



2013

# GOLD AWARD CEREMONY

AND

# YOUNG WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

*with a special salute to our  
2012 Silver Award recipients*

**Saturday, June 1, 2013  
12:00 noon – 2:00 pm  
Luncheon and Ceremony**

**Rhodes on the Pawtuxet  
60 Rhodes Place  
Cranston, RI 02905**





# AWARD DESCRIPTIONS



## About the Silver Award

This year, for the first time, our council is honoring Silver Award recipients. The Girl Scout Silver Award – the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette (grades 6 – 8) can earn – gives girls the chance to show they are a leader who is organized, determined, and dedicated to improving their community. After completing one Cadette journey – either It’s your World-Change it! or It’s your Planet-Love it! Or It’s Your Story Tell It!– girls must identify an issue they care about, explore their community, pick a Take Action project, and put it into motion. The suggested minimum time for earning the Girl Scout Silver Award is 50 hours.

## About the Gold Award

The Gold Award has evolved from a long line of Girl Scout leadership awards which recognize older girls who make a difference in their communities. The Girl Scout Gold Award was first introduced in 1980, but has been known as The Golden Eagle of Merit (1916-1919), the Curved Bar Award (1940-1963), and the First Class award (1963-1980).

Approximately one million Girl Scouts have earned the Gold Award or its equivalent since 1916. Currently, between 5-6 percent of eligible Girl Scouts earn the Gold Award annually. The Gold Award recognizes the work of Girl Scouts who demonstrate leadership, culminating in 80 hours or more dedicated toward a Take Action Project that has lasting effects in the community.

## About the Young Women of Distinction Awards

Our second annual Young Women of Distinction Awards will be presented to three Gold Award recipients whose Gold Award projects stood out from the others in the areas of creativity, sustainability, and impact. Not an easy task for the Higher Awards Committee – with 17 truly impressive Gold Award projects in this year’s class. The top recipient will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and two runners-up will each receive a \$500 scholarship.





# WELCOME



We extend a warm welcome to this year's Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, their families and friends, and other higher award alumnae in attendance today. We are also honored to have the hard-working members of the Higher Awards Committee in attendance, as well as many dignitaries, board members and other "friends" of Girl Scouting.

Each member of this year's Gold Award "class" spent at least eighty hours working on her Gold Award project. Projects included creating an awareness campaign about sexual violence, building a garden to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables for families at local food pantries, and leading a competitive swim team mentoring program to help teenagers with their communication and leadership skills. In addition to working with dedicated leaders and mentors, girls formed partnerships with several community groups including the Bay Spring Community Center, the Family Literacy Center, Gateway Healthcare, Gloucester Heritage Society, New England Science and Sailing Foundation, and the Women's Center of Rhode Island. While some of the young women we are honoring today will be heading off to college in the fall, they have created projects that will have a lasting impact in their communities.

We also give a special salute to this year's Girl Scout Silver Award recipients, and trust that today you will be inspired by your older sister Girl Scouts!

Congratulations to all of you!





## EVENT AGENDA



- ▶ Introduction of Special Guests ◀
- ▶ Welcome ◀
- ▶ Acknowledgment of Silver Award Recipients ◀
- ▶ Procession of the 2013 Class of Gold Award Recipients ◀
- ▶ Young Women of Distinction Awards ◀
- ▶ Closing ◀
- ▶ Group Photos ◀

*Recipients of the 2013 Gold Award and Former Recipients of the Gold Award,  
Golden Eaglet, Curved Bar, or First Class Awards  
as well as 2012 Silver Award Recipients*

## GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS



### **Fiona Beltram** Troop #395, Chepachet, RI THE MAKING OF A MUSEUM

For my Gold Award project, I helped the Glocester Heritage Society bring history alive within the Pettingell/Mason House. The Heritage Society is working to convert this house into a museum to share its stories and history of the Dorr Rebellion dating back to the 1700s with the public. My project helped develop a curriculum for the museum to implement a docent program for future visitors to be able to learn a large amount of information about the history. I also gathered and restored eleven pieces of pottery from the House, which dated back to the late 1700s that will be exhibited in a display I created, which will enhance visitor's experiences while touring the museum. Additionally, I designed a brochure for visitors.

