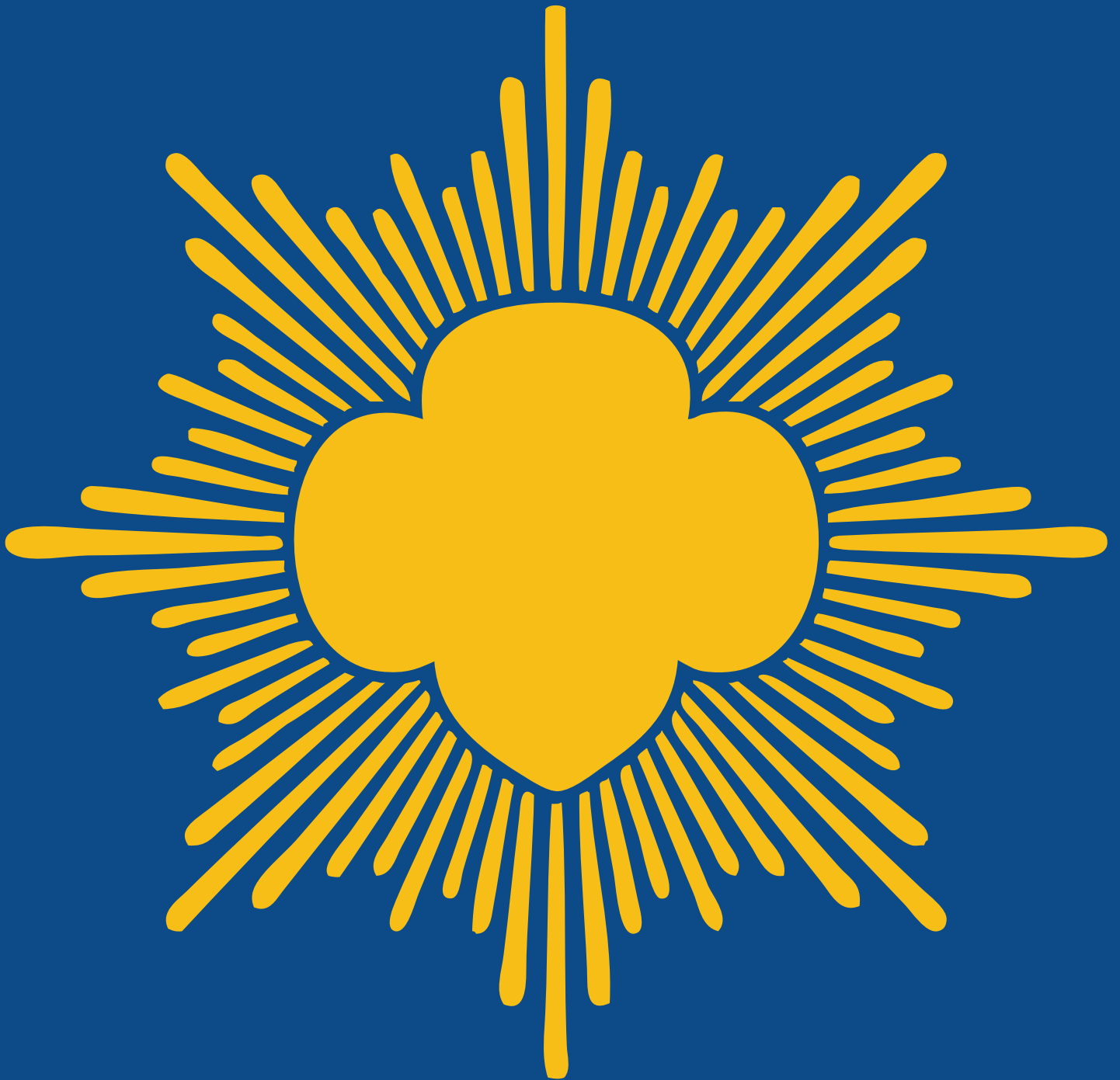


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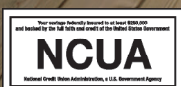
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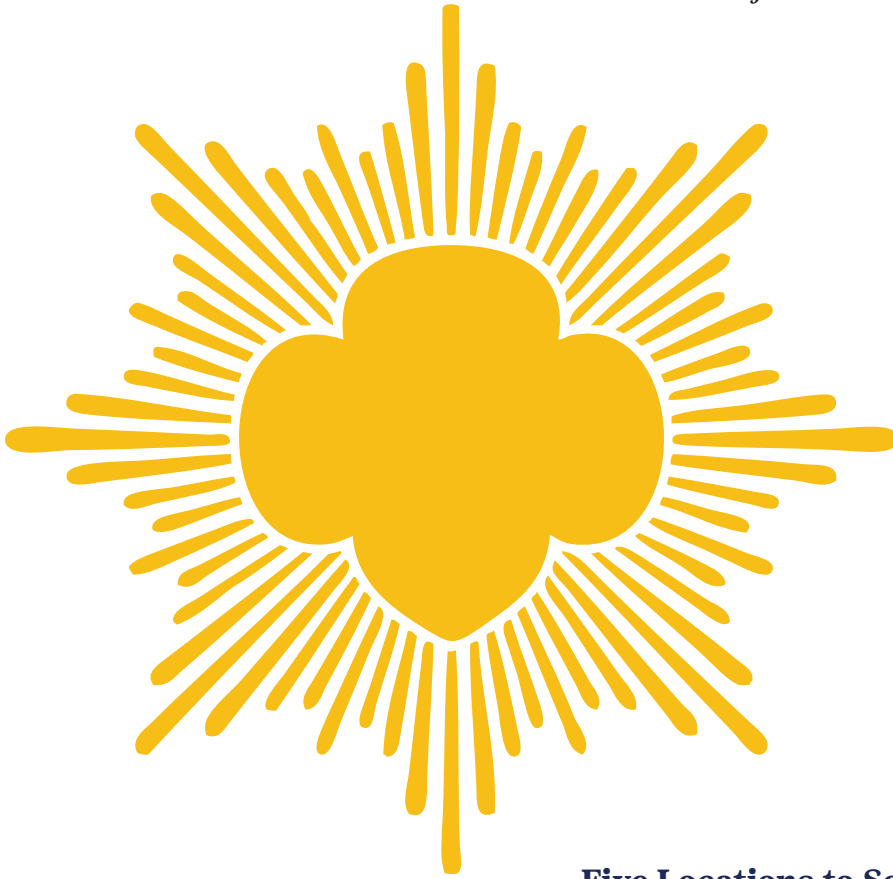
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The 24 Gold Award Girl Scouts showcased in this yearbook demonstrate a Girl Scout's commitment and ability to make the world a better place. They take their place among a hugely talented group of Girl Scouts who, since the founding of the organization in 1912, have also earned this most distinguished award.

