



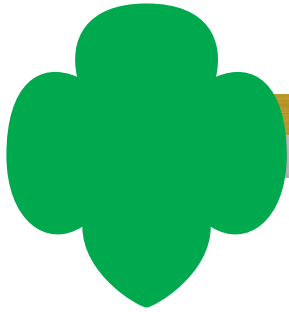
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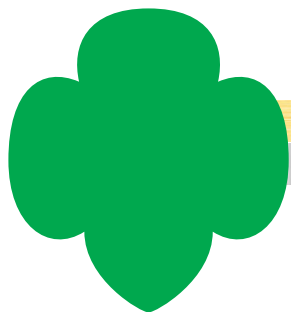


Welcome to the 2022-2023 Highest Awards Ceremony

Congratulations to our 2022-23 Highest
Award and Scholarship Recipients!

These Girl Scouts identified issues they care about and led teams to create lasting impacts in their communities and beyond, exemplifying what it means to be a girl of courage, confidence, and character, who makes the world a better place.

As Highest Award recipients, each Girl Scout recognized in this year's program are world changers, rockstars, role models and real-life heros, that others in our movement and community look up to.



ORDER OF EVENTS

Welcome	Marie McLucas, GSHNC Board Chair
National Anthem/Flag Ceremony	Troop 1061
Girl Scout Promise & Law	Troop 1061
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Silver Award Recognition	Jen Band
Scholarship Presentation	Jen Band
Keynote Address	Dr. Nia I. Bodrick, MD
Gold Award Presentation	Jen Band
Closing Remarks from Our COO	Yolanda Bynum



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Jen Band - EMCEE

Jen Band believes the two most important questions we can ask ourselves in our lifetime, are “Who am I?” and “How will I give of that?” When we do, we transform the world.



She is the Founder and Executive Director of the non-profit Playing for Others, which asks teens these two critical questions, and supports them as they become the next generation of innovative leaders, philanthropists, and compassionate human beings. Jen’s zest for life and making an impact in the world was inspired by her time working at camps for children with chronic and terminal illnesses. Her life is a musical, her favorite way to energize is a dance party, and she deeply believes in the power of purpose, passion, and play. And if you give her a cupcake, you’re a friend for life.

Dr. Nia I. Bodrick, MD. - Keynote Speaker

Dr. Bodrick was born in Durham, NC and raised in Charlotte NC. She is a Lifetime Girl Scout and received her Gold Award in 2001. She was a member of Troop 307 in Charlotte, NC. She is a proud Patriot and graduated from the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Independence High School in 2001. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Hampton University, her Master of Public Health from Emory University Rollins School of Public Health and her Doctorate of Medicine from Meharry Medical College.



Dr. Bodrick is a General Pediatrician at Children’s National Hospital at THEARC and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. She is the President of the DC Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (DCAAP), which represents over 450 local pediatricians, trainees and medical students. She also serves as Medical Director of Pediatric Innovations at the Early Childhood Innovation Network. Dr. Bodrick’s areas of interest include strengthening resilience in communities, early childhood mental health and wellbeing and food security.



Girl Scout Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

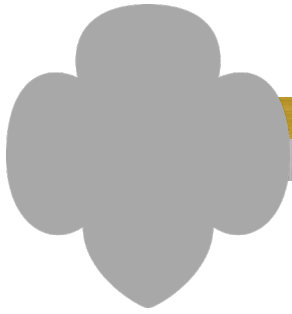
Girl Scout Promise

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.

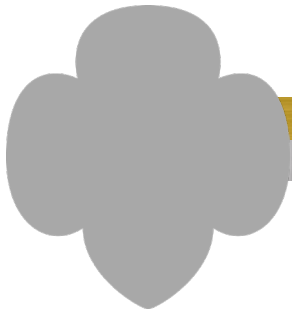
*Members may substitute the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.



2022-23 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.

Girl Scouts who earn the Silver Award are among an exceptional group of young women who have used their knowledge and leadership skills to make a difference in the world.