The most successful aspect of my project was the curriculum I created, which included information not recorded anywhere else. The curriculum not only preserves a large amount of information about the Pettingell/Mason House, but also provides a simple way to connect the community with the Heritage Society, and inspire historians to come to Glocester and visit the museum.



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*Girl Scout member for 11 years. Ponaganset High School, 2014. I plan on majoring in marine biology, and would like to travel, study marine life across the globe, and conduct research to discover unknown species.*

*Special thanks to all of the leaders and girls of Troop 395 for keeping Girl Scouting strong in Yankee B.*



## **Bridget Champlin** Troop #96, Warwick, RI

### PROJECT HELP

The issue in the community my Gold Award project addressed was teen suicide due to being bullied. In September of last year I lost a friend who committed suicide because he was bullied. In his honor, my project was designed to raise awareness of the causes and effects of suicide, since it is a growing issue in the United States. I addressed the issue by making a video on teen suicide.

The most successful part of my project was when I presented the video to my school. The video became an eye opener and made people more aware of teen suicide.

*Girl Scout member for 11 years. The Met School, 2014. I hope to attend Hampshire College in Amherst, MA pursuing a major in education and classics. From this I hope to be able to work closer to my goal of opening schools in Greece and Italy.*



## **Kaitlyn Erin Conery** Troop #888, Cumberland, RI

### HEARING THE SILENT

My Gold Award project focused on raising awareness for the deaf by teaching my peers American Sign Language at my high school, Mount Saint Charles Academy. I also worked with Cumberland town officials to have excess "Deaf Child" signs removed from local neighborhoods, so the signs could be reused for other purposes.

The most successful aspect of my project was the Sign Language Club at my school because my peers got involved and brought their friends to join the club also. Members were able to witness first-hand testimony from a hearing impaired person on what it is like to be deaf.

*Girl Scout member for 11 years. Mount Saint Charles Academy, 2013.*



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*I will be attending Suffolk University, majoring in chemistry in the honors program.*

*Special thanks to my mom and dad for always believing in me and to my troop leader and troop for always being there!*



**Katerina DeNardo** Troop #106, Cranston, RI  
A HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER FOR THE WCRI

The purpose of my project was to provide The Women's Center of Rhode Island (a nonprofit shelter that provides temporary housing for women who have been the victim of domestic abuse and their children) with a variety of tools and resources that they could use to keep their residents healthy. To help them treat injuries and illnesses when they occur, I ran a drive at my church to collect over-the-counter cold and flu medications. Over 200 items were donated, including acetaminophen, ibuprofen, aspirin, cough medicine, cough drops and many different types of cold medicines. I also donated an Exergen temporal thermometer, assembled and donated a complete first aid kit and a comprehensive first aid book, and created a health and wellness resource binder to be used by residents and staff.

The most successful aspect of my project was the drive; I was amazed by the generosity of the parishioners at my church. The overall outcome of my successful project was that The Women's Center of Rhode Island now has a variety of tools and resources that they can use to keep shelter residents healthy, and to treat injuries and illnesses when they occur.