Whether they received precursors to the Gold Award—Golden Eaglet, First Class, or Curved Bar—we honor them all as Gold Award Girl Scouts—for using their leadership skills to create powerful and meaningful change, which will stand the test of time.

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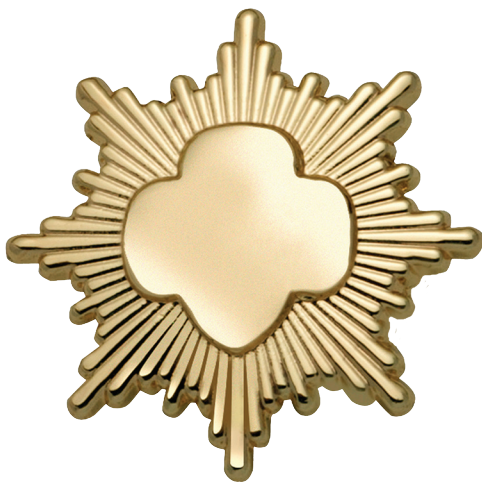
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Going for the Gold

Earning the Gold Award as a Girl Scout demands a significant level of determination and dedication, and is an award that comes with a high level of honor and esteem.

Girls who are the recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award—the highest honor—must commit a significant amount of time and expertise to developing a project that will positively impact their communities. These girls must also demonstrate their plans for sustainability of the work they’ve begun without their ongoing involvement.

The ability of our Gold Award Girl Scouts to make a positive and lasting impact on their communities and become part of an illustrious group of Girl Scout Alumnae, is a tribute to the leadership skills they have developed during their Girl Scouting years. These skills position them well to seek out and secure college scholarships at world-renowned schools (such as the University of Michigan, Purdue University and Western Michigan University), and to get a leg up on their future careers.

Completion and submission of the Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal asks for the following:

- Basic personal information.
- Completion dates for prerequisites such as two Senior or Ambassador Journeys or one Journey and the Girl Scout Silver Award.
- A beginning and ending date for the project.
- Names of individuals and organizations who also will work with a girl on her project.

- Title of the project, target audience and reasons for selecting it.
- A discussion of the strengths, talents and skills that will be used, as well as skills that will be developed.
- A description of the steps involved in putting the project plan into action.
- Names of people and organizations to be informed and involved.
- Estimate of overall project expenses and how those costs will be met.
- Methods or tools used to evaluate the project.
- Description of how the project will be sustained.
- Description of how others will be informed about the project.

And there’s more!

- Once the project is completed, there is a final report that must be submitted. Included in this report is a detailed time log, which lists the number of hours put in by the girl’s team of volunteers.
- An expense log is submitted at the end of the project.

Each of their projects will improve the lives of residents in their communities by encouraging volunteerism and highlighting the importance of community service. Our Gold Award girls are living proof of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan’s mission to build girls of courage, confidence and character who will make the world a better place.

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.

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.

We are so excited to finally celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our 2020 honorees. You are all remarkable. In a time where we know girls have needed Girl Scouts more than ever before, I take pride that the world has needed Girl Scouts more than ever: fighting for what you believe in, identifying and solving problems in your communities, and changing the world, one Girl Scout at a time. Girl Scouts are immensely powerful, and the projects in this book are just a glimmer of the good you do in the world each day.



Congratulations on a job exceptionally well-done! Your resilience, tenacity, and grit are undeniable. Earning your Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards means that you have changed your corner of the world. These awards are the mark of the remarkable—a symbol to the world that says, “I will settle for nothing less than moving mountains and starting ripple effects.”

Gold Award Girl Scouts—you have earned the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn. This is something you should be so proud of, as it sets you apart from the masses. You are a girl who can change the world, and you have done it. Thank you for being the positive force of good in your community—
Our future is bright with you at the helm!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

A blue ink signature of Jan Barker, written in a cursive style.

Jan Barker, Chief Executive Officer
Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan



Madeline Bigelow

Troop 30130, Lansing

Let's Start the School Year off Right!

In most public school systems, there are at least a few kids who are disadvantaged that start the school year without the proper school supplies necessary to do well in school. This is the case with Williamston Community Schools. Madeline started a school supply drive at Williamston Free Methodist Church and used the donations to fill backpacks full of school supplies by grade and gender. The secretaries at each school have agreed to hand out the backpacks as needed and the church has agreed to continue the school supply drive as well.