2023 Silver Award Girl Scouts

Adrianna Clark
Troop 1061

Alaina Walker
Troop 507

Allison Webber
Troop 1528

Amari Craven
Troop 1528

Ankitha Parsi
Troop 60

Annalise Nappier
Troop 1528

Aubrey Weikel
Troop 2216

Annelise Carr
Troop 1612

August Collman
Troop 2216

Averie Matthews
Troop 1795

Avery Fawcett
Troop 3704

Bhanu Krishnamsetty
Troop 60

Brianna Carelock
Troop 507

Bridget Larkin
Troop 2265

Camille Ezeji
Troop 1528

Claire Cole
Troop 2216

Clara Lowery
Troop 2216

Clara Milheim
Troop 1087

Eden Weltz
Juliette

Elizabeth Hackney
Troop 1027

Elle Tatlow
Troop 2216

Ellie Hussey
Troop 478

Emily Walker
Troop 1087

Emily Tyler
Troop 1320

Emily Honeycutt
Troop 1061

Emily Rogish
Troop 1795

Emily Hall
Troop 1510

Grace Henry
Troop 507

Haley Radcliffe
Troop 60

Harper Boone
Troop 2377

Heidi Johnston
Troop 760

Isabella Mebane
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Jade Watkins
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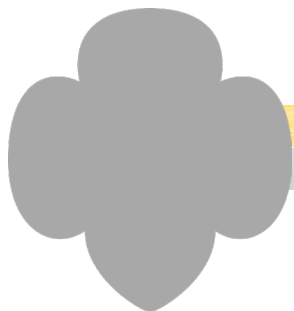
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Troop 882

Jordan Anne Johnson
Troop 1672

Julianna Barmert
Troop 1087

Jurney Schenk
Troop 2216

Katie Summerville
Troop 882



2023 Silver Award Girl Scouts

Laney Bernard
Troop 1087

LaShae Boone
Troop 1982

Laurel Hardy
Troop 2377

Lauren Chilsom
Juliette

Lauren Reeves
Troop 882

Lena Hart
Troop 1027

Lila Kelly
Troop 2216

Lilly Norige
Troop 1510

Lilly Breslin
Troop 882

London Reeves
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Madison Bowen
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Madison Taylor
Troop 882

Maiumi Quiros
Juliette

Margaret Kruger
Troop 478

Maggie McVeety
Juliette

Maya McClain
Troop 599

Molly Kinnavy
Troop 1087

Morgan Winston
Troop 599

Natalee Rosa
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Natalie Breslin
Troop 882

Penelope Rauscher
Troop 1510

Rachel Stitt
Troop 478

Raena Vogeli
Troop 1528

Riley Seagraves
Troop 760

Roxie McMillon
Troop 1672

Ruthie Reddick
Troop 3074

Ruthvika Kambam
Troop 60

Sadie Clarke
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Sara Barringer
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Sarah Pusey
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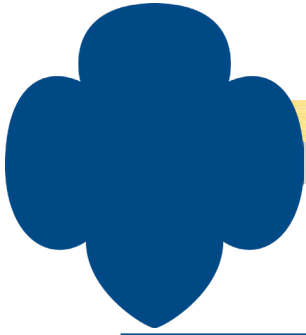
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Troop 882

Stella Moy
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Vada MacMurphy
Troop 1027

Zain Al Safadi
Troop 2216

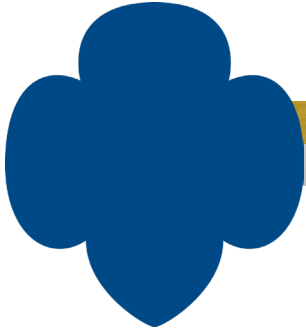
Zizi Briggs
Troop 2377



2023 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.



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 2023 Norma Cannon Scholarship is awarded to Taylor David.



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.

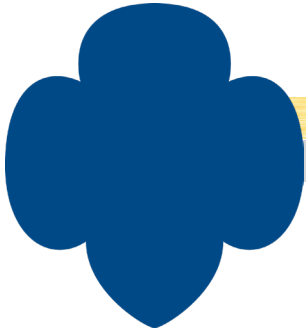
The 2023 Patti Belcourt Scholarship is awarded to Emily Croom.



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 2023 Harper Family Scholarship is awarded to Michelle Saurer.



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 2023 Barbara Glazier Bernhardt Scholarship is awarded to
Katelyn Kaake.**



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.