*Girl Scout member for 11 years. Cranston High School West, 2014. I hope to attend a four year college and study business.*

*Special thanks to my troop leader, Mrs. Kathy Fruggiero, I would not have made it this far in Girl Scouts without her steadfast leadership. Also thanks to my grandmother, Mrs. Marilyn DeNardo, for her help with my Gold Award project.*



**Jessica Marie Dowling** Troop #464, North Kingstown, RI  
CHURCH YOUTH GROUP FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL  
AGED TEENS

My project addressed the need for a youth group in my community parish, Saint Francis De Sales. First, I met with the Parish Youth Core



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Committee to lay some foundations on what I envisioned the youth group would be like. I also reached out to the teens at my church by passing out a survey, which allowed me to coordinate a meeting time and day and find out what kind of activities they would be interested in. The first meeting consisted of a pizza party and a discussion about two trips – one to Adventure Land and the other to Ocean Skates. I held these events to attract teens, and to give them fun activities to participate in. Once I attracted more attention from the first meeting, I continued to hold monthly youth group meetings with activities.

The most successful aspect of my project was getting a core group of approximately 13 teens who regularly attend all the meetings. I have formed and developed a very close relationship with them all. My project was successful because I was able to develop a group where teens of the parish could hang out and share their faith.

*Girls Scout member for 13 years. North Kingstown High School, 2013. I will be attending The Franciscan University of Steubenville, majoring in history and anthropology in hopes to become a museum curator with this degree.*

*Many thanks to all my family and friends who have supported me in everything I do.*



## **Lindsay Michelle Gimple** Troop #932, Pawcatuck, CT OCEANS OF AWARENESS

For my Gold Award project, I wanted to inspire younger kids who live in my area to love the local marine environment in the same way that I do. Working with the New England Science & Sailing Foundation (NESS), I painted two murals and developed Twister games to aid the Sailing and Marine Biology programs in teaching about Stonington Harbor and Fishers Island Sound. One mural depicts an underwater scene featuring marine life that is commonly found in our local waters, such as scup, sea nettles, and Atlantic horseshoe crabs. Next to each marine creature are both their common and scientific names, as well as their actual size. The other mural is an accurate chart of Fishers Island Sound, complete with prominent locations and yacht clubs labeled. The purpose of this mural is to help kids learn the geography of the region that they are sailing and learning in. As a final supplement to my project, I created two Twister-style game mats, one for use in the marine biology classroom and one



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to help kids in the sailing programs learn the parts of the boat, all while having fun.

I think the most successful part of my project was the Twister mats. They are a really fun and engaging tool that the kids love to play and learn from. After a total of 136 hours spread out over a year, I presented my project to NESS last summer. It was an overwhelming success! The murals are in display in a marine biology lab/classroom, so they can be referenced in any lesson and the Twister mats have been added as a learning tool in both the sailing and marine biology curricula.

*Girl Scout member for 13 years. Stonington High School, 2013. I will be attending Cornell University, majoring in mechanical engineering.*

*Special thanks to my family for always supporting me in all my endeavors. Also, big thanks to all my Girl Scout sisters who have made my experience in this program so enjoyable.*



## **Savannah Lyn Haines** Troop #1135, Westport, MA

### YEARLING'S CROSSING

My project addressed the need to help ensure safety for visitors to the Herb Hadfield Conservation Area. To help make precautions, I built a natural stepping stone crossing across the Angeline Brook. I used rocks found in the area to make sure I was not introducing new life forms into the conservation area. After many trials the rocks were ready to be installed into the brook. Once the rocks were in place, I had to make sure that they were sturdy. When I was done, the trail was able to be continued to the other side of the brook without imposing a great safety risk.

The most successful aspect of my project was being able to make a safer outdoor experience for the hikers who visit the Herb Hadfield Conservation Area. I built this crossing to help people enjoy their experience in the conservation area, while making sure to not harm the environment.

