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GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECOGNITION CEREMONY

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GIRL SCOUT PROMISE AND LAW

The Girl Scout Promise and Law are shared by every member in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Promise is the way Girl Scouts agree to act every day toward one another and other people, and the Girl Scout Law outlines a way to act toward one another and the world.

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.*



EVENT SCHEDULE

WELCOME & REMARKS	Karen Hill, Chief Executive Officer, GSOSW
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Sylvia Acevedo, Chief Executive Officer, GSUSA
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS	Teen Awards Volunteer Team
EMERALD CIRCLE	Marcia Chapman
LUELLA & GEORGE SHAVER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP	Marcia Chapman
ARLENE JOHNS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	Darlene Kelly

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HIGHEST AWARDS

The Gold Award—the highest award for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors—is the standout achievement of girls who develop meaningful, sustainable solutions to challenges in their communities and the world. These young women are catalysts for sustainable change: assessing needs in our communities, collaborating with organizations, developing innovative solutions and supporting a team of volunteers to implement a careful plan. On average, only 6% of Girl Scouts nationwide earn their Gold Award. Gold Award Girl Scouts are part of a sisterhood of more than one million women who have earned the Gold Award or its equivalent since its inception in 1916. Today, we honor 20 local Gold Award recipients who together have contributed more than 1,600 hours of service to communities throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington.

While not required to achieve the Girl Scout Gold Award, many Girl Scouts earn the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards on their path to going Gold. The **Girl Scout Bronze Award** is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior (grades 4-5) can achieve. To complete a Bronze Award, girls work together as a team to identify and respond to a community need. Projects require a minimum of 20 hours of leadership. Approximately 269 Girl Scouts earned this award in our council in 2019.

The **Girl Scout Silver Award** is the highest honor a Girl Scout Cadette (grades 6-8) can achieve. To complete a Silver Award project, girls may work as individuals or in small groups to identify and respond to a community need. Projects require a minimum of 50 hours of leadership, and must be sustainable. Approximately 64 Girl Scouts earned this award in our council in 2019. Congratulations to all Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Girl Scouts!

EVOLUTION OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

The Girl Scout Gold Award (1980-present) is part a long tradition of awards recognizing the remarkable efforts of extraordinary girls. Although the award's name has changed over time, the outstanding leadership skills, determination, and resilience required to earn it have not. Girl Scouts who earned their First Class (1963-1980), Curved Bar (1940-1963), Golden Eaglet or Golden Eagle of Merit (1916-1939), are a part of the Gold Award Girl Scout family and are recognized as Gold Award Girl Scouts.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

SYLVIA ACEVEDO

A lifelong Girl Scout, Sylvia Acevedo was appointed CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA in May 2017, coming full circle from her youth as a Girl Scout in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Through Girl Scouts, Sylvia discovered her passion for space, science, and math. Her interest in STEM subjects would lead her to a career as a rocket scientist, engineer, technology executive, and award-winning STEM entrepreneur.

Sylvia has championed girls in STEM, the outdoors, entrepreneurship, and leadership. Girl Scouts now earn badges in cybersecurity, robotics, design thinking, coding, eco awareness, high-adventure outdoor activities, and, of course, space science.

Sylvia has been an engineer and executive at Apple, Dell, Autodesk, and IBM. She began her career as a rocket scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where she created algorithms and analyzed data from Voyager 2's spacecraft flyby of Jupiter and two of its moons, Io and Europa.

A strong civic and education leader, Sylvia understands the role education plays in creating opportunities for children and developing the workforce of the future. She was one of the first Hispanic students, male or female, to earn a graduate engineering degree from Stanford University—an MS in industrial engineering—and she holds a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in industrial engineering from New Mexico State University.

Sylvia has been recognized widely for her accomplishments in business and education, and for her work to bring more girls into the STEM pipeline. In 2018 she was named one of Fast Company's "100 Most Creative People in Business," as well as "Cybersecurity Person of the Year" by Cybersecurity Ventures. Forbes named her as one of America's Top 50 Women in Tech, and in 2019 InStyle magazine placed her at number seven on its list of "The Badass 50: Women Who Are Changing the World."



