



2018 Gold Award & Scholarship Ceremony



Monday, May 14, 2018





Our Mission

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

The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:

- To serve God and my country,
- To help people at all times,
- And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
 honest and fair,
 friendly and helpful,
 considerate and caring,
 courageous and strong, and
 responsible for what I say and do,
 and to
 respect myself and others,
 respect authority,
 use resources wisely,
 make the world a better place, and
 be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Our Vision

Be the premier leadership organization for girls in New York City.



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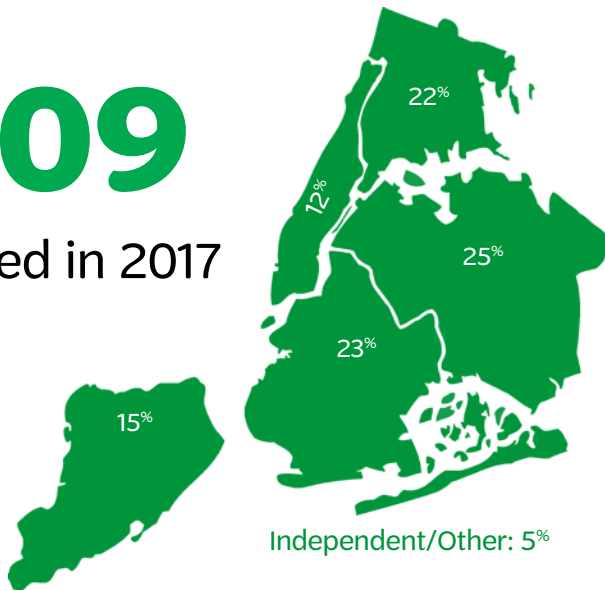
**May 14, 2018 - 7-9 pm
 Baruch College**

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GSGNY At-A-Glance

29,109

NYC Girls Served in 2017



8,315 adult volunteers.

5,000+ girls attend Camp Kaufmann.



70% of girls come from low to moderate-income families.



The Gold Award At-A-Glance

56 NYC girls are receiving the Gold Award – the highest honor in Girl Scouts – tonight.



80+ hours to design and implement a community service project.

4,400+

hours of community service performed by this year's NYC Gold Awardees.



70+ college scholarships are available to Girl Scouts who complete their Gold Award.





Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome you to our 2018 Girl Scout Gold Award and Scholarship Ceremony presentation. The Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn, indelibly marks a Girl Scout as an accomplished and distinguished member of their community and world.

At the Girl Scouts, we strive to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. The remarkable young women we celebrate this evening are shining examples of these ideals. We are proud to bestow on them the Gold Award.

Earning the Gold Award is no easy feat – only 6% of eligible girls achieve this prestigious honor. We are thrilled that 56 girls here in New York City demonstrated and executed leadership in their communities through the design and completion of an 80+ hour Take Action Project.

The Gold Award acknowledges the recipient's dedication to not only empower and better herself, but to making the world a better place for others. Gold Award Girl Scouts prove that they are courageous leaders and visionary change makers that leave a sustainable legacy in their communities, throughout New York City, and beyond.

On behalf of the girls, volunteers, board, and staff of the Girl Scouts of Greater New York, we congratulate all of our extraordinary Gold Award and Scholarship recipients. You are truly girls of courage, confidence, and character, who have – and will continue – to make the world a better place.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Michelle R. Clayman
Board President

Meridith Maskara
Chief Executive Officer

About Tonight's Awards

Girl Scout Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest and most prestigious award a young woman can earn in Girl Scouting. More than 5,500 Girl Scouts, nationally, design, implement, and complete Gold Award projects every year. Each girl is required to design and complete an 80+ hour Take Action project that will have a great impact on her community.

Dr. Harry Britenstool Scholarships

The Britenstool Scholarship is endowed in honor of Dr. Harry Britenstool for the Girl Scouts of Greater New York. It is designed for those young women with high scholastic ability, strong dedication to serving their communities, and career goals oriented toward the fields of medicine, science, or civic affairs. The scholarship is an award for the first year of college and is renewable for three years, provided that all renewal eligibility requirements are met. The award may be applied to the college of the recipient's choice. The number of awards and the amounts vary each year, since the available funds are based on the annual income from the Dr. Harry Britenstool Trust.

Carmen Dubroc Bright Future Scholarship

The Carmen Dubroc Bright Future Scholarship is presented in honor of Carmen Dubroc, President and Chair Emerita of the Girl Scouts of Greater New York's Board of Directors. It is designed for a young woman interested in pursuing a career in the arts, education, civil service, STEM, or the non-profit sector. The Girl Scout awarded with this scholarship has demonstrated a commitment to community service, participation in extracurricular activities, leadership ability, and the values of Girl Scouting and the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Future Woman of Distinction Award

Each year the Future Woman of Distinction Award is given to one Ambassador Girl Scout in New York City who has earned her Gold Award, and who represents the ideals inherent in Girl Scouting through her participation in and commitment to community service, high academic achievement, leadership skills, and ability to communicate the values of Girl Scouting, and who provides an exemplary example of Girl Scouting for all Girl Scouts and the Council's constituents.

