



Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest
Highest Awards

2021



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2021 Girl Scouts Award Ceremonies



Gold Award Ceremony
Saturday, May 15
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Silver Award Drive-Thru Ceremony
Saturday, May 22
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



2021 Endowed Scholarship Recipients

The following scholarships are awarded to Girl Scouts who have demonstrated commitments to academic excellence and community involvement.

Nine endowed scholarships are available to provide additional funds to deserving young women in our council in their higher education pursuits.

Patti Belcourt Scholarship

The Patti Belcourt Scholarship was established in 2016 by Patti Belcourt, a dedicated troop leader, Gold Award Committee member, volunteer, and supporter of the Girl Scout mission. To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be a current resident of Union County and must demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to community service. Completion of the Girl Scout Gold Award is preferred, but not required.

The 2021 Patti Belcourt Scholarship is awarded to Alyssa Tauro.

Barbara Glazier Bernhardt Scholarship

The Barbara Glazier Bernhardt Scholarship is presented to a graduating Senior Girl Scout who has received her Gold Award and will attend an institute of higher education. The recipient has also demonstrated strong academic excellence, active participation in Girl Scouts and participation in non-Girl Scout activities. The scholarship was established in 1986 by Robert Bernhardt, honoring Barbara as past Board Chair and lifelong Girl Scout.

The 2021 Barbara Glazier Bernhardt Scholarship is awarded to Sarah Smith.

Norma Cannon Scholarship

The Norma Cannon Scholarship was endowed in memory of Norma Cannon by her children. Ms. Cannon was a lifelong supporter of Girl Scouts and its mission to help girls develop their leadership potential. To qualify for this scholarship, girls must demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to community service. Completion of the Girl Scout Gold Award is preferred, but not required.

The 2021 Norma Cannon Scholarship is awarded to Kareena Gor and Katlyne Hoover.



Harper Family Scholarship

This scholarship is presented to a graduating Girl Scout who has earned her Gold Award and has a strong academic record and commitment to community service. It was endowed in honor of Bert Harper, Board President from 2004 - 2010 by several of her colleagues at Bank of America.

The 2021 Harper Family Scholarship is awarded to Sarah Motteler.

Betty Lynn Lambert Scholarship

This scholarship is presented to a graduating Girl Scout who has earned her Gold Award and has a strong academic record and a commitment to community service. It was endowed in honor of Betty Lynn Lambert, Board Chair, from 1993-2000 by her daughter, Katherine.

The 2021 Betty Lynn Lambert Scholarship is awarded to Savannah Schuchmann.

Robert W. Maidt, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is presented to a graduating Girl Scout who has been a member of the organization for at least four years and who will attend an institute of higher education. The recipient must have actively participated in Girl Scout service projects to improve her community. It was endowed in memory of Bob Maidt by his wife, Michelle Maidt. Michelle is a former Board member.

The 2021 Robert W. Maidt, Jr. memorial Scholarship is awarded to Raquel Ramirez.

Marie McLucas Scholarship

This scholarship is presented to a graduating Cabarrus County Girl Scout who will attend an institute of higher education. Completion of the Gold Award is preferred but not required. It was endowed in honor of Marie McLucas by her employer, Primax Properties. Marie McLucas has served our council as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance and Fund Development Committees, and is a current Board member.

The 2021 Marie McLucas Scholarship is awarded to Chasity Jackson.

Jenny Zartman Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is presented to a graduating Girl Scout who has earned her Gold Award and has a strong academic record and a commitment to community service. It was endowed in memory of Jenny Zartman by the many friends and family who loved her. Jenny was a Gold Award recipient, counselor at Camp Occoneechee, and lifelong Girl Scout. She is missed by all of us.

The 2021 Jenny Zartman Memorial Scholarship is awarded to Lauren Eckmair.

The Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Sisterhood Scholarship

The Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Scholarship was established in 2021 to honor those who exemplify what it means to be a sister to every Girl Scout. To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must demonstrate academic achievement and commitment to community service preferably with a multicultural or racial justice, diversity, equity and inclusion focus.

The 2021 Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Sisterhood Scholarship is awarded to Lauren Dunlap.