*Girl Scout member for 12 years. Bristol County Agricultural High School, 2014. I hope to attend a college in the Fall 2014 and major in forestry with a minor in arboriculture in hopes of starting my own logging company.*

*Special thanks to my Grandmother Virginia; she couldn't be here with me today, but her inspiration in Girl Scouting led me to complete my Gold Award project.*





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## **April Marion Harff** Troop #426, Barrington, RI PROJECT SAAF (STOP ASSAULT AGAINST FEMALES)

My Gold Award project was to create an awareness campaign, *Stop Assault Against Females*, that directly targets the adolescent population and addresses sexual violence with an educational approach from a peer's perspective. As a victim myself, I created Project SAAF to prevent sexual violence from happening to others. My project serves as a resource for victims and raises awareness about sexual violence and its prevalence in today's society. Sexual violence is an issue that affects the whole world and needs to be addressed across the globe. Throughout my project, I had opportunities to connect with other sexual assault survivors, attend a press conference at the State House, and work with school districts across Rhode Island. I created a website, [www.ProjectSAAF.org](http://www.ProjectSAAF.org), to reach out to a greater audience and provide statistical information, definitions and resources for help. In addition, I interviewed three survivors and designed an informational pamphlet that was distributed at 30 schools around the state of Rhode Island. My project may address a small step in the big picture, but I believe that one small step in the right direction can make all the difference.

An important component of my project involved reaching out to high school students. Through sharing my project over the internet and working with schools to distribute over 600 pamphlets, I was able to reach out to Rhode Island schools and health/guidance facilities. The most successful part of my project is the creation of my website. For more on my project visit me at: [www.projectsaa.org](http://www.projectsaa.org)

*Girl Scout member for 13 years. Moses Brown School, 2013. I will be attending The Berklee College of Music in the fall, majoring in music with a minor in business. I hope to combine both areas of study and share my passion for music with other individuals through performing and using music as a tool to overcome differences and challenges in peoples' lives.*

*Mom, thank you so much. I could not have completed my Gold Award or be standing here today if it were not for your continuous love and support.*



## **Isra Syed Hussain** Troop #708, Lincoln, RI LEAD THE WAY TO AN ANTI-BULLYING COMMUNITY

My project addressed the very prominent issue of bullying in today's society. For my project, I held a workshop dealing with bullying and leadership at the Family Literacy Center in Lincoln, RI. I spent many hours



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finding sources and doing research on bullying in modern day society. I was most interested in the role of the bystander, and how leadership techniques would help in bullying situations.

First, I attended a Leadership Compass program at the Brown Leadership Institute, which dealt with leadership techniques. I then got in contact with The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership of Rhode Island for some suggestions on different leadership activities and styles and reached out to Ms. Marianne Douglas, a motivational speaker and author, for suggestions on different techniques to deal with bullying. After gathering all of my resources, I created a powerpoint presentation, brochure and activities booklet, and held an anti-bullying workshop at the Family Literacy Center. The presentation consists of spreading the message about the consequences of bullying and techniques to decrease incidents, the brochure gives information on how to report bullying situations, the booklet serves to inspire others to take the initiative as a bystander, and the team building activities promote collaboration and connection. I also created a banner called "Lead the Way to an Anti-Bullying Community." During the workshop participants signed the banner to pledge to help put an end to bullying in their community, which is now hung up in the Family Literacy Center as a reminder to fight for the cause.

The most successful part of my project was spreading the anti-bullying message to individuals in Lincoln.

*Girl Scout member for 13 years. Lincoln High School, 2013. I will be attending college in the Fall 2013, majoring in psychology or neuroscience in hopes to receive a PhD to pursue research and help people with mental disorders.*

*Special thanks to Mrs. Pat and Mrs. Braga, and the girls in my troop, for helping to make my experience in Girl Scouts outstanding.*



**Jordan Kelsay Hutnak** Troop #336, Pawtucket, RI  
GO GREEN!

For my Gold Award project, I addressed the pressing need of e-waste (recycling one's electronic waste). I wanted to help bring awareness to the Pawtucket community on how to properly recycle old, broken and unused electronics. To accomplish this goal, I held three "recycling events", one at Saint Raphael Academy and two at the Pawtucket Wintertime Farmers Market. The week before each event, I made announcements through various media and advertisements to make the



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community aware of my project. At the events, the community was able to drop off any old electronics that they did not need. Once I collected all the electronics, I recycled them properly with Good Point Recycling in Vermont. My project also involved teaching the importance of recycling to kindergarten classes at St. Teresa's and St. Cecilia's schools. I taught them how to make recycling fun by creating crafts with them; we created penguins made out of recycled toilet paper rolls and paper.