This Award, together with a scholarship to continue her education, was presented to Giavanna Corazza at our annual Women of Distinction Breakfast in October 2017. In addition to receiving this Award at the Breakfast, Giavanna shared her Girl Scout experience with our 500+ person audience.





Meredith Pickett

Meredith Pickett is a lifelong Girl Scout from the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto in Houston, Texas. She earned her Gold and Silver Awards and served as Commodore of the council's sailing program, the Mariners. She graduated from Tufts University with a BA in History and Political Science, and received her Masters of Public Administration with a specialization in Public Policy Analysis from New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. Meredith worked on Capitol Hill, as Communications Director of the North Dakota Democratic Party, and as a Senior

Research Associate at the Peter G. Peterson Foundation in New York. She served as a Research Associate on Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and currently is a Public Policy Strategist at Morgan Stanley. Meredith lives in Brooklyn and enjoys singing with the Young New Yorkers' Chorus. She is a member of the Girl Scouts of Greater New York Leadership Advisory Board (LAB).

Judith Harrison

Senior Vice President, Diversity & Inclusion
Weber Shandwick



Judith Harrison is senior vice president, Diversity & Inclusion at Weber Shandwick. She drives programs designed to build a multicultural workforce that leverages diverse perspectives to create breakthrough solutions for clients in an inspiring, collaborative, high-performance workplace. Judith develops strategic plans, drives the sharing of best practices globally, partners with diversity leadership development and professional organizations to increase awareness of Weber Shandwick's commitment to diversity, and leads innovative initiatives to build a strong talent pipeline while strengthening employee engagement in embedding diversity & inclusion into the agency's culture and work.

In addition to human resources and recruiting experience, Judith's background includes communications positions and projects at Burson-Marsteller, Ernst & Young, CBS, Media General, Random House, and the Italian Trade Commission.

Since joining Weber Shandwick in 2006, Judith has guided the firm to recognition as a champion of diversity and inclusion, with honors including the PRWeek/PR Council Diversity Distinction in PR Awards in 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016, and the 2016 PR News Diversity Heroes Award as an Organization of the Year.

Judith has been listed in Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World. She was awarded the 2011 STAR Award by New York Women's Agenda, was named as one of Savoy's Top Influential Women in Corporate America in 2012 and 2014, and was honored with the 2016 PR News Diversity Heroes Award as an Individual of the Year.

Judith served the PR Council as chair of its HR Roundtable for three years. She is president of the PRSA Foundation, and president-elect of New York Women in Communications. Judith also serves on the 4A's Diversity Steering Committee, as well as on the advisory boards of ColorComm and the Ron Brown Scholar Program.

Judith was also a Girl Scouts of Greater New York 2016 Woman of Distinction.





2018 Gold Award Recipients

Ariana Andrade
Saniah Arnold
Seyarra Beckles
Stephanie Bergen
Keanna Best
Kaitlyn Brady
Athena Bruce
Mia Calderon
Alexa Carril
Briana Carril
Emily Chan
Casey Chen
Tiffany Chen
Carol Chin
Josephine Chuang
Alyssa Ciniglio
Samantha Clune
Giavanna Corazza
Anastasia Dakis
Joanna Daly
Dana DeForge
Tiarah Durant
Katherine Eliou
Aniya Francis
Nia Gerald
Mia Gergis
Isabella Gmelch
Meghan Haddad

Katherine Harnett
Kayla Hsu
Kelley Hughes
Rita Jerome
Michaela Johnson
Helena Klonis
Despina Kotsis
Kaitlyn Kundmueller
Annie Lee
Elizabeth Mastoros
Mary Mastoros
Siew Teng Ong
Kizelle Patrice
Kristen Pavlounis
Julia Reaves
Sophia Richardson
Dorothy Scarborough
Lillian Sexton
Nickala Stephens
Catherine Stratis
Dimon Turnipseed
Mary Vavruska
Cynthia Wang
Trinee Weng
Erin Wengerter
Monique Wilson
Samantha Wing
Vivian Yee



2018-2019 Dr. Harry Britenstool Scholarship Recipients

Tiffany Chen
Giavanna Corazza
Alyssa Diaz
Elizabeth Karpen
Grace McGrath
Tahirah Moses
Samantha Nierer
Nataelle Pitts

2018-2019 Carmen Dubroc Bright Future Scholarship

Tiffany Chen
Elizabeth Laudani
Grace McGrath

2018 Gold Award Recipients

ARIANA ANDRADE

Troop / Borough: 4011 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 9

Her Plans after High School: To attend Saint John's University and study business.