2021 Silver Award Girl Scouts

When Girl Scout Cadettes focus on an issue they care about, learn the facts, and take action to make a difference, they gain the confidence and skills that will catapult them to lifelong success. It all adds up to the Girl Scout Silver Award—the highest honor a Cadette can achieve.

Elena Arroyo Troop 253	Madison Chinn Troop 3555	Molly Elizabeth Dobbins Troop 760
Aubri Ashburn Troop 1837	Srikeerti Chinthala Troop 277	Camille Duncan Troop 599
Savannah Barnett Troop 253	Chloe Cline Troop 760	Magdeline Fraser Troop 1644
Abigail Bennett Troop 253	Bayley Coffey Troop 1120	Sara Freeman Troop 3555
Hannah Bier Troop 2744	Abbie Conley Troop 1362	Elizabeth Garrity Troop 1913
Lauren Bisulca Troop 253	Elizabeth Cox Troop 760	Yeshritha Gelle Troop 2744
Avery Blackburn Troop 1837	Caitlin Cunningham Troop 1990	Cassandra Gilbert Troop 3555
Sabina Buckle Troop 1644	Hannah Curl Troop 267	Kate Gossett Troop 1644
Emma Campbell Troop 3555	Ellen Curley Troop 1990	Gracie Groves Troop 1120
Samantha Canosa Troop 253	Soha Desai Troop 562	Claire Gustafson Troop 3555
Madeline Capraro Troop 1644	Elon Dixon Troop 2022	Maliyah Hackey Troop 2022
Saaketa Chalasani Troop 253		Kaylin Hailey Troop 3491



Samantha Haynes
Troop 253

Anushka Kagade
Troop 60

Logan Marker
Troop 2160

Jordan Pearson
Troop 740

Lorelei Stanley
Troop 2262

Allison Wells
Troop 1305

Riley Herge
Troop 743

Aditi Kandukuri
Troop 2894

Landry Martin
Troop 253

Audrey Penman
Troop 574

Leigh Ariel Staten
Troop 2022

Samantha Wells
Troop 1305

Amelia G. Hill-Pfeffer
Troop 555

Srivalli Kantamneni
Troop 2894

Taylor McCormick
Troop 599

Nicole Piasecki
Troop 1990

Brianna Stock
Troop 3555

Jordan Wilhite
Troop 743

Maryn Holden
Troop 3704

Jewel Kinlaw
Troop 1990

Paige McDonough
Juliette

Whitney Ray
Troop 2275

Natalya Stracener
Troop 3491

Makenna Williams
Troop 1249

Samantha Grace Hornung
Troop 760

Kelsey Komlanvi
Troop 3209

Hannah McNeirney
Troop 562

Katherine Recher
Troop 2262

Paige Szempruch
Troop 1320

Rylie Williams
Troop 1938

Ella Landman
Troop 3704

Karen Medrano
Troop 3209

Mackenzie Reid
Troop 3555

Jayla Taylor
Troop 1362

Jordyn Wineglass
Troop 1362

Janelle Huntley
Troop 991

Sara Lowden
Juliette

Alexis Marie Nichols
Troop 2313

Keniya Ringwall
Troop 3209

Gabrielle Thompson
Troop 2022

Lara Woodley
Troop 1120

Srija Jasti
Troop 2744

Kaybri Lowry
Troop 574

Aubrey Pahssen
Troop 3209

Tiffani Roberts
Troop 555

Georgia Trabucco
Troop 114

Srija Yenishetti
Troop 2894

Afsheen Jeelani
Troop 253

Shyla Lutukurthi
Troop 253

Taylor Palmere
Troop 1320

Rebecca Shenk
Juliette

Alice Tyson
Troop 2897

Hannah Jew
Troop 277

Emma Lyberg
Troop 1319

Avani Patel
Juliette

Kameron Smith
Troop 3491

Sarah Virkler
Troop 1990

Alexandra Johnston
Troop 1837

Leah Maino
Troop 114

Nyah Patel
Troop 3555

Kelsey Snavely
Troop 1837

Zaria Walker
Troop 599





2021 Gold Award Girl Scouts

Gold Award Girl Scouts are the dreamers and the doers who take “make the world a better place” to the next level. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable—proof that not only can she make a difference, but that she already has.