Currently, Madeline plans on heading to U of M- Flint to obtain a B.S. in Health Sciences to start her journey to becoming a Physician's Assistant in Emergency Medicine.



Sarah Boger

Troop 40178, Northville

Field School Nature Center

For her Gold Award, Sarah rehabilitated the Nature Center at Field Elementary School. It has become so overgrown and unmaintained that one could not walk through it. Sarah spent many hours weeding and removing intrusive plants that made it impossible for anything to grow. She created a large mulched path for people to walk around in the center. Members of the PTA will maintain the project moving forward. Sarah is proud that her project has helped clean the earth to create a healthier environment for all living things. The area began as overgrown, forgotten and transformed into a welcoming community nature center, where folks can gather and enjoy nature.

Sarah plans to attend the Art Institute of Chicago and one day work for a non-profit organization like Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan.



Victoria Conquest

Troop 40272, Pinckney

Safe Walking Path

In the small town of Pinckney, the library is within walking distance from many people's homes. Often when they would walk to the library, they would walk on an unsafe hill and would erode the side of it. The goal of Victoria's Gold Award was to promote exercise and safety to yourself and the environment. To do this, Victoria built a path with a retaining wall around the corner from the library with the unsafe hill. While working, she would talk to people about how the foot traffic of people has eroded the hill and made it unsafe to walk on. She asked them to spread the news of the new path and encouraged everyone to use it.

Tori graduated from Pinckney High School in 2019. She now studies Anthropology and Spanish at Northern Michigan University.



Katie Cooney
Troop 40634, Novi

Homeless Shelter Room Renovation

Many people do not have the luxury of sleeping in a nice bed at night. Katie renovated a bedroom at the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries (DRMM) Genesis House III, which houses women coming out of correctional facilities. Katie painted the room, refinished furniture and added bedding, curtains, lamps, and a rug. Katie's room renovation gave women hope that their circumstances could improve. Katie also donated extra sheets, comforters and towels because they were needed at the Genesis House III. According to Katie, the most rewarding part of the project was seeing how much happiness her room gave to the residents.

Katie is a junior at Northville High School. She plans on attending college after graduation and majoring in biology or biomedical engineering.



Samantha Frech
Troop 40020, Northville

Young Mothers' Room Transformation

Since elementary school, the idea of renovating a room for people in need had always interested Samantha. Therefore, she worked with Alternatives for Girls, an organization in Detroit helping homeless and high-risk girls and young women, to renovate a living space used by mothers and their children. "I really wanted to make the room more comfortable, cozy, and useful by providing new and clean furnishings, toys, and crafts," Samantha explained. By giving the mothers a new space to enjoy, she hoped to provide a better sense of safety and belonging to the girls, which would allow them to concentrate on getting back on their feet.

Samantha is a junior at Northville High School and plans to pursue a career in a math or science related field.



Abigail Glass
Troop 73207, Fowlerville

Concession Refurbish

Abigail looked around and saw that her community was not taking care of the baseball and softball concession stand. Abigail has volunteered, for a few years, to work at the concession stand for all of the school and summer league games. She used her Gold Award to refurbish the concession stand. With the help of three other Girl Scout troops, working in and with her community, Abigail was able to paint the entire building as well as replace any rotten wood on the outside, and add a new door. She was able to add display racks on the inside to help store candy. With the upgrades, it gives her community a new look and she has received many compliments since it's in a place that everyone sees as they drive through.

Abigail graduated from Byron High School and is attending Lansing Community College with a major of Therapeutic Massage.



Kalin Goodwin

Troop 80856, Vicksburg

Birds and Herbs

Kalin worked with the Vicksburg Historical Society to make their gardens more accessible and informative. Kalin created an informational pamphlet to distribute to visitors, detailing the plants in the community gardens. She also built and donated several benches for visitors to stay and enjoy the history. After Kalin's contributions, it made it easier for guests of the historical garden to tour the grounds and learn some history. Birdhouses along with instructions on how to care for them were also installed by Kalin.

Kalin graduated from Vicksburg High School in 2019.



Cierra Haughton

Troop 30273, Lansing

Dog Bag Dispenser

Cierra worked with the P.L.A.C.E. neighborhood in the City of Lansing to build and install four boxes that would hold recycled newspaper sleeves for the neighborhood to use when walking their dogs. These boxes were designed, built and installed under Cierra's direction. A donated garage was used as the workshop. Neighbors continued to encourage the noisy activity. The neighborhood president and others helped to install them on a cold, windy October day. They have been in use ever since. Dog walkers find the bag stations a real help in keeping the highly trafficked neighborhood clean. The neighborhood hopes to add flowers and watering sites to the established project this summer. Cierra used the building skills she learned at Wilson Talent Center through the Ingham County School District. The Wilson Talent Center was formerly known as Capital Area Career Center.

Cierra graduated from Eastern High School in 2020.



Vernae Hillard

Troop 60259, Sand Creek

Inspirational Quotes throughout a High School

When high school students, staff, and community get upset, have a bad day, or just need time to take a deep breath and clear their mind, they go to the bathroom for a few minutes. Seeing a positive quote on a wall can change the attitude of a person within a second. Vernae used her Gold Award to help the community find a positive light for their day that is not going well. "My project helps everyone in the community flip their day from a negative one to a positive one." Her project was putting vinyl quotes up on the walls in the bathroom all over the school so everyone in the community, especially students, will see them. After the quotes in the bathroom, Vernae put vinyl quotes in three flights of stairs in the school.