Her Interests/Achievements: Ballet, cheer leading, volunteer at Saint Mary's Hospital.

Her Project: In 2016 Ecuador was struck with a massive earthquake. Ariana decided that she would assist her home country by spearheading a donation drive, and traveling to Ecuador to provide the items to the villagers personally.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom for encouraging her, Mrs. Mansour and Mrs. Sullivan for teaching leadership, St. Mel's Academy, and her fellow Girl Scout members.

SANIAH ARNOLD

Troop / Borough: 2696 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 7

Her Plans after High School: To graduate college and attend medical school to become a pediatrician.

Her Interests/Achievements: National Junior Honor Society, music, Global Kids, Black Student Union, photography.

Her Project: Saniah wanted to improve the literacy level of children in Belize. She collected and shipped over children books to improve their reading level.

She Would Like to Thank: Her leader and mom for supporting her and helping her complete her project, and everyone who donated supplies.

KEANNA BEST

Troop / Borough: 2702 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 6

Her Plans after High School: To study psychology at Mercy College.

Her Interests/Achievements: Psychology, Photography, Volleyball, Dance, and Music.

Her Project: Keanna's project addressed domestic violence, and focused on helping survivors know their worth. She visited domestic violence shelters and donated adult clothing, shoes and baby clothes.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom for her support.

KAITLYN BRADY

Troop / Borough: 4772 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 12

Her Plans after High School: She is currently attending the University of Illinois in Chicago, where she is majoring in art with a concentration in photography.

Her Interests/Achievements: Photography, rugby, flag football, and Girl Scouts.

Her Project: Kaitlyn addressed homelessness and hunger within NYC by running two food drives as well as collecting donations for The Bowery Mission and Briarwood Family Shelter. Kaitlyn also organized and participated in several groups initiatives at The Bowery Soup Kitchen.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom, Debe, Diana, Joy, and everyone who donated and volunteered during her project.

SEYARRA BECKLES

Troop / Borough: 2696 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 10

Her Plans after High School: To attend college for nursing or teaching.

Her Interests/Achievements: I absolutely love helping out my community! Track and Field.

Her Project: Seyarra's project shed light on domestic violence amongst women in shelters. She conducted workshops that assisted in building self-confidence, worth, and self- image amongst the women she served.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom and leader for supporting her and making her project a success. Everyone who donated clothing or anything else for my project.

STEPHANIE BERGEN

Troop / Borough: 5033 / Staten Island

Years in Scouting: 14

Her Plans after High School: Stephanie currently attends Hofstra University and is majoring in Dance Education.

Her Interests/Achievements: Girl Scouts, National Honor Society Girl Leader, dance, singing, and acting.

Her Project: Stephanie addressed discrimination against teenagers with special needs by creating a video of interviews of high school students - with and without special needs - as a means of showing others that teenagers may be different but share some of the same experiences.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom, who has been her leader since kindergarten, as well as her leader Lisa Woody for all of their support!

ATHENA BRUCE

Troop / Borough: 2702 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 3

Her Plans after High School: To study athletic training and play professional volleyball.

Her Interests/Achievements: Volleyball, booster/step, softball, gymnastics, and volunteering.

Her Project: Athena focused on caring for women who are victims of domestic violence by supplying them with everyday necessities that can be utilized daily.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom, best friend, troop leader and everyone who contributed to her project.

MIA CALDERON

Troop / Borough: 1575 / Bronx

Years in Scouting: 12

Her Plans after High School: To study Biology on a pre-med track.

Her Interests/Achievements: Founder, Fordham University's STEP, Track & Field.

Her Project: Mia created care packages for pediatric cancer patients to provide comfort to provide comfort during their treatment.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom and Aunt Carolyn for supporting her throughout the project and everyone who donated items.

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ALEXA CARRIL

Troop / Borough: 2228 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 9

Her Plans after High School: To attend college and study culinary arts.

Her Interests/Achievements: National Honor Society, Cooking Club, photography.

Her Project: Alexa shed light on the lack of community confidence in police officers in her neighborhood by organizing a town hall meeting. She invited police officers from her community to speak about the role they play in the community, their everyday responsibilities, and why they are an important part to the community.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom and both her leaders Ms. Susan and Ms. Rosa for guiding and helping her throughout this journey.

BRIANA CARRIL

Troop / Borough: 2228 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 12

Her Plans after High School: To attend college and study Journalism.

Her Interests/Achievements: Dance, National Honor Society, writing.

Her Project: Briana addressed the importance of Fire Safety in the Coney Island community by holding an educational and fun filled event for children in her community.

She Would Like to Thank: Her leaders Ms. Susan and Ms. Rosa and her mom for supporting her throughout her project.