My project was an overwhelming success. I collected many electronics and saved them from going to a landfill or overseas. I believe the most successful aspect of my project was the amount of electronic waste I collected. I also enjoyed knowing how much the kindergarteners learned about how important it is to recycle.

*Girl Scout member for 10 years. Saint Raphael Academy, 2013. I will be attending Bay Path College, majoring in marketing with a minor in English. I hope to become a successful businesswoman.*

*Special thanks to my grandmother, Phyllis, for guiding me through the Gold Award process. I couldn't have done it without you.*



## **Alison Jeffrey** Troop #106, Lincoln, RI

### HEALTHY GROWING

My project addressed the need to inform disadvantaged women in my community about how and why to live a healthy lifestyle. My project addressed this need by introducing healthy cooking using fresh herbs and vegetables to the women at the Women's Center of RI (WCRI). I did this by renovating a garden area on the patio of the WCRI. I painted a cement planter and filled it with herbs and vegetable plants that could be used by the women when cooking. I also compiled a book of simple, healthy recipes to help teach the women at the WCRI to enjoy healthy cooking and give them a skill that many of them lack. Lastly, I hung posters around the center promoting my project, and donated tools to maintain the garden for years to come.

The most successful part of my project was the renovation of the cement planter. Not only did this provide an area full of herb and vegetable plants for cooking with, but also brightened the patio area. The volunteer coordinator at the WCRI said that the women enjoyed trying the recipes



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from the cookbook and preparing healthy meals with the fresh herbs and veggies from the garden.

*Girl Scout member for 12 years. Lincoln High School, 2013. I will be attending college in the Fall 2013 majoring in biology.*

*Special thanks to my family, to my advisor, Melissa, and to Kathy, Rebecca and Katerina for all of your help and support along the way in achieving my Gold Award!*



## **Jordan Gabrielle Jepsen** Troop #131, Sutton, MA

### A "BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE" LIBRARY

My Gold Award project addressed the issue of the small collection of literature that belonged to my church. I organized the meager selection to make an easy, accessible, and convenient way for the public to use it, and then held a donation drive to bring in many new, quality selections.

The donation phase of my project was successful. I received over a thousand pieces of media, including encyclopedias, Bibles, picture books, audio books, DVDs, meditation guides, and much more. We received so many donations to my cause that we ran out of space in the church, so I donated them to another organization. I was astounded by the generosity and support during my whole project. The library is now up and running and there is a considerable amount of interest in it now that it's been made available for the community to use.

*Girl Scout member for 11 years. Sutton Memorial High School, 2013. I will be attending Boston College majoring in English in hopes to become a teacher or an analyst.*

*Affectionate thanks to my leader, Mary Alberg. You are one of the sweetest, most selfless people I know and I don't know what I would do without you.*



## **Shelby Markey** Troop #196, Cumberland, RI

### THE GARDEN FOR THE HUNGRY

My Gold Award project involved me addressing a need I noticed while volunteering at a local soup kitchen – access to fresh fruits and vegetables. While I was completing my Harvest Journey, I was surprised to learn that some families can't purchase fruit and vegetables because they are too expensive. I built a garden at Emmanuel Episcopal Church



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in Cumberland, RI to help families in need so they could have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. In the garden's first year it provided 159.4 pounds of food to three local food pantries/soup kitchens, feeding countless families in need. I also worked with members of Emmanuel Church to start a garden committee that will continue the garden into the following years with the goal to produce even more food.