Seniors and Ambassadors who earn the Gold Award tackle issues that are dear to them and drive lasting change in their communities and beyond.



Shelby Adams // Smile and HOPE Club
Troop 1371, Union 2

Shelby worked to help students experiencing hunger through her Gold Award project and made a needed impact at her school where 40% of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch. After learning that her school does not provide breakfast to any students, Shelby partnered with several organizations and groups to implement a system to continuously provide breakfast and snacks for any students in need of a meal.



Molly Bynum // Healthy Habits, Healthy Life
Troop 334, Cab 2

To promote healthy living at an early age, Molly developed and provided entertaining educational resources for children ages 2-8 in Cabarrus County. Through her project, two sets of books were created and funded to help children learn all about wellness and hygiene; one included coloring pages and the other also included additional activities. She addressed the lack of resources for children who grow up primarily speaking Spanish by including Spanish translations as well.



Maya Cikins // Getting to the ROOT of Our Food
Troop 1252, Meck 1

Maya partnered with a local elementary school to provide hands-on learning experiences about plants and nutrition for their 2nd grade students. She built two root view window planters for each 2nd grade classroom at the school and designed and recorded three lesson plans, aligned with K-4 Health and Science standards, to help educate students about plants and nutrition. The planters and lesson plans will continue to educate students in a fun and engaging way for years to come!



Samantha Cohen // Proper Pet Care and Nutrition
Troop 367, York 2

After learning about a food pantry with a clear need to provide pet food for families in their community, Samantha took action by partnering with a club at her school and a local pet grooming service to implement a yearly pet food drive to support the food pantry and help families feed their pets. In addition, she created educational materials about proper pet care that will continue to be used to educate others on this important topic.



Caroline Cox // Save the Mason Bees
Troop 3434, Meck 19

Caroline’s project addresses the issue of habitat loss for mason bees in urban areas. Through her project, artificial homes for the bees were installed near plants that can be pollinated at three different churches in the Charlotte area. Each bee house includes signage with a QR code that links to a website that she created to help educate others about this issue and to inspire others to help save the mason bees.



Lauren Eckmair // LessonShare
Troop 10, Meck 19

Lauren created a music lending library program to address the financial burden of music lesson books. She partnered with a local arts organization whose goal is to make arts education available to students of all ages, skill levels, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Through her project, free music lesson books are now available to music students with a financial need. Her step-by-step procedure manual has been shared with more than 180 community-based music education organizations inspire them to take similar action.



Gena Ghandour // Every Fit Club
Juliette, Meck 19

Gena’s desire to help others establish healthy habits at a young age inspired her to create the “Every Fit Club” at her high school. In addition to meeting virtually for group discussions and live workouts, members of the club can log on anytime to view workout videos, read inspirational quotes, share food/drink suggestions and much more! Her project plans were shared with numerous schools so that others can easily replicate her online fitness club.



Kareena Gor // Living Library
Troop 2409, Meck 19

Kareena developed a solution to increase literacy rates of elementary school children. Her project provides resources and inspiration to encourage reading. Through her project, entertaining educational videos of older students reading, pointing out details, and asking thoughtful questions were produced and then integrated with library books by using a QR code. This initiative is now a permanent service opportunity at her school which is committed to growing the program and impacting the wider Charlotte community.



Sarah Kate Hamrick // Blessing Box at Simpson-Gillespie UMC
Troop 1180, Meck 1

Sarah Kate partnered with a local church in a high poverty area of Charlotte to address food insecurity in their community. Her blessing box contains food, hygiene items, and literature on other available resources. The blessing box has been a huge success and is in constant need of replenishing because of how often it is being used by neighbors of the church. The congregation keeps the blessing box stocked by bringing supplies each morning and afternoon.



Genevieve Harris // Reuse Don't Put in the Refuse
Troop 367, York 2

Genevieve made a positive impact on our environment through her project which educates others on reducing dependency on plastic and reusing what already exists. Her fun and impactful lesson plans were incorporated into youth summer camp programs. She also developed informative educational materials with tips for anyone to help reduce dependence on plastics. Another accomplishment was the installation of a water bottle filling station at a local park.