Vernae graduated from Sand Creek High School in 2019, and attends Lourdes University, planning to pursue her BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) Degree.



Jasmyn Johnston

Troop 80058, Plainwell

Helping our Heroes

For her Gold Award, Jasmyn addressed the issue of homelessness among veterans. She learned about the issue while working at a nursing center, and realized that this issue plagues veterans across the nation. However, there are many programs designed to help veterans returning to civilian life find jobs and homes. Jasmyn wanted to find out why many veterans did not receive the support they needed despite having so many resources available. Her project focused on increasing awareness among homeless veterans, gaining support for such programs, and help programs receive resources necessary for helping veterans. She traveled throughout the state to gather and share resources while completing her project.

Jasmyn is planning to attend Central Michigan University and become a college science professor.



Ann Krapohl

Troop 30138, Bath

A Library of Things

Libraries are closing around the US due to lack of funding, lack of materials, and that everything can be bought online. Ann created a Library of Things at her local library to increase traffic flow. A library of things includes miscellaneous items that the average household might not have, but need on occasion. This includes a power washer, telescope, specialty cake pans and more. Ann's project will be sustained through the growth of her local library, and continuous donations being added to the collection.

Ann plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study Healthcare Administration.



Renee Lince

Troop 30138, Bath

Local Park Improvements

While visiting the largest park in Bath, Fletcher-Robson Park, Renee noticed that it seemed to be the least known and utilized. After consultation with the Parks and Recreation Director and the Township Parks and Recreation Committee, Renee decided that her Gold Award would be to update the park's permanent weatherproof trail signage using GPS mapping. She also added plant identification plaques and a butterfly garden along with updating existing geocaches in the park. Renee then held a Girl Scout family event to increase awareness of the park for local families. After seeing the success of the Gold Award Project, the township has committed to adding additional signage and holding geocaching events within the park to further increase usage.

Renee graduate from Bath High School in May of 2020, planning to attend the University of Michigan to study Industrial and Operations Engineering.



Rachel Loren

Troop 30369, Eaton Rapids

Oak Ridge Park Improvements

Rachel's Gold Award improved trail accessibility, nature education and wildlife habitats within Oak Ridge Park. Making a section of the trail accessible year round, she designed and constructed a 58 foot, ADA-accessible boardwalk with a floating observation dock. She organized a sawmill demonstration at the local teen center where teens learned how a fallen tree from the park was turned into useable lumber for the construction of the boardwalk. Educating the public about local flora and fauna, Rachel installed 20 tree identification signs and conducted tree walks teaching community members about local trees. She placed a multi-stage geocache educating visitors about local animals. Rachel constructed two small mammal homes and installed two bat boxes ensuring small mammals have habitats to thrive.

Rachel is currently a high school sophomore. She plans to study genetics at MSU or attend West Point.



Madelyn Macionis

Troop 40178, Canton

Service for the Well-Being of Foster Families

Madelyn's Girl Scout Gold Award addressed the lack of resources there are to help foster families. She helped the community by providing information and awareness about the foster system and what people can do to help. She addressed the lack of resources by taking donation drives and blanket making outings. Madelyn describes her most rewarding moments happening while she was at the Washtenaw County Foster Closet and seeing the families benefit from her hard work.

Madelyn graduated from Canton High School in 2019.



Samantha Marchand

Troop 40466, Ann Arbor

Costume Organization

After each theater show, the costume pile grows and the costumes crew runs out of space. They pack costumes wherever they can find space. Samantha loves costumes and knew that she wanted to help reorganize the costumes crew storage area, something it desperately needed. Samantha created a new organizational system for the closet. To implement her plan, she and her crew went through every costume piece, fabric, and accessory, sorting them into keep, donate, and recycle categories. Then, every remaining piece was categorized and stored allowing all future costume crew personnel to easily find and locate an item. Samantha is most proud that her system will help future costume crew members to easily find costume pieces.

Samantha wants to study communications, her current top choice is Northeastern University in Boston.



Grace Neafsey

Troop 40020, Northville

Detroit Convent Basement Makeover and Garden Installation

Grace worked with the nuns of Holy Redeemer Church in downtown Detroit to renovate their basement and create gardens in front of their convent. Grace was able to create a safe workout space in the basement by cleaning, repainting the basement, and providing treadmills, stationary bikes, and workout equipment. The Sisters will be able to use the equipment safely in their basement for years instead of exercising outside in an area of Detroit that sometimes could feel unsafe. Grace also dug two large gardens and planted shrubs, annuals, and perennials in the front of the Convent. The gardens create a nicer appearance in the front of the convent, which, long term, causes less trash to be left in the Sisters' yard. Grace raised money through a can drive and received donations of used exercise equipment.

Grace graduated from Northville High School in 2021.



Kate Plymale

Troop 41227, Northville

Child Activity Area

A common problem in many urban areas is poverty. Kate's Gold Award addressed this issue in Detroit. She renovated a space at the Boll Family YMCA in downtown Detroit. She created an activity area for all ages in the daycare center. She built an activity table, installed shelving units, laid down a carpet, and filled the area with educational supplies and toys for the kids to enjoy. This child activity area is an uplifting environment for kids to feel safe and be able to learn while having fun. Children for many years to come will be able to enjoy this area. Kate also created a website for people to learn about her project and see how the space changed into a warm and welcoming area for kids.

Kate will attend Michigan State University, planning to major in education.



