

girl scouts  
of california's  
central coast

# Highlighting Girl Scout Higher Awards



Gold Award Girl Scout - Elizabeth Lunney



Gold Award Girl Scout - Ashley Slicton



Gold Award Girl Scout - Amelia McLeod



Troop 65500 Silver Award

## Save the Date:

**Girl Scouts  
Cyber Mission**

Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024  
*CSU Channel Islands*

**Dream It Be It**

Saturday, Oct 19, 2024  
*Camp Arnaz*

**Tent or Treat**

Saturday, Oct 26, 2024  
*Councilwide*



# GSUSA \$5,000 Scholarship Winner!

Congratulations to Jolina Le for winning the GSUSA \$5,000 scholarship! You have created lasting change in the world while earning the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award.

The GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship is a national scholarship for post-secondary education. It recognizes and provides financial support to one Gold Award Girl Scout per council and one from USA Girl Scouts Overseas.

Scholarship recipients must have completed a Gold Award project that demonstrates extraordinary leadership and measurable, sustainable impact and addresses an issue of national and/or global significance.



## Jolina Le

**Future Plans:** I am currently at Pomona College, where I am so excited to be learning about international racial advocacy and community care with my amazing peers at the Racial Justice Coalition, Asian American Mentorship Program, and Vietnamese Student Association. I am also making time to explore new interests like ballroom dance and the harp! I look forward to pursuing a degree in Asian American Studies and Politics.

## The Bauerle Family Gold Award Scholarships

Each year, Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast presents The Bauerle Family Gold Award Scholarship in order to support girls in their pursuit of higher education. These scholarships are given to top applicants who have demonstrated personal excellence in academics, community, and Girl Scout life.



## Sarah Ziff

**Project:** *I Voted: Registering and Casting a Ballot*

**Future Plans:** I'm currently a freshman at Pomona College planning on majoring in either Public Policy Analysis or Politics, Philosophy, and Economics. In the future, I plan to stay active in politics and continue to educate others by making resources more accessible.



## Caitlin Bayaca

**Project:** *Painting a Positive School Culture*

**Future Plans:** I am currently attending San Diego State University, majoring in Liberal Studies to become a future elementary school teacher!



## Autumn Salinas

**Project:** *Hollister Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial tile graphing system*

**Future Plans:** I would like to get into Communications just not really sure what aspect of it.



## Abigail Gaston

**Project:** *Heat Illness Warning Signs*

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend college in the fall of 2024 in pursuit of a math related degree.



## Alyssa Rice

**Project:** *A Guide to Engineering Badges*

**Future Plans:** I am majoring in Mechanical Engineering at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with hopes to work in the aerospace field after graduation.

## Bauerle Family Scholarship Match Challenge

The Bauerle Family will match every donation, up to \$7,500. With the additional GSCCC Board match, your \$1 donation will become \$3. Scan the QR code now or visit [girlscoutsgccc.org](https://girlscoutsgccc.org) for more info.





## Leading the Way

# 22 Gold Award Girl Scouts

### Welcome to our quarterly newsletter!

We are thrilled to showcase the achievements of 22 Gold Award Girl Scouts from across the six counties of GSCCC that have completed their projects as of July 2024. These remarkable young women have tackled projects ranging from environmental sustainability to health education and human rights advocacy, making meaningful changes in their communities with the support of our generous donors. Discover how their creativity, compassion, and leadership are making a lasting impact!

### Elderly Care and Disability



- **Juliette Nasarenko** (Island View, Troop 60852): "Bringing Memory & Strength to Senior Citizens" – A project focused on enhancing the quality of life for seniors through memory-strengthening activities and fostering community connections.
- **Amelia McLeod** (Island View, Troop 60385): "Increasing Seniors' Quality of Life Through Adaptive Devices" – Aimed at improving the daily lives of seniors by providing adaptive devices and training to help maintain their independence.
- **Ananya Jonnalagadda** (Rancho Sierra Vista, Troop 60203): "Anybody Can Dance" – Created an inclusive dance program for children with disabilities to promote physical activity and social inclusion.
- **Caitlin Guerrero** (San Benito, Troop 23404): "Equine Therapy Sensory Trail" – Developed a sensory trail for equine therapy to benefit children with disabilities, enhancing their therapeutic experience.

### Education and Arts



- **Mia Kish** (Island View, Troop 60385): "Ventura Elementary School Music Van Curriculum" – Created a mobile music education program to bring arts education to underserved elementary schools.
- **Indiana Nott** (Rancho Oaks, Troop 50100): "Little Library & Community Board" – Established a little library and community board to encourage reading and community engagement.