Sylvia Acevedo



SCHOLARSHIPS

ARLENE JOHNS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship has been established to recognize an outstanding Gold Award Girl Scout and encourage her to continue her education. Scholarship monies awarded may be used for college, university, technical, vocational or trade schools and is not limited to schools in the State of Oregon.

Arlene Johns was a longtime member of Girl Scouts of Western Rivers Council, one of the legacy councils that formed Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington. Mrs. Johns served as a troop leader and her troop members were among the first to achieve the Gold Award in Western Rivers Council. As an active board member, she represented the interests of girls. Arlene was a member of the Silver and Gold Operating Team and mentored many young women, encouraging them always to seek the best in themselves. It is in her memory and honor that this scholarship is given. The funding for this scholarship came from the Johns Family; Mrs. Johns' employer, Bud Johnson of Acme Collision; the Springfield business community and many, many friends in Girl Scouts.

EMERALD CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP

The Emerald Circle Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship program for Gold Award Girl Scouts, for either college or technical school. 2016 marked the inaugural year for this program in our council, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Congratulations to the 2019 and 2020 recipients! Congratulations to Alyssa Pratt and Hannah Teel who each received a Fall 2019 Emerald Circle Scholarship. Congratulations to Devan Nasby and Abigail Schipper who each received a Spring 2020 Emerald Circle Scholarship.



GABRIELLE KARBER, THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2020 ARLENE JOHNS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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SCHOLARSHIPS & HONORS

LUELLA & GEORGE SHAVER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Amelia Shields, the recipient of the 2020 Luella and George Shaver Family Scholarship! The Luella & George Shaver Family Scholarship is given to an outstanding Girl Scout who best demonstrates the same qualities that Luella Shaver, a longtime, dedicated volunteer, showed in her life as a Girl Scout. The scholarship began in 1982 and is awarded each year to an exceptional graduating Girl Scout Ambassador who earned her Girl Scout Gold Award. It is awarded for educational pursuits, such as college, vocational training and/or apprenticeship programs at an accredited school. The scholarship recipient is determined by a special committee and panel of judges, including Luella's daughters Mary and Zizi Shaver.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRL SCOUTS

Visit girlscoutsosw.org/scholarships to explore even more scholarship opportunities just for young leaders, Girl Scouts and highest award recipients!

NATIONAL GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUTS

Every year, Girl Scouts of the USA selects ten exceptionally inspiring Gold Award Girl Scouts, nominated by local councils, as National Gold Award Girl Scouts. This year, Emma Legault and Rachel Loberger have been nominated by GSOSW. Selection of the 2020 National Gold Award Girl Scouts will be made and announced in July. Learn more about National Gold Award Girl Scouts at www.girlscouts.org/nationalgoldaward.



AMELIA SHIELDS, THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2020
LUELLA & GEORGE SHAVER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP



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FLORENCE ANDERSON

Corvallis, Oregon

Multicultural Harmony Mural

Florence designed and painted a mural focused on honoring cultural diversity at her church. She spoke to her congregation about donating supplies and presented information at church classes about the benefits of understanding and accepting other cultures. Florence also made her presentation available to others through a manual and video in the church library.

JOCELYN BAUCK

Portland, Oregon

Autism Awareness

Jocelyn led a team in the creation of a website and presentation to educate the general community about autism. The website is an overview of what autism is, with additional information about girls and autism. Her volunteers helped with the creation of the website using sources that Jocelyn found. The website is available to anyone with internet access at <https://autism-awareness5.webnode.com>. Jocelyn also created a presentation for troop leaders, which is accessible from her website.



CASEY ELLSON

Vancouver, Washington

S.I.V. (Suicide Awareness and Prevention Videos)

Casey created eleven videos geared to teenagers that address suicide. The videos include general information, helpline contacts, and interviews with people affected by suicide and those who have contemplated it. Casey worked closely with a mental health professional and posted the videos on social media and distributed information to principals in the local school district. Casey also distributed information on how to create additional videos.