TIFFANY CHEN

Troop / Borough: 4570 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 10

Her Plans after High School: To attend college and major in International Relations with a Pre-Med track.

Her Interests/Achievements: The President's Volunteer Award-Gold, Vice President of BLIA Youth Group, Vice President of Venture Crew.

Her Project: Tiffany advocated for animal abandonment and educated the public on how to prevent it. Her project involved creating dog vests, dog collars and treats which were donated to animal shelters.

She Would Like to Thank: Her Gold Award Advisers and mother for supporting her and providing her with guidance to successfully carry out this project.

CAROL CHIN

Troop / Borough: 2235 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 11

Her Plans after High School: Her plans is to attend NYU for childhood and special Education.

Her Interests/Achievements: Advanced Swimming, photography, glow-stringing.

Her Project: Carol spread awareness about the lack of reading materials for children around the world and in her community. She hosted book drives and donated the books to programs and organizations throughout her community.

She Would Like to Thank: She would like to thank everyone who donated books and helped support her throughout the duration of the project.

EMILY CHAN

Troop / Borough: 4570 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 8

Her Plans after High School: To study Biology on the pre-med track and become an obstetrician/gynecologist.

Her Interests/Achievements: Community Service (especially through Girl Scouts), writing and water color painting.

Her Project: Emily addressed high stress levels in high school by creating a website that provided information to explain the science and psychology behind stress and methods on how to effectively control it.

She Would Like to Thank: Her parents for signing her up for Girl Scouts. Her mentor for motivating her throughout the process.

CASEY CHEN

Troop / Borough: 3197 / Manhattan

Years in Scouting: 9

Her Plans after High School: To study Neuroscience and Medicine.

Her Interests/Achievements: Girl Scouts, Film, Writing, Honor Roll.

Her Project: Casey promoted agricultural and food sustainability by creating a website and teaching high school students the importance of environmental care.

She Would Like to Thank: Her leaders, Environmental Science teacher, and friends!

JOSEPHINE CHUANG

Troop / Borough: 4570 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 11

Her Plans after High School: To attend a college that offers many opportunities in the health science field.

Her Interests/Achievements: TriM Music Honor Society Club, Youth Orchestras, co-chair of youth group, badminton varsity team.

Her Project: Josephine advocated and spread awareness on holistic living by creating activities that promoted health for kids, visiting and performing at nursing homes, and baking at the Ronald McDonald House.

She Would Like to Thank: She would like to thank her parents and her mentor for guiding and supporting throughout her project.

ALYSSA CINIGLIO

Troop / Borough: 4947 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 13

Her Plans after High School: To become a Social Worker and help people.

Her Interests/Achievements: Running track, National Honor Society, Service Homeroom.

Her Project: Alyssa gave back to the church that has supported her Girl Scout Troop for over 80 years. Alyssa believed that it was important that church attendees be comfortable during church service so she decided to refurbish the church pew and hymnals so that parishioners could enjoy them in the years to come.

She Would Like to Thank: Her leaders Karen and Susan, her family and the church for supporting her.

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SAMANTHA CLUNE

Troop / Borough: 4476 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 11

Her Plans after High School: To attend Molloy College for Accounting.

Her Interests/Achievements: National Honor Society, Math Tutor, basketball, Italian Club, Girl Scouts.

Her Project: Samantha addressed childhood bullying and brought awareness to this issue by speaking to and working with adolescents on art projects that promoted positive self-confidence.

She Would Like to Thank: Her parents and leaders for supporting her and all the groups that supported her workshops.

GIAVANNA CORAZZA

Troop / Borough: 5232 / Staten Island

Years in Scouting: 12

Her Plans after High School: To study Biomedical Engineering at The George Washington University.

Her Interests/Achievements: Girl Scouts of Greater New York Future Woman of Distinction and Advocacy Group, Playing the guitar and drums, Girl Scouts, Spanish Club President, National Honor Society.

Her Project: Giavanna experienced firsthand how anxious an individual can get when a family member is in the hospital. She helped children in the emergency room and pediatric unit stay occupied by creating activity kits.

She Would Like to Thank: Her leader and mother for their continuous support. Her grandma for introducing her to Girl Scouts.

DANA DEFORGE

Troop / Borough: 5074 / Staten Island

Years in Scouting: 10

Her Plans after High School: She plans to pursue a career in Childhood Psychology.

Her Interests/Achievements: Karate, guitar, singing, traveling, and Venture Crew.

Her Project: Dana addressed the health and wellness of animals in animal shelters by making and donating blankets to help protect their paws from getting sores inside the metal cages where they are held.

She Would Like to Thank: Her family, friends, and the people that donated to her cause in order to make her project possible.

TIARAH DURANT

Troop / Borough: 2965 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 10

Her Plans after High School: To attend college and study computer engineering.

Her Interests/Achievements: Girl Scouts, Member of the Steel Pan Orchestra, Member of the Financial Women's Association Mentoring Program.