Nicole Rathbun

Troop 30481, Mason

Adaptive Archery Range

Nicole chose to create and build an adaptive archery range to be permanently placed, ran, and maintained on the property belonging to Bonnie DePue and CHUM Therapeutic Riding. This adaptive archery range is meant for children and adults with and without disabilities to gain knowledge of archery. To discover the fun sport of archery, unlike most ranges that do not accommodate the disabled. Nicole created an archery manual to help instruct anyone who wants to learn archery, which the owner will promote and run. Nicole also plans to teach and promote the range.

Nicole is a 2019 graduate from Mason High School and attends Southern New Hampshire University in pursuit of starting her career in photography.



Stephanie Reid

Juliette, Bellevue

Giving Back to Children's Hospitals

Often times when supporting children's hospitals, people don't realize how large the need is for mundane objects such as pillowcases and DVDs. Being in the hospital can be a very stressful time for a child, and having things like colorfully printed pillowcases, and DVDs and toys to play with greatly alleviates some of that stress. In 2017, Stephanie was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome and spent time in both Kalamazoo Children's Hospital and Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Center. As a way to give back and spread awareness about these hospital's needs, she sewed pillowcases, collected toy donations, and put together a binder for the hospitals on how to recreate them with their patients as a form of occupational therapy.

Stephanie graduated from Pennfield High School in 2019 and now attends Michigan State University, majoring in Comparative Cultures and Politics.

Brittany Sharpsteen

Troop 50432, Gladwin

Rags for Pets

Every time there is an unwanted animal, where does it end up? If your pet is hurt, where do you take them? Most times, unwanted animals end up in shelters, and the hurt pets would be taken to a vet's office. Brittany used her Gold Award to create beds and toys for animals who need extra comfort while waiting for their forever homes or to go home. Brittany is passionate about animals and wanted to make a difference for them in her area. She began to collect and ask for donations from her family and community to help create the beds and toys. She invited her local Girl Scout Area 577 and local Boy Scout Troop 779 to help make the braided toys for the animals and used her spare time to create the beds. In the end, Brittany had 80 dog beds and around 175 toys. She delivered these to her local shelters and vets, helping those animals in need.

Brittany graduated from Gladwin High School in 2019, she is currently attending Saginaw Valley State University studying Elementary Education with Early Childhood.



Allyson Siegert

Troop 40045, Northville

Crockpots for Civic Concern

Each year, the Northville Civic Concern provides food and basic necessities to around 200 families. Ally was surprised by this statistic and used her Gold Award to help the people living so close to her home. She concluded there were three areas that she needed to pay attention to: a reliant food source, an easy way to make meals, and how to make them. She went business to business in downtown Northville to see if they would be interested in collecting and donating food for one month each year. After partnering with some small businesses, Ally decided to look further into the small groups and organizations of Northville so the Civic Concern would have a steadier food income. Later, Ally fundraised enough money, and with the help from friends and family, was able to give a crockpot to each family that the Civic Concern aids. Finally, she crafted a recipe book to assist in the meal making process with the crock pots.

Ally graduated from Northville High School in 2020 and is planning to attend the University of Michigan or Grand Valley State University to study biomedical science.





Jane Stephenson

Troop 30161, Okemos

Birdhouses

For her Gold Award, Jane made 12 birdhouses for her elementary school, Montessori Radmoor. She fundraised for her project by collecting pop bottles from her friends and neighbors. The students of Montessori Radmoor got involved in Jane's project by painting the birdhouses. The birdhouses are hung around the grounds of Montessori Radmoor and will provide native birds such as chickadees, wrens, and nuthatches with a warm, dry place to live during the cold winter months. The students of Radmoor will get firsthand experience with nature when they open up the birdhouses and clean them out every spring to make room for a new family of birds.

Next year, Jane will attend the University of Michigan where she hopes to continue making a positive impact on nature by majoring in biological research.



Cotter Welch

Troop 40709, Northville

Faith Fidgets

After witnessing her own sister be excluded from worship services due to her special needs, Cotter decided to focus on religious inclusion for her Gold Award. She created Faith Fidgets, which are bags filled with sensory tools for children or adults with special needs to use during worship services. The use of sensory tools can help them focus and be attentive during worship services. The bags are also filled with religious books and visual schedules specific to the worship service. She donated them to various mosques, temples, and churches all over Southeast Michigan. Cotter also made a YouTube channel and website so that others can make their own Faith Fidget bags to donate to their place of worship.

Cotter graduated from Mercy High School in 2021.



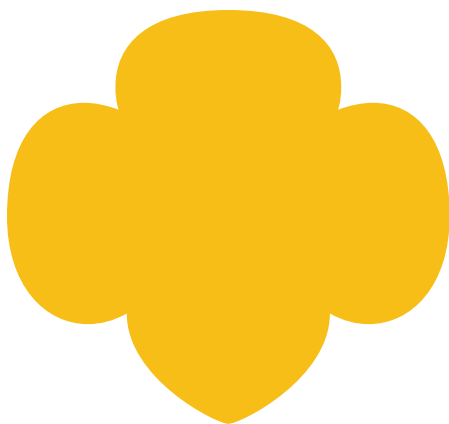
Krunali Werton

Troop 40900, Canton

Educational Tools for Special Education Students

Children who have learning disabilities often have difficulty completing their homework assignments and/or test/quizzes because of their feelings of anxiety. Krunali used her Gold Award to develop tools to use in the classroom to assist the students in managing their levels of stress. She worked with middle school students with learning disabilities in the school's resource room. She created educational tools that included worry beads, sensory bean bags, and positive motivation cards. Krunali made a large variety of tools that the teacher could use at their discretion and instructions were included to make additional educational tools when needed.