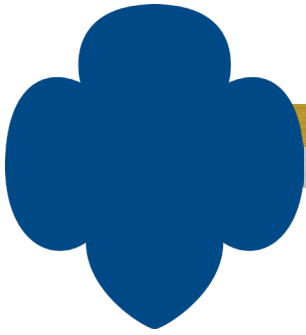
**The 2023 Betty Lynn Lambert Scholarship is awarded to
Meghan Strand.**



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 2023 Robert W. Maidt, Jr. memorial Scholarship is awarded to
Kendall Rhea.**



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 2023 Marie McLucas Scholarship is awarded to
Caitlin Holt.**



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.

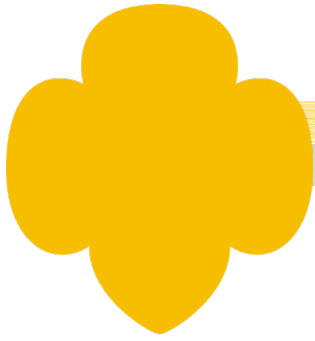
**The 2023 Jenny Zartman Memorial Scholarship is awarded to
Abigail Sampson.**



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 2023 Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Sisterhood Scholarship is awarded to
Briana Vinson.**

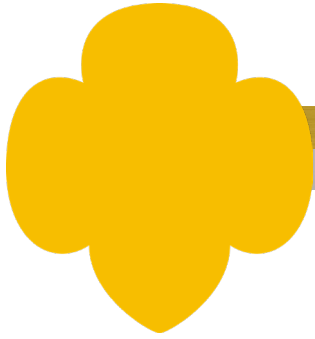


2022-23 Gold Award Girl Scouts

Gold Award Girl Scouts are change-makers. They have changed the world, changed their lives, and earned the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting.

When the project is complete, the Gold Award Girl Scout and their team have made a sustainable impact on the world that continues to last beyond their involvement. It's a huge accomplishment that also impacts the Gold Award Girl Scout as a person. How they see the world—and how the world sees them—is forever changed.

It's also a credential that will be with them for the rest of their life; having the Girl Scout Gold Award on a high school transcript or resumé can make a Girl Scout stand out when it comes to college admissions, scholarship applications, internships, and job interviews.



Abigail Sampson
After School Music Enrichment Program
Troop 325

Abigail was concerned by many school systems no longer recognizing music as a core educational course. As a result, many students are deprived of any music education. Through her studies she found that students have more academic success with their language, math skills, and even self-esteem when music is included in their education. Abigail became driven to show the importance of music education by bringing a music enrichment program to the elementary and middle school age students that attended her school.



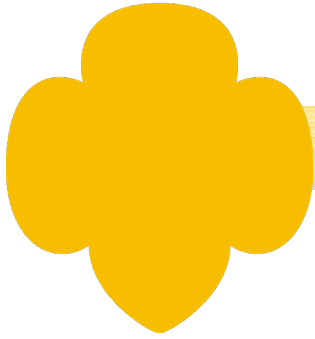
Abigail Marks
Free Menstrual Products in School Restrooms
Troop 3252

Abigail became an advocate for action on a topic many find very uncomfortable to discuss: menstruation. She was appalled her school did not have feminine hygiene products accessible to girls, causing them to miss school or go to the nurse to retrieve proper supplies. Abigail successfully lobbied her school to include feminine hygiene products in the school restrooms despite receiving backlash from some faculty members. She created a club that will restock the products weekly. Abigail's efforts have sparked similar efforts at other schools and many thanks from students and faculty at her school.



Alayah Solomon
Book Center for Kids
Troop 1835

Alayah's life experiences have shown her that skin tone creates many inconsistencies and inequalities, especially within her school system. Through research she learned different schools in the community have better access to educational assets such as educators, instructional aids, and books, resulting in 'book deserts'. Alayah partnered with multiple organizations, schools, and churches in her community to assist in the preservation of her handmade outdoor bookshelves she created and strategically placed in the 'book deserts'.



Briana Vinson
Achievement in Motion (AIM)
Mentoring Program

Troop 740

Briana observed that many middle school students were having a difficult time transitioning to life at her high school. With the social and academic shift to high school a crucial one, Briana saw a need for freshmen at her school to have peer confidants to guide them in the right direction. Achievement in Motion targets both the students looking to have assistance as freshmen as well as students looking to strengthen their leadership skills in preparation of going into the workforce or a collegiate environment.