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HALEY FISHER

Portland, Oregon

PDX Period Project

Haley and her team of volunteers organized donation drives to collect feminine hygiene products. Working with various shelters to distribute these products, Haley was able to provide basic feminine hygiene to a large population of women in the Portland area. Haley also created awareness pamphlets to educate the surrounding community about this issue.

ALEXIA GOLDSTEIN

Gladstone, Oregon

You Matter

To address the societal pressure on youth to be perfect with an unrealistic ideal body image, Alexia wanted to improve students' feelings of self-worth. After interviewing students to determine which inspirational words and phrases would be most effective, she and her peers cut the words and phrases out of vinyl and installed them on walls in 11 bathrooms in her high school. To ensure the sustainability of this project, school janitors will maintain and repair the vinyl lettering as needed.



GRACE HUNTER

Portland, Oregon

Project Lunchbox

Grace created "Project Lunchbox," a series of online videos and resources to educate teens about their eating choices and help them develop positive lifelong habits. Grace also created a tutorial on how she made these resources to inspire others to create their own.



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ALISSA JURISCH

Hillsboro, Oregon

STEM Storage Lockers

Alissa and her volunteers designed and built six secure and movable storage lockers for STEM equipment for her high school's robotics club. One of the six was specially designed to hold equipment used by judges at robotics competitions. Alissa provided copies of the building plans and materials list to Oregon's Robotics Tournament and Outreach Program, her school district, and to an international STEM competition organization.

GABRIELLE KARBER

Vancouver, Washington

Senior Safety

As a part of educating seniors about emergency preparedness, Gabrielle and her volunteers designed, packed, and distributed 100 emergency kits to independently living seniors. Gabrielle also created a video explaining the items in the kits, and how to replicate her project for additional distributions.

Gabrielle is the recipient of the 2020 Arlene Johns Scholarship.



EMMA LEGAULT

Portland, Oregon

Revitalizing a Dry Basin Area

Emma saw a need to restore an existing dry basin at her church in order to improve water quality and its overall appearance. Working with the church's maintenance staff and the city's public works department, Emma determined the steps necessary to remove and dispose of the non-native vegetation and found the appropriate native plants to replant. She then recruited, trained and directed volunteers to complete the restoration. Emma also prepared instructions for regular maintenance of the dry basin by the church.

Emma is a 2020 National Gold Award Girl Scout Nominee.



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RACHEL LOBERGER

Hillsboro, Oregon

Boys Build It STEM Camp

Rachel designed and ran a week-long STEM camp for middle school boys staffed entirely with women and high school girls. The camp not only exposed the boys to STEM topics, but increased the girls' self-confidence and normalized the idea of women role models in STEM areas. As a result of their participation as teacher-interns at the camp, some of the girls will be leading a similar camp next year.

Rachel is a 2020 National Gold Award Girl Scout Nominee.

GRACE MILLER

Beaverton, Oregon

Be Beach Safe

Recognizing that Oregon has several accidental drownings in local waterways every year, Grace founded Be Beach Safe to educate children and adults about open water safety. Not only did Grace create a website and video teaching people how to be safe, she offered a class at the local library and educated over 200 people at various booths. In addition, Grace created Be Beach Safe posters that are on display at Henry Hagg Lake.



DEVAN NASBY

North Bend, Oregon

Outdoor Archery Range

Devan is a recipient of a Spring 2020 Emerald Circle Scholarship.



Devan created an archery range for youth in her area. Devan worked with a local sports park to set the location, secured grants to gain the necessary equipment, and then recruited a team to help create signs, banners, and install the new range. Devan recruited experts to help with construction as well as safety requirements. She also created a detailed list of instructions so that the local sports park can easily maintain the range for future use.



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VINNA OTTAVIANO

Bend, Oregon

Green School Certification

Vinna wanted her high school to be certified as a Green School. She recruited and trained a team of high school students to accomplish a first step towards certification—waste reduction at the high school. She also created a website and informational booklet that outlines all the remaining steps to achieve certification and left it with her school's environmental club for implementation.