Krunali graduated from Livonia Franklin in 2020. She plans to pursue a career in the medical field.



Congratulations to our 2020 high school graduates!
We invite you to help us build girls of courage, confidence and character by returning to Girl Scouts as an adult volunteer.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to the Recipients of the Girl Scout Silver Award!



The Girl Scout Silver Award is the most prestigious honor a Girl Scout Cadette receives. The girls who earn this award are organized leaders who develop projects which highlight their dedication and determination to improve their community. We offer our

warmest congratulations to all of our Silver Award recipients and look forward to watching them go for the Gold.

The Girl Scout Silver Award requirements are:

- Girls must be in 6th, 7th or 8th grade, and must complete a Cadette Journey.
- Must identify issues they care about and build a Silver Award team or work solo.
- Choose a Silver Award project and develop it.
- Make a plan and put it into action.
- Reflect, share, and celebrate.



Rania Abdur-Rauf	Troop 40900	Northville
Leela Aiyagari	Troop 40221	Ann Arbor
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Emily Davison	Troop 90634	Paw Paw
Rebecca Davison	Troop 90634	Paw Paw
Lillian Denman	Troop 50743	Shepherd
Kavya Doshi	Troop 40900	Northville
Lexi Dryja	Troop 40222	Canton
Amelia Duncan	Troop 40222	Plymouth
Aleaha Foster	Troop 30105	Fowlerville
Marissa Frango	Troop 40127	Northville
Marissa Fransik	Juliette	Ypsilanti

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Delaney Henderson	Troop 40127	Northville
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Katherine Holmes	Troop 40807	Saline
Abigail Hoskey	Troop 50856	Saginaw
Jenna Huettelman	Troop 40807	Saline
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Hailie Johnson	Troop 50649	Alma
Bella Jones	Troop 30105	Pinckney
Ava Kunkel	Troop 30072	Eaton Rapids
Paige Lemmon	Troop 30692	Dimondale
Casey Leonard	Troop 40127	Northville
Makayla Lira	Troop 30197	Charlotte
Madison Lira	Troop 30197	Charlotte
Kathryn Magyar	Troop 30319	Lainsburg
Claire Masters	Troop 40127	Northville
Emilee McNitt	Troop 90665	Paw Paw
Molly McNitt	Troop 90634	Paw Paw
Isabel Medina	Troop 30460	Lansing
Jayden Mulder	Juliette	Elsie
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Jocelyn Paramo	Troop 30105	Fowlerville
Isabella Perez	Troop 60340	Manitou Beach
Sarina Pottow	Juliette	Ann Arbor
JoLynn Powell	Troop 30031	Eaton Rapids
Alexis Rankin	Troop 50191	Saginaw
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Malia Weber	Troop 45003	Ann Arbor
Lashya West-Mcclain	Troop 50038	Saginaw
Kira Wheeler	Troop 50743	Mt Pleasant
Alyson White	Troop 30319	Lainsburg
Emilee White	Troop 80466	Kalamazoo
Morgan Wood	Troop 30319	Lainsburg
Elizabeth Woodman	Troop 41076	Ann Arbor
Evelyn Wright	Troop 30319	Lainsburg
Paige Yarbrough	Troop 30105	Fowlerville
Skylar Young	Juliette	Kalamazoo
Catherine Zoschnick	Troop 40222	Plymouth



Congratulations to the recipients of the Girl Scout Bronze Award!



The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest honor earned by a Girl Scout Junior. The girls who earn this award develop more confidence, meet new people, and have the kind of fun that happens when you work with other Girl Scouts to make a difference. To earn the Bronze Award, girls must be in 4th or 5th grade (or equivalent), be a registered Girl Scout Junior and complete a Junior Journey. Congratulations Bronze Award recipients, we can't wait to see your Silver project!

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JoLynn Powell Eaton Rapids

Troop 30246

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Selena Clymo Holt
Amelia Ernst Holt
Audina Fillingham Lansing
Ragan Janko Canton
Angel Kavanaugh Holt
Ella Lanswager Holt
Clara McEvoy East Lansing
Claire Mondoskin Holt
Luisa Shalter Holt

Troop 40412

Lauren Estes Pinckney
Maren Estes Pinckney
Bridget Haydon Whitmore Lake
Esabelle Knezak Pinckney
Alie Ortiz Gregory
Julie Purcell Brighton

Troop 40467

Addison Grubb Dexter
Caitlyn Hoffman Dexter
Emma McHugh Dexter
Amelia Musleh Dexter
Kendal Nieman Dexter
Kera Root Ann Arbor
Teri Tippens Dexter

Troop 40500

Claire Beneteau Dexter
Ella Jensen Dexter
Kennedy Matson Dexter
Noelani Paxton Dexter
Madelyn Simons Dexter
Amelia Stinnett Dexter

Troop 40514

Charlotte Andrews Plymouth
Olivia Arico Plymouth
Olga Bekiares Plymouth
Elise Briggs Plymouth
Olivia Corden Plymouth
Katelyn Dutton Plymouth
Haven Hessenbruch Plymouth
Bryn Petrosky Plymouth

Troop 40635

Samantha Andres Howell
Makenzie Harvey Howell
Sidney McCray Howell
Reese Shevela Howell
Annika Sparks Howell
Charlotte Vallad Howell