The most successful aspect of my project was planting seeds, seeing them grow, and harvesting over 159 pounds of fruits and vegetables to give to hungry families in need. The garden will continue to provide more fruits and vegetables next year and hopefully many more years after.

*Girl Scout member for 12 years. Cumberland High School, 2014. I hope to attend the University of Rhode Island's pre-veterinarian program, and then would like to continue my education at Tufts University to become a veterinarian.*

*Special thanks to my troop leader for giving me the tools I needed to help make my project a success. Thanks to my parents for always being there to help, support, and guide me.*



## **Carlene Niguidula** Troop #426, Barrington, RI

### THE GIRL MOVEMENT

For my project, I developed a leadership-themed peer-mentoring program. *The Girl Movement* was founded in my belief that we are not byproducts of our circumstances. I planned and led workshops for a group of teenage girls who live in a group home through a nonprofit organization, Gateway Healthcare. I held workshops that focused on four key themes: success, fear & self-image, relationships, and leadership. Within each theme, I designed and conducted 4-6 workshops and writing seminars. My idea was to inspire these girls to understand that where they go in life has nothing to do with the life they are handed, but instead with the lives they choose to lead and the people they choose to be. I served as a source of guidance, inspiration and direction from a peer point of view to the girls in hopes that they would realize that is possible to be confident and strong at a young age.

My project was incredibly successful because of the impact I made on the girls. The girls and I formed wonderful relationships that showed me how much they appreciated my project and looked up to me as both a role model and a peer. *The Girl Movement* was also a celebration of



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power. My project is a testament to not only what I have done, but what I will do in the future. Because of these young women, they have proved that we are the shakers, the movers, and the girls who understand the power of action, the power of words and the power of believing in yourself and believing you are not wrong.

*Girl Scout member for 10 years. Barrington High School, 2013. I will be attending Brown University majoring in American studies and physics. During my freshmen year, I hope to explore everything that I can.*

*Thank you to my mentor Carolyn, the Lincoln staff, my fellow seniors, Mrs. Harff, and Mrs. Williams for being ever-supportive and inspirational. Special thanks to the Lincoln girls, whose strength and vitality make this world an incredible place to live.*



## **Maia Roth** Troop #554, Wakefield, RI

### HAZARD MEMORIAL GARDEN RESTORATION

For my Gold Award project, I wanted to increase recreational opportunities for people at the South Kingstown Parks and Recreation. I wanted to help preserve and protect a beautiful park next to the town library that could be used as a meeting place or a quiet reading area. I learned about native and invasive species and cleared a small historic park. All of the volunteers I worked with were educated about plant life and I also taught what I learned about gardening and invasive species at the Museum of Primitive Arts and Culture.

The biggest success of my project was the garden and how it has been significantly cleared of invasive species. The community has rediscovered the park and I have received numerous complements about my project from the many people who visit my garden.

*Girl Scout member for 10 years. South Kingstown High School, 2013. I will be attending the Community College of Rhode Island and transfer to another college, where I plan on majoring in psychology or music therapy.*

*Special thanks to Girl Scouts of Rhode Island and Mrs. Craig for this opportunity.*



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## **Jennifer Marie Scarborough** Juliette, Smithfield, RI TEEN SWIM MENTORING PROGRAM

My Gold Award project focused on keeping kids active in competitive sports by giving them leadership responsibilities. I began a Swim Mentoring program at the Highridge Swim and Tennis Club. For my project I paired older, veteran swimmers with younger, inexperienced swimmers. The veteran swimmers were paired with multiple younger buddies, and were given responsibilities to help them learn the ropes of swimming. The program was designed to help both the inexperienced kids have a more in-depth understanding of the expectations of competitive sports, and the veteran swimmers gain communication and leadership skills.

The most successful part of my project was seeing a significant improvement change after one of my veteran swim students was given responsibility. He came to practice on time, behaving as he should when he was present, and working harder since he knew younger kids were looking up to him.