ALYSSA PRATT

Portland, Oregon

Companion Books to Fiction: Expanding Youth Interest in STEM

Alyssa created a series of booklets that describe real-life STEM research and innovations connected to fun, fantastical elements from popular fiction. She led a focus group to advise on popular books for her target age group and pull out science concepts from these books. Her team helped her research, develop and publish the companion booklets for these science concepts. They will be used in a local elementary school curriculum to help make STEM fun and relevant for students.

Alyssa is a recipient of a Fall 2019 Emerald Circle Scholarship.



REBECCA REED

Prineville, Oregon

Fountain for Friends

Seeing a need for a water fountain at a well-used local park that lacked any water source, Rebecca successfully advocated for her community to install a water fountain for use by athletes, cyclists, park visitors, and dogs. The local parks department has agreed to maintain the fountain and Rebecca has instructed other groups on how to advocate for more fountains.



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ABIGAIL SCHIPPER

Portland, Oregon

Community Fun Run for West Tualatin View Elementary School

Abigail and her team of volunteers organized a community fun run to raise awareness for a decaying running path at the local elementary school. The run promoted physical activity in kids, and motivated people to help the school refurbish the path. Abigail advertised her event through local businesses and media, and drew over 70 participants who left energized to help further the mission of refurbishing the path.

Abigail is a recipient of a Spring 2020 Emerald Circle Scholarship.

AMELIA SHIELDS

Portland, Oregon

Historic Neighborhood Walking Tour

Amelia created a walking historical tour of Northeast Portland's Laurelhurst neighborhood. The tour is available in audio and print formats and covers the history of the neighborhood, key landmarks, relevant historical figures and the houses they lived in, as well as Laurelhurst's famous park. Amelia led a team of volunteers to test the walking tour routes, narrate the audio tour, and create the print brochure version.



HANNAH TEEL

Oregon City, Oregon

Sports and Nutrition Camp

Hannah and her team of volunteers put on a sports and nutrition camp for children. Participants played a variety of sports and learned about making good nutritional choices. In addition to the sports camp, Hannah gave a seminar to middle school students about nutrition, how to read food labels, and how to make better eating choices.

Hannah is a recipient of a Fall 2019 Emerald Circle Scholarship.



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CHRISTA WARREN

Oregon City, Oregon

Kits for Kids

To comfort sick children at Randall Children's Hospital, Christa wanted to provide them with items that they could use and enjoy. She gathered a team to make 40 kits, each consisting of a backpack filled with a fleece tie blanket, a scarf, coloring pages, a ring and lip balm. Her team obtained donations, posted fliers, contacted media and attended a slumber party hosted by Christa to make the tie blankets and assemble the kits. The hospital reports that the kits have been much appreciated. To sustain the project, a Girl Scout troop has agreed to make more tie blankets next year and hopefully inspire others to continue to make and distribute the kits.

LAUREN YANASE

Portland, Oregon

Shikata Ga Nai: An Inconvenient American

As the granddaughter of Japanese-American internees during World War II, Lauren wanted to give voice to the stories of internment camp survivors and educate future generations so this travesty will not be forgotten or repeated. She filmed interviews of several members of her family—who had been incarcerated as children in the Santa Anita Assembly Center and Heart Mountain Relocation Center—describing the economic and sociological impact on them. She then created a short documentary entitled “Shikata Ga Nai” (“It Cannot Be Helped”), incorporating US military propaganda footage and a tour of the Santa Anita Assembly Center. She has donated copies of the documentary to several groups which provide cultural and historical education about Japanese people in the U.S.



THANK YOU

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE TEEN AWARDS VOLUNTEER TEAM

Thank you to the GSOSW Teen Awards Volunteer Team members! Volunteers provide valuable insight and support to girls throughout the Girl Scout Gold Award process. Thank you for your dedication!

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Nancy Muñiz
Rachel Shields
Tammie Newell

Tracy Wilson-Scott

SHARE YOUR STORY

Congratulations on becoming a Gold Award Girl Scout! We know how much dedication and effort you put in to your project, so let's share it! Be a part of the conversation by posting info about your project to social media using **#gsGoldAward**. Show our community the real-life impact your project has had on the world and how becoming a Gold Award Girl Scout made a difference in your life!