Troop 40706

Shria Amuthan Northville
Ellie Anderson Northville
Erin Baker Northville
Monica Barretto Novi
Sydney Dutcher Northville
Helaina Freij Northville
Lillian Gordon Novi
Stella Hartmann Northville
Maddie Leneschmidt Novi
Astika Nursilo Novi
Alex Obrech Northville
Avery Richardson Novi
Allison Shamus Novi
Olivia Smith Novi
Fiona Tian Novi
Andrea Touma Novi
Maya Varghese Novi

Troop 40764

Kate Burke Ann Arbor
Emma Farr Ann Arbor
Sylvia Meisler Ann Arbor
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Josie Simpson Ann Arbor
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Maggie Williams Ann Arbor

Troop 50038

London Everett Saginaw
Jazmine Robbins Saginaw
Emma Wakefield-Levy Bridgeport

Troop 50288

Mackenzie Brightman Vassar
Charlie Gamet Vassar
McKenzie Kratz Vassar
Kylie Propes Vassar
Cassidie Seabert Millington
Breonna Wachter Vassar

Troop 50707

Lauryn Chasnis Saginaw
Grace Haitz Saginaw
Sophia Samborn Freeland
Alexis Venema Saginaw
Zoe Venema Saginaw
Michaela Witgen Saginaw

Troop 50731

Graslyn Clement Midland
Marison Clement Midland
Saydee Davenport Midland
Kira Fuerst Midland
Olivia Jezewski Midland
Lilah Johnson Midland
Samantha Luptowski Midland
Kiera McKimmy Midland
Katherine Potts Midland
Lilian Taylor Midland

Troop 50834

Jaidyn Quoss Midland
Allison Thompson Midland

Troop 50864

Mary Beyers Saginaw
Holli Cook Saginaw
Sydney Daenzer Saginaw
Riley Painter Saginaw
Cecila Reynolds Saginaw
Natalie Shaheen Saginaw
Maya Vasquez Saginaw

Troop 50871

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Sophia Fox Au Gres
Audrianna Maurer Au Gres
Kayden Skacal Au Gres

Troop 50875

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Claire Cousineau	Tecumseh
Taylor LaDean	Tecumseh
Madelyn McLove	Tecumseh
Sunni McLove	Tecumseh
Isabella Weakland	Tecumseh

Troop 80216

Morgan Baker	Marshall
Elizabeth Connolly	Marshall
Alaina Hoffman	Marshall
Saleen Pierce	Ceresco
Isabella (Bella) Ryan	Albion

Troop 80217

Avery Barney	Battle Creek
Josephine Pawlowicz	Augusta

Troop 80426

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Paige Johnson	Kalamazoo
Morgan Smith	Kalamazoo

Troop 80589

Morgan Ferguson	Zeeland
Amelia Maharas	Hamilton

Troop 80801

Nora Schultz	SchoolCraft
Makalya Stultz	SchoolCraft

Troop 90603

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Marisa Schlatter	Lawton
Emily Schubert	Lawton
Morgan Swalec	Lawton

Troop 90696

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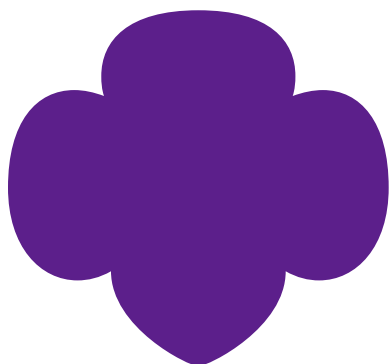
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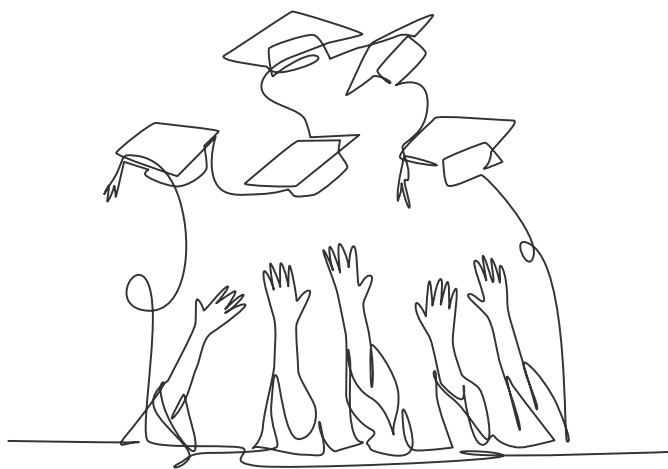
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Your Girl Scout Experience Doesn't Stop Here!



Your Girl Scout journey can continue, and we have a never-ending list of ways to make that possible.

A great starting point is becoming a Lifetime Member. This will keep you connected no matter where you go. Once your current annual membership expires, you will qualify for the Young Alumnae Membership for \$200. Find out more at girlscouts.org.

We also have numerous volunteer opportunities, which include starting your own Girl Scout troop or forming a short-term Daisy Troop. If

you like to teach new things to adults, think about becoming an adult learning facilitator. It's rewarding and also an excellent place to make new friends.

If the great outdoors is more to your liking, you'll enjoy being a Camp Counselor at one or more of our amazing camp properties. You can read about available positions and can download the Seasonal Employment Application on our website, gshom.org.

We are proud of all of your accomplishments, and we hope to see you in the future.

Planning on attending college in our council footprint? Contact us for intern opportunities!

It Pays to be a Girl Scout

Membership definitely has its advantages for Girl Scouts graduating from high school who are members of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan.

In addition to entering a college or university with an established set of leadership skills, our girls are positioned well to apply and receive scholarships such as the one created by Kathy Lindahl, a major supporter of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and retired Assistant Vice President for Finance and Operations at Michigan State University.