Her Project: Tiarah addressed the lack of digital literacy in her neighborhood by conducting workshops at her local library and taught participants about topics such as Microsoft Word and Web Design.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom and her leader for supporting her throughout the entire project, as well as the Brooklyn Public Library.

ANASTASIA DAKIS

Troop / Borough: 4476 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 10

Her Plans after High School: She plans to attend college and study Psychology or Neuroscience on a Pre-Med track.

Her Interests/Achievements: Senior Vice President, Honors Society, Science Research Major, Future Woman of Distinction Finalist, Musical Theatre.

Her Project: Anastasia's project addressed bullying by creating a website to serve as a resource for adolescents. Through this website, kids are able to access information about organizations that can assist individuals, where they can ask advice, and find other pertinent information.

She Would Like to Thank: Her leaders Rosanne Smith, Mrs. Clune, Mrs. Kundmueller, Samantha Clune, and her mother and leader Olga Dakis.

JOANNA DALY

Troop / Borough: 4388 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 12

Her Plans after High School: She plans on studying physical therapy and attaining her doctorate.

Her Interests/Achievements: Swimming, Art, and Missionary Service abroad.

Her Project: Joanna spread awareness about the use of landfills. She addressed this issue by educating those within her community through workshops. She recycled 4,500 sporks, 1,500 plastic bags, 478 pounds of fruit, and 875 cereal boxes.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom who has been her leader since 2nd grade who has been a tremendous support through her Girl Scouting career.

KATHERINE ELIOU

Troop / Borough: 4550 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 8

Her Plans after High School: Attending Syracuse University.

Her Interests/Achievements: Sports blog writer, Earned her Associated Degree in High School, contributed to school literary magazine.

Her Project: Kate identified a lack of proper school supplies in the New York City foster care system. She collected donations from around her neighborhood and participated in a function at Forestdale Foster Care Agency to give supplies to families in need.

She Would Like to Thank: Her leaders Teresa Burke, Kaye Kiernan, and her mother Jennifer Reddin who introduced her to scouting.

ANIYA FRANCIS

Troop / Borough: 2811 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 10

Her Plans after High School: Attending Fordham University to study medicine or the arts.

Her Interests/Achievements: HS Sorority & Cheerleading.

Her Project: Aniya educated people in her community about the lack of baby supplies in Caribbean countries affected by hurricanes.

She Would Like to Thank: Her parents for their support and help with her project, as well as her leader. Ms. Nicole for pushing her to open up.

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NIA GERALD

Troop / Borough: 2811 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 8

Her Plans after High School: To major in communications and minor in business at the University of Albany.

Her Interests/Achievements: Makeup, Skincare, and Photography.

Her Project: Nia educated young women on hair and skin care by conducting presentations on the importance of skin and hair care, as well as spreading awareness on various DIY projects related to this topic.

She Would Like to Thank: Her leader Ms. Nicole, and her parents for all their help and support with her project.

MIA GERGIS

Troop / Borough: 3229 / Manhattan

Years in Scouting: 4

Her Plans after High School: Plan on going to Medical School and becoming a Neurosurgeon.

Her Interests/Achievements: Playing basketball, reading, Fencing, Varsity Equestrian Team, JV Tennis Team, Silver Summit Award, Graduate of the Girl Scout Leadership Institute, Cohort 4.

Her Project: Mia partnered up with Pet Partnerships to raise awareness on the use of therapy animals as service animals for those who suffer with disabilities.

She Would Like to Thank: Her parents, her brothers, St. Brigid School and its faculty.

KATHERINE HARNETT

Troop / Borough: 4388 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 12

Her Plans after High School: Going to college to study medicine.

Her Interests/Achievements: Singing, National Honor Society, Theatre.

Her Project: Katherine conducted a Spork collecting contest as a means to address the amount of food and plastic being wasted in her school.

She Would Like to Thank: Her supervisor Rosanne Smith, leaders Rosanna G. Daly & Deidre Hanett, and her family.

KAYLA HSU

Troop / Borough: 4569 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 9

Her Plans after High School: To attend college and study environmental science, volunteer at a hospital/care center, and travel the world.

Her Interests/Achievements: Reading, rowing, volleyball, Girl Scouts, playing piano, photography, and Honor Society.

Her Project: Kayla addressed the topic of physical health by educating athletes on sports injury prevention.

She Would Like to Thank: Her leader Lien Ling Cheng. The facilities that collaborated with her, her troop, family, and friends for supporting her.

ISABELLA GMELCH

Troop / Borough: 2024 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 15

Her Plans after High School: To become a Girl Scout Troop Leader.

Her Interests/Achievements: Campus Ministry and Girl Scouts.

Her Project: Isabella addressed the importance of a healthy mind and body by conducting workshops on the importance of self-care, a healthy diet, and regular exercise.