Katlyne Hoover // Kate's Blessing Box
Troop 315, Trailblazers

Katlyne's project supports pet owners who are struggling to care for their pets. Through her partnership with several organizations, she set up an ongoing system to collect donations and provide pet supplies to those in need. She was able to expand a local church's food pantry by providing a needed blessing box for pets. Those visiting Kate's Blessing Box are also provided with educational materials and resources to help with spaying and neutering.



Ananya Hota // The Literacy Project (Fort Mill Reads)
Troop 367, York 2

Ananya's concern for reading loss, caused by time away from school, inspired her to install a Little Free Library in her neighborhood providing children with easy access to books and linking them to her website which includes a pledge sheet to encourage reading. To reach beyond her neighborhood, she created a YouTube channel with fun videos of her team reading different books. The Reading Buddies club at her school has committed to continue her work on this important issue.



Hayley Hrenyo // Pollinator PhD
Troop 586, Union 3

Hayley addressed the loss of pollinator habitats in Union County caused by a dramatic increase in population growth. She designed a pollinator learning garden with corresponding educational materials for STEM groups visiting the garden. Through educational signage, anyone visiting the garden can link to her website for further information. Her blueprints have been shared with multiple organizations interested in creating learning gardens at their locations so that they can easily replicate her work.



Samantha Jones // Poplin's Learning Garden
Troop 1372, Union 2

To address the importance of students going outside and connecting with nature, Samantha totally revamped an outdoor garden at an elementary school and provided learning tools such a thermometer, a rain gauge, a butterfly house, measuring sticks, bug hotels and more! An integral part of her project was the creation of corresponding lesson plans for each grade level. The outdoor space and curriculum continues to provide outdoor learning opportunities for each student to engage with their environment.



Lauren Kane // Blessing Boxes
Troop 1010, Meck 19

Lauren's project helps families with food insecurity. By partnering with a club at her school, a local food pantry, and several donating organizations, she was able to establish an annual food drive to help combat this problem. Through the initial food drive, she was able to feed over 250 families with a week's worth of meals while also providing them with information on how to get additional help with this issue in the future.



Lauren Kaufmann // BLUE (Being Level Headed and Understanding Emotions)
Troop 1010, Meck 19

Lauren's concern for the stigma and misinformation surrounding mental health led her to partner with mental health experts to create and implement a teen emotional wellness program which provides community youth with educational conversations around mental health. Participants of this mental health adventure get to hear from guest speakers with inspirational stories, and topics such as self-care, healthy relationships, toxic relationships, substance abuse, and suicide prevention are discussed in this supportive and non-judgmental community.

Caroline Klemp // Sensational Student's Space: Sensory Classroom
Troop 662, Meck 1

After learning that a sensory break is especially helpful for special needs students, Caroline designed a sensory movement pathway at a local elementary school. The sensory breaks help students transition back to desk work and stay on task. This type of break actually benefits all students, so she also created a video explaining how anyone can make a sensory pathway at home. Her lesson plans have been shared with other youth organizations to inspire similar action.

Emily Kramlick // Emily's Gold Award: Dogs 101
Troop 662, Meck 1

Emily's project focuses on improving the health and well-being of dogs through enrichment activities and heartworm prevention. She accomplished her goals by hosting multiple community events and developing a website with engaging educational videos, including an especially informative video discussing the dangers of heartworms and the value of preventing heartworms before needing treatment. Her educational materials have been shared far and wide to continue making an impact on her cause.



Gracie Landrum // BEE Friendly to the Environment: Giving Bees a Home
Troop 1010, Meck 19

Gracie's project focuses on the issue of bee endangerment caused by destruction of natural mason bee habitats. She installed bee houses at four Mecklenburg County nature preserves so that anyone visiting the parks can learn about this issue through the educational signage posted on each bee house. Each sign has a QR code which links to a website that Gracie created to help educate others and teach others how to make their own mason bee house.



Leah Lashley // Dental Care for the Unaware
Troop 632, Meck 1

Leah's project addresses the importance of oral hygiene and how it relates to one's overall health. She implemented an awareness campaign at her school and partnered with a school club to implement an annual donation drive to support a local organization serving children in need. Dental supplies, along with educational resources about the importance of dental hygiene, will continue to be distributed to those who need it most as they visit the organization's drive-through food pantry.