Brooke Lampe
Cursive Writing Club

Troop 746

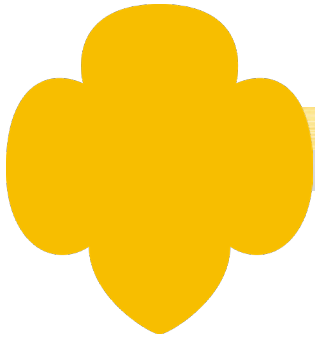
Brooke's appreciation for preserving cursive reading and writing inspired her project. She felt that cursive is a skill and art form that is important for students to learn because a lack of knowledge could lead to challenges later in life. Brooke created a curriculum for her cursive writing club at a local elementary school to teach younger students this skill. The curriculum involved learning the basic fundamental skills of cursive writing and slowly progressed into more challenging obstacles. Brooke's curriculum will even be utilized by a Title 1 school in Georgia that requires their students to learn cursive.



Eloise Herdegen
Building Sustainability Through Community Composting

Troop 177

Eloise's passion for growing up living in a healthier environment pushed her to change her community's involvement in creating sustainability amongst their area. She partnered with the YMCA Camp Cherokee to assist in reducing their environmental impact by creating a composting system. This composting system will work to keep waste out of landfills while producing high-nutrient soil that will be used in community outdoor spaces. Eloise also led several trainings educating individuals about composting and supplying them with the necessary knowledge and tools to teach others.



Gabriella Mullis
The Tommy Project

Troop 268

Gabriella was motivated to create The Tommy Project when she lost her father Tommy, who in April of 2020 passed away after years of alcohol abuse. She created this project to raise awareness about the dangers of alcohol abuse and its effects on the lives of the families involved. Gabriella was able to successfully sustain her project by having it posted on the Student Services Substance Abuse Prevention Resources section of the Cabarrus County Schools' website. This not only gives students but also teachers and parents a tool to help fight alcohol and substance abuse.



Grace Smith
Healthy Cookbooks for Food Pantries

Troop 759

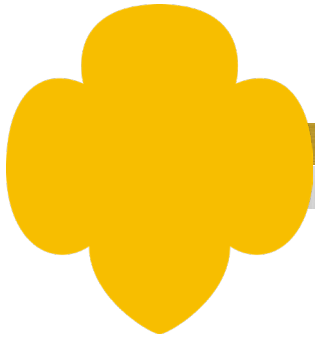
Grace's curiosity in connection with obesity and individual's socioeconomic status got the better of her, hence the creation of Healthy Cookbooks for Food Pantries was developed. By creating this cookbook Grace hoped to address this issue by providing a resource for systematic behavioral changes towards healthy cooking that could be practical and accessible. She partnered with Cooperative Christian Ministries, a local food pantry, 500 cookbooks in Spanish and English as well as creating a digital version distributed to clients of the food pantry.



Hannah Shepherd
Literacy and Learning Program

Troop 1068

Hannah developed a Literacy and Learning Program. Through research she uncovered that only sixty-five percent of elementary school students can read on grade level. Through her partnership with C.O.S.Kids, a local nonprofit that focuses on childcare, education, family stability, she developed a tutoring curriculum for children struggling to read on their grade level. Hannah further worked to create reading nooks, an encouraging and inviting atmosphere within each classroom.



Jocelyn Mendoza
Improving Dental Hygiene
Troop 1913

Jocelyn grew up as a young child having challenges when visiting the dentist due to her mother not being able to afford insurance. She then set out to become a dental care volunteer and travel to Costa Rica, this intrigued her to research dental hygiene issues amongst children within her community. She realized many children suffer from poor dental hygiene resulting in cavities at an early age leading to gum disease, tooth loss, bad breath, and many more issues in adulthood. Jocelyn created tools such as a video and website that people can use to help teach them about proper hygiene.



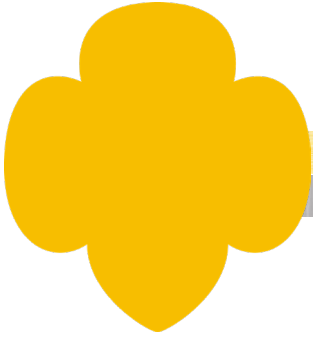
Kamryn Burton
Girls Lead 2
Troop 851

Kamryn's firsthand experience as a female has continually shown her that gender unfortunately defines you throughout life. Many times women are not given the chance to encounter the same opportunities that are presented to males. Unsettled by these discrepancies, Kamryn created Girls Lead 2 as a way to combat the gender inequality in her community. Girls Lead 2 hosted workshops, created by Kamryn, with girls ranging from age 10-14 that focused on leadership, public speaking, teamwork, and empowerment.