She Would Like to Thank: Her Troop leader and mentor for helping her get her workshop set-up.

MEGHAN HADDAD

Troop / Borough: 5158 / Staten Island

Years in Scouting: 12

Her Plans after High School: To study software engineering at Lafayette College

Her Interests/Achievements: Speech and Debate, National Honor Society, Swimming, Girls Who Code.

Her Project: Meghan implemented a program for pediatric patients at Staten Island University Hospital – Northwell Unit where, after their stay, they would leave with a care package to brighten their day.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom for supporting her, Kids Against Cancer, and Staten Island University Hospital – Northwell Unit for letting her partner up with them for her project.

KELLEY HUGHES

Troop / Borough: 2811 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 9

Her Plans after High School: Kelly is currently attending Utica College and majoring in Psychology with a concentration in Child Life Development.

Her Interests/Achievements: Music and Theatre, Member of Women in a New Direction, Dean's List.

Her Project: Kelley addressed the importance of emotional well-being by creating "The Quiet Girls Club", a school-based mentorship program for middle-school students where participants could discuss their problems in a safe space.

She Would Like to Thank: Her troop leader, mother, friends, and faculty at her High School for supporting her vision!

RITA JEROME

Troop / Borough: Juliette / Queens

Years in Scouting: 11

Her Plans after High School: To study Aeronautical Engineering or Physics.

Her Interests/Achievements: Girl Scout, National Honor Society, Varsity Track and Field, Poetry and Art.

Her Project: Rita addressed the sexual assault epidemic plaguing college campuses throughout America. She spoke at an assembly in her high school to inform young women about this issue and how to address it before they enter the college environment.

She Would Like to Thank: Her family, her vice-principal Mrs. Molluzzo, and her project advisor Madeline Paladino for supporting her!

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MICHAELA JOHNSON

Troop / Borough: 2059 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 15

Her Plans after High School: She plans to attend the University of Delaware studying Criminal Law.

Her Interests/Achievements: Girl Scouts, Volley Ball, Senior Committee, Yearbook Committee, National Honor Society.

Her Project: Michaela addressed the needs of the homeless in her community, by partnering up with her local church. She conducted a donation drive where she collected and provided basic supplies for the homeless.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom Danielle for her support, leaders Ms. Kong and Ms. Atkins for their support, and Ms. Edwards for her encouragement.

HELENA KLONIS

Troop / Borough: 2873 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 11

Her Plans after High School: Helena is currently attending Binghamton University studying Economics and Political Science.

Her Interests/Achievements: Basketball, Girl Scouts, running.

Her Project: Helena's project addressed homelessness in New York City. She partnered with Midnight Run, an organization that feeds and provides clothing to the homeless. She promoted this event to her peers at her church for donations.

She Would Like to Thank: Her family, her leader Ms. Voula, her mentor Ms. Maria, and everyone who contributed!

ANNIE LEE

Troop / Borough: 4570 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 11

Her Plans after High School: To study nursing or a Physician's Assistant program.

Her Interests/Achievements: JROTC Drill Team, Girl Scouts, National Honors Society.

Her Project: Annie addressed the issue of self-care and its connection to health by speaking with groups of people that are most vulnerable to not exercising, eating enough, or getting outside. Annie visited nursing homes, senior centers, houses, and libraries to spread awareness on this topic.

She Would Like to Thank: Her leader and mentor, Lien Ling Cheng, for helping her every step of the way.

ELIZABETH MASTOROS

Troop / Borough: 5374 / Staten Island

Years in Scouting: 12

Her Plans after High School: To become a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Her Interests/Achievements: Girl Scout, National Honor Society, altar server, hospital volunteer, track and field.

Her Project: Elizabeth's project provided children at her former elementary school with free tutoring and homework help. She spent 2 hours a week at STS tutoring the young students on various subjects.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom and younger sister for always being there to help her.

DESPINA KOTSIS

Troop / Borough: 2873 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 13

Her Plans after High School: To attend Saint John's University for Speech Pathology and to become a successful business woman.

Her Interests/Achievements: Designing Clothes for Philanthropic Organization-Maids of Athena.

Her Project: Despina's project spread awareness on the struggles associated with cancer treatment. She created chemo comfort bags and gave them to people going through treatment

She Would Like to Thank: Her leader-Stavroula Floutsis for supporting her and everyone who provided a donation.

KAITLYN KUNDMUELLER

Troop / Borough: 4476 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 11

Her Plans after High School: To go to college and study engineering.

Her Interests/Achievements: National Honors Society Vice President, Track Team Captain, Service Homeroom, and Science Honors Society.

Her Project: In an effort to spread awareness of teenage homelessness, Kaitlyn partnered up with The Mary Louis Academy. She organized a "sleep out" that allowed teens to experience homelessness through scenarios and presentations for each of the participants to explain homelessness.