Carissa Lynn // Tutoring Program/Online Learning Supply Kits
Troop 307, Meck 12

Carissa's concern for equality in education inspired her to help students who may be at a disadvantage. She partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to help children in her community by tutoring and providing school supplies. She also developed a "Tips and Tricks for Volunteering" manual to help train Junior Staff Volunteers who work with the children. Additionally, she created a "How to Get the Most out of Online Learning" flyer which was widely shared at a critical time during the pandemic



Abigail McDonald // All Heroes Wear Masks
Troop 2753, Union 1

Abigail's determination to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other airborne illnesses led her to take action by creating and donating over 1,000 hand-made masks to small businesses and senior living facilities. Each mask was delivered with an educational infographic teaching the importance of wearing a mask, how to make a mask, common mistakes, and more. Her educational materials, including an instructional video, will continue to make an impact on the health of others.



Amelia McMillan // Ada Jenkins Adds a Stop on the Butterfly Highway
Juliette, Meck 1

Amelia's project educates others about the importance of pollinator gardens. Through her project, "The Pollinator Garden at Ada Jenkins Center" was created. This educational garden provides hands-on learning experiences for students and other visitors. Elements such as a scavenger hunt and educational signage create a fun learning experience for all. To make an even larger impact on her cause, Amelia created a social media page for learning and sharing information about pollinator gardens.



Kamdyn Morton // Preemie Beanies
Troop 1261, Meck 1

Kamdyn's project focuses on the wellness of premature babies. After learning that it is difficult to find hats to fit the babies properly, to help them maintain proper body temperature, she took action by partnering with craft shop knitting groups and church outreach ministries to knit hats (preemie beanies) to donate to a local hospital. She also partnered with a local organization to ensure her work continues through an annual event to address this need in the future.



Sarah Motteler // NCSSM Serenity Room Art Project #FindSerenityInArt
Troop 1099, Union 3

Sarah designed her project in response to the amount of stress that she observed in her fellow students, but with the pandemic happening she decided to broaden her audience and help as many people as possible. She educated others through art kits, an art space that she designed at her school, and through providing educational information to multiple community organizations. Her project continues to impact numerous people as they learn about the mental health benefits of art.



Anna Pederson // Find Your Voice
Troop 1010, Meck 19

Anna's concern about the rising rates of human trafficking, sexual assault, and sexual abuse inspired her to make a difference through her project by educating others and providing information on how to stay safe and how to seek help when needed. Her innovative and extensive educational materials are being used by multiple organizations committed to helping with this cause. Of particular interest is the educational video that was created and shared widely through social media.



Molly Roth // We Adopted a Superhero
Troop 177, Union 3

Molly's project gained national and international attention as she worked to provide an interesting way to help siblings of adopted children process their feelings about adoption. She created and published 58 comic strips and combined the comics into a free online eBook. To continue helping as many adoptive families as possible, she donated copies of the book to multiple adoption agencies and created a website with other valuable resources for adoptive families.



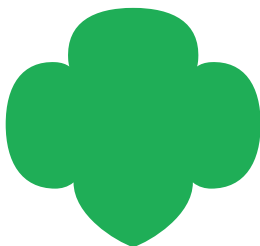
Lillian Naomi Smith // Digitizing Friendship Trays Meal Delivery Map
Troop 562, Meck 19

Lillian's concern for the elderly and homebound people suffering from food insecurity inspired her to partner with Friendship Trays to create a digitized delivery system with digital driving instructions and real time client data. This user friendly application has simplified their entire delivery process whereas before they were relying on a very complicated delivery map. This new system has proven to be safer and much more efficient allowing them to better serve their clients.



Rebecca Studer // Justice for George Fish
Troop 161, York 2

The George Fish School was segregated from the 1920's to the 1960's. After the school was desegregated, old pictures and records were destroyed leaving no trace of the culture that existed. Rebecca created an interview documentary for use by the Fort Mill History Museum to preserve history, fill in the gaps, and bring awareness to her community about the history of racial injustice. She hopes that the publicity surrounding her project will inspire others to correct similar racial injustices.



Congratulations to our 2021 award recipients!

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.

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.



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