Kendall Rhea
The Odd Sock Promotional Plan
Troop 129

Kendall discovered that the least donated items to homeless shelters are socks, but they are the item that is one of the most important necessities. Since there is a lack of access to clean socks homeless people suffer with infections and many other health issues affecting their feet. After figuring out this issue, Kendall partnered with The Odd Sock as well as a marketing expert to help develop their marketing materials such as creating a video and handouts in order to help spread the word.



Kira Dannaker
Chicks with Sticks
Troop 177

Kira's drive to share her passion for field hockey gave her the idea to create a team. Through her own experiences she knew this sport helped her focus on her health, get active outdoors, improve her grades, and build healthy relationships with her peers. Kira worked hard to receive permission from the administration of her school, Cuthbertson Middle School, to create a team and find a coach for the field hockey team. As the team came together, she created an atmosphere that catered to teaching the game of field hockey as well as strengthening the skills of individuals that were already familiar with the game.



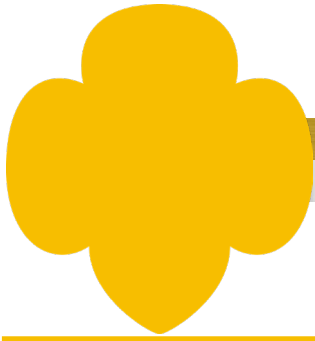
Madison Starkey
The Mental Health Agenda
Troop 537

Madison received the devastating news one of her classmates lost their life unexpectedly. Her high school only had grief counseling available to the students for one day. When Madison's grief began to deepen the following day, she was told grief counseling was no longer available. This sparked an idea that led her to create The Mental Health Agenda to give students access to resources that address mental health awareness.



Meghan Strand
Catawba Closet
Troop 1883

Meghan realized high school students tend to exclude or judge peers based on their attire or appearance. She spoke with professionals and learned the effects of such judging can lead to students suffering self-esteem challenges. To combat this problem, Meghan created Catawba Closet, a safe, private space within her school where students are given the opportunity to obtain formal clothing for special high school events. The clothing is donated by the community.



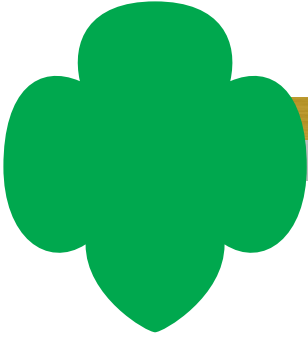
Michelle Saurer
Adopt-a-Grandparent Program
Troop 3515

Michelle's fondness for the elderly led her to become attentive to their need for companionship. She created an 'adopt a grandparent' group at her school, Ardrey Kell High School. Named the Generations Club, it will be sustained by her school. Students are matched with residents within a senior independent living facility. The visits between the students and residents provide both the opportunity to gain insight and friendship.



Taylor David
Melaninated Queens
Troop 1486

Taylor's observation of the discrimination experienced by African American women encouraged her to find a way to make a change. Taylor founded Melaninated Queens to host several week-long workshops for middle school age girls that focused on mental health, health education, college and career readiness, financial stability, and many more empowering topics. The goal of Taylor's program was to instill the girls with the confidence, strength, and the pride to be unapologetically themselves.



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Help her become a Girl Scout member for life - she'll be a champion of girls for years to come. Celebrate her achievements as a Girl Scout by helping her join a group of like-minded supporters, while contributing to the Girl Scout mission in her honor.

Lifetime membership is available to any individual who accepts the principles and beliefs of the Girl Scout Movement, pays the one-time lifetime membership fee, and is at least 18 years old (or a high school graduate or equivalent).

A Girl Scout Lifetime Membership, regularly \$400, is available for a one-time \$200 fee for Girl Scout alums under 30 years old. Learn more at [girlscouts.org/gradltm](https://www.girlscouts.org/gradltm).



Congratulations to all 2022-23 Award Recipients!

Now that you've earned the highest awards in Girl Scouting, you've changed the community, the world, and also your life! You are a role model to your fellow Girl Scouts!



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