She Would Like to Thank: Her parents, Ms. O'Malley, the girls at TMLA, and a special thanks to Rosanne Smith.

MARY MASTOROS

Troop / Borough: 5078 / Staten Island

Years in Scouting: 12

Her Plans after High School: To pursue a career in Fashion Business Merchandising.

Her Interests/Achievements: Track and field, photography, altar serving, cross country running.

Her Project: Mary's project addressed the challenges that adolescents faced in math at her former elementary school. She set up a free after school tutoring service to help students raise their test scores and confidence.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mother and sister who are always there to help.

SIEW TENG ONG

Troop / Borough: 4569 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 8

Her Plans after High School: To attend college and pursue a career in medical sciences.

Her Interests/Achievements: Lacrosse Team, Model Congress, Math Team.

Her Project: Siew Teng addressed sports related injuries by teaching classes on proper stretching. She handed out pamphlets with various exercises for full-body stretching, and created a YouTube video to demonstrate proper stretching.

She Would Like to Thank: Kayla Hsu and her parents and Gold Award advisor for always supporting her.

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KIZELLE PATRICE

Troop / Borough: 2811 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 12

Her Plans after High School: Currently attending the University of New Haven studying Biology with a pre-medical concentration.

Her Interests/Achievements: Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society, musical theatre, running.

Her Project: Kizelle discussed the impact of police brutality among youth in minority neighborhoods in Brooklyn by creating a documentary to explain how teens feel about police brutality, as well as creating a website where teens could talk about these issues without judgment from peers.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom and leader for supporting her. All the teens that she interviewed for her project.

KRISTEN PAVLOUNIS

Troop / Borough: 2122 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 7

Her Plans after High School: Psychology Major, Pre-Law Track, Fordham University.

Her Interests/Achievements: Hellenic Society, Fordham University Emerging Leader, "The Ram" Copy Editor, Fashion for Philanthropy Member.

Her Project: Kristen worked with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation to plan and execute workshops that created encouraging cards for children in hospitals and promote awareness of pediatric cancer.

She Would Like to Thank: Her Troop leader, her family, and everyone who participated in the workshops!

DOROTHY SCARBOROUGH

Troop / Borough: 3156 / Manhattan

Years in Scouting: 12

Her Plans after High School: To first attend college and major in English, and later earn an MBA.

Her Interests/Achievements: Media Arts Club President, Girl Scouts: Earned Bronze Award President's Volunteer Service Award.

Her Project: Dorothy addressed adult illiteracy in a poor community in southwestern Virginia by providing free books for Appalachian Trail hikers, and spread information related to economic advancement.

She Would Like to Thank: Barbara Slough, Bill Rolfe, St. John's Episcopal Church Raritans, Little Free Libraries, Carolyn Bradley, News-Gazette, Echols Family, Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

LILLIAN SEXTON

Troop / Borough: 4772 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 8

Her Plans after High School: To study film at Bennington College.

Her Interests/Achievements: Theater, National Honor Society, Student Government and Girl Scouts.

Her Project: Lily addressed the stereotypes associated with homelessness by creating a documentary that allowed them to share their real story.

She Would Like to Thank: Her leaders for motivating her and her mom for helping her along the way.

JULIA REAVES

Troop / Borough: 8060 / Manhattan

Years in Scouting: 2

Her Plans after High School: Study business at Long Island Business Institute and intern for Senator Chuck Schumer.

Her Interests/Achievements: 9/11 Memorial and Museum volunteer, ASPCA Administration volunteer and Mayor de Blasio's NYC Service Youth Leadership Council.

Her Project: Julia traveled through a multitude of diverse NYC neighborhoods; hand-drawing uplifting quotes and artwork throughout NYC to cheer up New Yorkers and tourist alike.

She Would Like to Thank: Her leader Marlinda Cesar-Wiley, her family for supporting her, as well as her friends who donated the sidewalk chalk and the stencils for her project.

SOPHIA RICHARDSON

Troop / Borough: 2969 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 4

Her Plans after High School: To go into a pre-medical program that is biology based, ideally at Howard University.

Her Interests/Achievements: Girl Scouts, Archon National Honor Society, the Pathfinder Club, and playing the piano.

Her Project: Sophia addressed the issue of domestic violence among women in shelters through knitting workshops, where women can talk and share the effects of domestic violence.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mother, her troop leader Mr. McCrae, her best friend, and all the Girl Scouts in her troop.

NICKALA STEPHENS

Troop / Borough: 2059 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 12

Her Plans after High School: To attend LIU Brooklyn to study medicine and pursue her dream of becoming a pediatrician.

Her Interests/Achievements: Youth bridge, National Honor Society, Dance, PSAL Rugby.