Any girl who is graduating with plans to attend MSU, is eligible to apply for the scholarship, which was endowed in 1998. To date, more than 17 young women have been recipients of the scholarship.

Numerous other scholarships are available to college-bound Girl Scouts, and we encourage each and every one of our girls to list the accomplishments, awards and accolades they have received from Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan on their college applications.

Girl Scouting Matters!

Did you know?

- Girl Scout Gold Award recipients rate their success in life significantly higher and report higher success in reaching their goals within many diverse domains (education, career, and volunteer work).
- Girl Scout Gold Award recipients place significantly higher importance on being a leader.
- 59 million Girl Scout alumnae are more successful in school, develop a stronger sense of self, and report greater satisfaction in life than their peers.

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WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP

Women and Leadership in Engineering and Applied Sciences (WLEAS) is a course for first-year and transfer women, and is repeated after other successful women in science and engineering programs in the United States. The course features speakers, mostly female others, who present to the class about their work in the world of engineering and applied sciences, as well as their experiences at WMU. They offer advice and guidance for students using their own life experiences as examples, and allow them for questions at the end of each class. You will be assigned an e-mentor who is also a female WMU graduate of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) provides a great opportunity to build ties with other students across all engineering and applied sciences majors. As a society, SWE focuses on helping develop many skills including teamwork, networking, and resume building. The group hosts resources activities during the year. The SWE national organization offers a wide range of scholarships for members of the student chapter.



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Official Gold Award Status

Last year, Girl Scouts of the USA recognized everyone who achieved Girl Scouts' highest award as Gold Award Girl Scouts.

Since 1916, girls have been pushing themselves and following their passions. The name for the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve has changed over the years. See the following history to explore the past awards.

Regardless of the name of the award, the young women who earned them have all shown the same outstanding leadership skills, determination and resilience. Now all of these leaders are recognized as Gold Award Girl Scouts, and are entitled to receive the Gold Award pin.

The name makes things easier, but what else is changing? Girl Scouting is working hard to elevate the profile of the Gold Award. Girl Scouts of the USA has even developed a digital badge with LinkedIn, so prospective employers know when an applicant has achieved this special level of recognition. Look for more Gold Award information in the news, it's a real priority.



The History of the Highest Award in Girl Scouting

It hasn't always been called the Gold Award!

1916-1918 Golden Eaglet of Merit 1919-1938 Golden Eaglet

One of Juliette Low's favorite duties was to award the Golden Eaglet in person. The five requirements for winning the Golden Eaglet, she wrote in *The American Girl*, "are character, health, handicraft, happiness, and service, and that others will expect to find in our Golden Eaglets a perfect specimen of girlhood: mentally, morally, and physically."



1938-1940 First Class

The Golden Eaglet award was renamed First Class.



1940-1963 Curved Bar

This award was earned by Intermediate Scouts who had already earned the First Class Award, and was the way to bridge to Senior rank. Because of the shortage of metal during WWII, at first the award was a curved embroidered patch worn on the uniform. In 1947, the Curved Bar pin was introduced.

1963-1980 First Class

In 1963, the award was again named, First Class. Requirements for earning the First Class Award changed over the 17 years it was offered. In the beginning, girls had to earn a number of badges and four challenges: Social Dependability, Emergency Preparedness, Active Citizenship and Girl Scout Promise. In 1972, eight new challenges were offered: Arts, Community Action, Environment, International



Understanding, Knowing Myself, My Heritage, Out-of-Doors, and Today's World.

1980-Present

Girl Scout Gold Award

In 1980, the Gold Award was introduced. In 1990, National Council Session delegates approved a proposal which would keep the name of the Gold Award in perpetuity. The requirements evolved until 2010, when Girl Scouts of the USA presented the current requirements, focusing on leadership skills, organizational skills, community awareness and commitment.

Today's girls embody the spirit of Juliette Low through their leadership and their service and can always be proud that they are part of an elite group of women who have earned this award.

Congratulations to every young woman who has achieved Girl Scouting's highest award!

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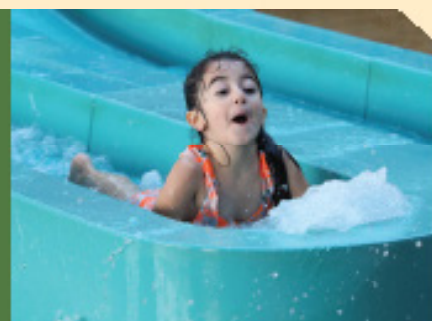
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Gold Award Project Spotlight



Jasmyn Johnston
Troop 80058, Plainwell

Helping our Heroes

Concentrating on helping the homeless veteran population, Jasmyn focused on increasing awareness among homeless veterans of gaining support for such programs, and helped programs receive resources necessary for helping veterans.



Rachel Loren
Troop 30369, Eaton Rapids

Oak Ridge Park Improvements: Rachel designed and built a 58 foot long, accessible boardwalk and floating observation dock. She installed 20 tree identification signs and conducted tree walks for her community. She also installed geocache sites and at the local teen center, demonstrated how she used a sawmill to turn fallen trees into usable lumber for her project.



Allyson Siegert
Troop 40045, Northville

Crockpots for Civic Concern

Allyson coordinated year-round food donations with local businesses. Additionally she provided a crock pot and recipe book for each of the roughly 200 families served by the Northville Civic Concern.



Stephanie Reid
Juliette, Bellevue

Giving Back to Children's Hospitals
Stephanie sewed fun pillow cases, and donated DVDs and toys to help relieve stress at local childrens' hospitals.