*Girl Scout member for 12 years. Smithfield High School, 2013. I will be attending Emmanuel College in Boston majoring in neuroscience as a pre-med student and a minor in French.*

*Special thanks to my advisor, Ms. Colleen Desjarlais, for being there through everything.*



## **Molly Williams** Troop #426, Barrington, RI SOMETHING TO DO

Through my project, I hoped to show teens in my town of Barrington that they have alternative resources for their weekends to give them "Something to Do". Teens are often criticized because they historically have been involved in tragic incidents involving alcohol and drugs. Although these are isolated incidents, use of alcohol and drugs is by no means scarce in the teenage population. I identified the root cause of the issue as the ignorance of the resources Barrington has to offer them.

In order to counter this, I worked with the Bay Spring Community Center in Barrington as a coordinator of Teen Nights for them, hosting Saturday night Open Mic Nights and Improv Showcases. The events were free to high school students, so I focused my advertising around the 14-18 age population in Barrington to help educate them about the resources that



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are available. They events gave teens an opportunity to showcase their talents, perform in front of their peers and boost their self-confidence.

The most successful aspect of my project was how many people showed up to my events. The audience didn't just include my friends; they were performers and people in the community that I didn't know outside of the context of this project. Friends and parents came to support my events as well. It was really cool to see that I had created something that reached further than just my immediate circle.

*Girl Scout member for 13 years. Barrington High School, 2013. I will be attending Vanderbilt University, and plan on majoring in medicine, health and society, an interdisciplinary study of biology and sociology. I hope to become a genetic's counselor.*

*HUGE thanks to Mrs. Harff and the VLS for their endless support, advice and laughter. I couldn't have done it without you!*

## Congratulations to Carlene Niguidula for being a Gold Award recipient



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# SILVER AWARD



# RECIPIENTS

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*Troop #926, Bristol, RI*

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*Troop #926, Bristol, RI*

Casie Castello  
*Troop #426, Barrington, RI*

Sarah Chamberlain  
*Troop #87, Barrington, RI*

Jennifer Costa  
*Troop #170, Smithfield, RI*

Victoria DaSilva  
*Juliette, Bristol, RI*

Victoria DeBlois  
*Troop #561, North Kingstown, RI*

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*Troop #535, Warren, RI*

Amy Harff  
*Troop #426, Barrington, RI*

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*Troop #615, West Kingston, RI*

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*Troop #725, Middletown, RI*

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*Troop #926, Barrington, RI*

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*Troop #772, North Attleboro, MA*

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*Juliette, Cumberland, RI*

Alexandra Medeiros  
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*Troop #1004, Somerset, MA*

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*Troop #535, Warren, RI*

Haley Shaw  
*Troop #713, West Greenwich, RI*

Leah Sirmalis  
*Troop #426, Riverside, RI*

Victoria Smith  
*Troop #926, Bristol, RI*

Julia Vollaro  
*Troop #926, Bristol, RI*

Morgan Wainwright  
*Troop #926, Bristol, RI*

Elizabeth Wheeler  
*Troop #725, Portsmouth, RI*





## SPECIAL THANKS



*A special thanks to our volunteer videographer:*

### **Bonnie Bryden**

Bonnie began in Girl Scouting as a Brownie and continued all through high school, earning her Gold Award in 1999. That was an important accomplishment for her, one she will never forget. In addition to that achievement, the lessons she learned and the friendships she made while in Girl Scouting remain part of her life today. Bonnie earned her Bachelors Degree in TV production from Eastern Connecticut State University in 2003. While in college, Bonnie volunteered with the Girl Scouts of Connecticut, working with their Studio 2B program. In 2005, for her Masters Degree in journalism from Emerson College, Bonnie chose to do a mini documentary on Girl Scouts. She worked with the girls at Camp Cedar Hill in Massachusetts as well as the Eastern Massachusetts Girl Scout council to show how being in Girl Scouting can help prepare a girl to be a better leader in the future. She was proud to use this opportunity to bring more attention to the lifelong rewards of Girl Scouting.