Her Project: Nickala addressed the lead water crisis at her school by making posters, having a radio conversation, and going to community based meetings.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mentor Ms. Myers, her principal and vice principal Ms. Humes and Ms. Henrey, and her Mom and Girl Scout Leaders.

CATHERINE STRATIS

Troop / Borough: 2873 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 11

Her Plans after High School: Catherine is currently attending Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College on the pre-medical track and majoring in Human Biology.

Her Interests/Achievements: Hunter College Dean's List, SITHS Valedictorian, Peer Health Exchange, oncological research at Memorial Sloan Kettering.

Her Project: Catherine raised awareness on the importance of blood donation by hosting a blood drive and an information session to address the high demand of blood donors and reduce the stigma of fear surrounding donating.

She Would Like to Thank: Her donors, Javier Jiminez, the NY Blood Center, Holy Cross community, Sophia Madimenos, Harry Paloumbis, her parents, and her leader!

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DIMON TURNIPSEED

Troop / Borough: 2696 / Brooklyn

Years in Scouting: 8

Her Plans after High School: Attending College to become a pediatrician.

Her Interests/Achievements: Dance, Honor Roll.

Her Project: Dimon assisted various women in shelters by providing beauty aids, clothing, and shoes. She also conducted a workshop on crocheting and how it can be utilized as an income source.

She Would Like to Thank: Her mom for always supporting her, and guiding her into becoming a positive, productive young lady.

MARY VAVRUSKA

Troop / Borough: 4589 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 13

Her Plans after High School: To study civil engineering.

Her Interests/Achievements: Girl Scouts, American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of Women Engineers, music, and comic books.

Her Project: Mary taught children in her community about the New York World's Fairs by creating fun and engaging educational activities. These included a pavilion building workshop, a scavenger hunt and videos.

She Would Like to Thank: Her parents, especially her mom, who introduced her to the World's Fairs and supported her every step of the way.

ERIN WENGERTER

Troop / Borough: 4169 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 12

Her Plans after High School: To continue education within Macaulay program, studying Environmental Engineering.

Her Interests/Achievements: Playing Quidditch, assisting her EWD chapter, and exploring the city with friends.

Her Project: Erin addressed the lack of social and artistic activities for children in hospitals by providing children with the benefits that both art and positive socialization provide.

She Would Like to Thank: The members of her community that donated art supplies, her mother, and those who volunteered their time for this event.

MONIQUE WILSON

Troop / Borough: 3106 / Manhattan

Years in Scouting: 6

Her Plans after High School: To attend Georgetown University to major in Government and minor in African-American Studies.

Her Interests/Achievements: Girl Scouts, National Honor Society, Model UN, Reading Partners Feminist Club.

Her Project: Monique addressed the lack of education amongst high school students regarding the topic of oppression. She created workshops for students to discuss anti-oppression, power, privilege, and ally-ship.

She Would Like to Thank: Her dad for keeping her well informed about important issues. Her leader for constantly reminding her to submit her project!

CYNTHIA WANG

Troop / Borough: 4570 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 11

Her Plans after High School: To major as a Social Studies or Science major.

Her Interests/Achievements: Basketball, Gardening Club, Flag Football Team, Tzu Shao Youth Group, Girl Scout Patrol Leader.

Her Project: Cynthia addressed the issue of living an unhealthy lifestyle physically, mentally, and socially by educating teens on the importance of healthy habits that contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

She Would Like to Thank: Her parents, her leader, and everyone who dedicated their time and support.

TRINEE WENG

Troop / Borough: 4570 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 5

Her Plans after High School: To study law, psychology, or journalism.

Her Interests/Achievements: School Band (flute), Girl Scouts, and photography.

Her Project: Trinee addressed the issue of environmental cleanliness by educating her audience on the "Leave No Trace" program. Through a presentation and game she spread awareness on the global impact humans have on Earth.

She Would Like to Thank: Her parents and her leaders for supporting her, as well as her classmates who all helped her complete her project.

SAMANTHA WING

Troop / Borough: 3197 / Manhattan

Years in Scouting: 6

Her Plans after High School: To study political science or history.

Her Interests/Achievements: Debate, Gay Straight Alliance, Drawing.

Her Project: Samantha promoted the importance of local politics and representatives through letter writing campaigns and a series of programs at her local library.

She Would Like to Thank: Her leaders and her parents for supporting her and everyone who agreed to participate in her project!

VIVIAN YEE

Troop / Borough: 4570 / Queens

Years in Scouting: 11

Her Plans after High School: To study computer engineering and robotics.

Her Interests/Achievements: Girl Scouts, National Honor Society, BETA Club, golf team, sculpting and drawing, playing guitar and clarinet.

Her Project: Vivian addressed bullying and cyber-bullying particularly on the internet by creating a website to spread awareness and how to prevent it.

She Would Like to Thank: Her parents and her leaders for helping her throughout her project.



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