Bonnie Bryden is currently employed at WPRI 12 in East Providence, RI. She has used her schooling to fill many jobs at the TV station including audio operator, videotape operator and studio camera/floor director. Her most recent position is working with The Rhode Show, Ch. 12's morning lifestyle show. Through this position, she has been able to reconnect with Girl Scouts of RI. Bonnie is proud to say she has come full circle with Girl Scouts, back to the days of the Gold Award. Again this year, she shot and edited the Gold Award videos for the Young Women of Distinction Award.

In her free time, Bonnie enjoys videotaping special events and being part of capturing people's memories on video. She also loves to dance and still takes weekly ballet lessons. And two things she still loves from Girl Scouts...cookies and camping. What better way to spend a warm summer night than eating Girl Scout cookies in a tent under the stars? Once a Girl Scout...always a Girl Scout!



## HIGHER AWARDS COMMITTEE



We are grateful to the dedicated volunteers who make up the Higher Awards Committee (HAC):

- ▶ **Tricia Driscoll, Barrington, RI.** Tricia was a Girl Scout in North Kingstown, was a member of the GSRI staff for 5 years, and directed Camp Hoffman from 1995-1998, where she is currently the Sailing Director. Tricia is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts and has been a member of the HAC since 2010.
- ▶ **Carolyn Dyer, Narragansett, RI.** Carolyn celebrated 40 years of Girl Scout membership in 2013, having been a girl member, a leader, a service team member and a trainer. Carolyn is an Outstanding Leader Award recipient, an Appreciation Pin recipient, and was the recipient of the Kit Hammett Award. Carolyn's served on the HAC for 9 years.
- ▶ **Claire Fabrizio, Cumberland, RI.** Claire celebrated 46 years of Girl Scout membership this year. During those years, Claire was a troop leader, a camping consultant, a program aide trainer, and served on both the Council Nominating Committee and the Council Adult Recognitions Committee. Claire is a recipient of the Appreciation Pin and the Outstanding Volunteer Award and was appointed to the HAC in 1994.
- ▶ **Ann Ganley, Attleboro, MA.** Ann was a troop leader for 7 years and served on the Attleboro Service Unit Team as the Camping Coordinator. She's been a trainer since 2007. She is also the co-founder coordinator for Attleboro GoeS, and outdoor adventure and travel group. She has been a member of the HAC since 2012.
- ▶ **Kim Michalik, Chepachet, RI.** Kim was a troop leader for 15 years and served as a service team member for 11 years. She's been a trainer and a program coordinator and is currently the service unit manager for Yankee B. Kim is an Outstanding Leader recipient and in 2012, an Appreciation Pin recipient in 2013 and received the Kit Hammett award. Kim's served on the HAC since 2011.
- ▶ **Christine Stevens, North Kingstown, RI.** Christine celebrates 25 years of Girl Scout membership this year, including 11 as a girl. She achieved First Class status as a Senior Girl Scout in Pittsburgh. As a troop leader in GSRI, she helped mentor several girls through their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. She has been the Membership Coordinator for North Kingstown/Jamestown for 13 years, and has been an trainer for 9. Chris is a recipient of the Appreciation Pin and a member of the HAC since 2010.
- ▶ **Carole Ann Young, Pawtucket, RI.** Carole reached 40 years of Girl Scout membership in 2009, having served as troop leader, service team manager, trainer, and Business Director and Camp Director at Camp Cookie. Carole has served on the council training committee, nominating committee, adult recognitions committee and volunteer management task force. Her awards are numerous: the Appreciation Pin, the Honor Pin, co-recipient of the Mira Hoffman Award, and most recently the Thanks Badge. She currently serves as the Service Unit Manager for Pawtucket, a Trainer and on the Training Committee. Carole's served on the HAC since 1997.

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