- **Madeline Waters** (Moorpark, Troop 60303): "The Big Binder Of Books" – Compiled a collection of educational resources for teachers to use in classrooms to support reading development.
- **Veronika "Nika" Wallach** (Island View, Troop 60383): "Creativity is the New Boredom!" – Promoted arts and culture through community workshops that encouraged creative expression among youth.

### Environment & Sustainability



- **Charlie Beaman** (Monarchs by the Sea, Troop 45310): "Discovering Camp Arroyo Grande" – Promoted environmental sustainability and education at a local camp through guided tours and workshops.
- **Shayna Dearman-So** (Island View, Troop 60385): "Reducing Waste Together-The Worm Way" – A community initiative to reduce waste through composting and recycling education.
- **Ashley Slicton** (Santa Barbara, Troop 50886): "Blue and Green Space at Camp Arnaz" – Enhanced environmental sustainability & mental health by creating a community garden and green space for educational purposes.
- **Elizabeth Lunney** (Rancho Sierra Vista, Troop 61071): "Composting Education and Implementation" – Educated the community on composting practices and implemented composting systems in local schools.
- **Kyra Otte** (Cuesta del Norte, Troop 40408): "Monarch Habitat Improvement Project" – Improved habitats for Monarch butterflies by planting milkweed and educating the public on conservation efforts.

**These projects reflect the dedication and innovative spirit of our Girl Scouts, and we are immensely proud of their accomplishments.**

### Sign up to become a Gold Award Mentor: Inspire the Next Generation of Leaders!

Are you passionate about empowering young women to reach their highest potential? Join us as a Gold Award Mentor and play a pivotal role in guiding Girl Scouts through their journey to achieve the prestigious Gold Award. Requirement: Must be a registered adult with background check (Ab506 compliant). **Sign up today and make a lasting impact!**



# Making a Difference!



## Health and Well-being



- **Samantha Warner** (Coastal Redwoods, Troop 10059): "Calming Minds One Tool at a Time" – A mental health initiative providing stress relief tools and techniques to students, promoting wellness and mental health awareness.
- **Madison Mitsuuchi** (MiCaSa, Troop 61056): "Breast Cancer Awareness" – Developed a campaign to educate the community about breast cancer prevention, early detection, and support for those affected.

## Human Rights and Civic Engagement



- **Leah Cawley** (Coastal Redwoods, Troop 10208): "Human Trafficking Awareness Patch Program" – Developed an educational program and patch to raise awareness about human trafficking among young people.
- **Kaitlin Turner** (San Luis Obispo, Troop 40040): "Supplying Women in Third World Countries with Sustainable Menstrual Supplies" – Focused on providing sustainable menstrual supplies and education to women in developing countries.
- **Izel Prieto** (San Benito, Troop 23404): "San Benito Migrants Resource Fair" – Provided resources and support to migrant families, emphasizing civic engagement and community support.

## Animals and Wildlife Conservation



- **Jaia Beall** (Santa Barbara, Troop 50886): "The Shelter Connection" – Focused on increasing adoption rates and improving conditions for shelter animals through community awareness events and volunteer engagement.

- **Ashlynn Chavez** (Monarchs by the Sea, Troop 41049): "Turtle Turnover" – Raised awareness about turtle conservation, including organizing beach clean-ups and educational workshops to protect local marine life.

## Healthy Relationships and Community Service



and fostering healthy relationships through community service.

- **Gabrielle Salles** (Coastal Redwoods, Troop 10208): "Santa Cruz High School Blood Drive Through Interactive Learning" – Organized a blood drive while educating students on the importance of donating blood

## Sports and Team Engagement



activities, fostering better communication and collaboration among team members and coaches.

- **Ashlynn Bean** (Cuesta del Norte, Troop 40507): "Remedying Communication- Informative Board" – Developed an informative communication board to enhance engagement and participation in sports

We are incredibly proud of the 22 Gold Award Girl Scouts who have shown exceptional leadership through their impactful projects this year. Many more girls are on their journey to achieving the Gold Award, and your support can provide the resources, mentorship, and recognition they need. Your donation will empower the next generation of changemakers. Please consider donating today to help more Girl Scouts achieve their goals and make a lasting impact. Thank you for being a vital part of our Girl Scouts family!

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# Celebrating Our Silver Award Girl Scouts: Making a Difference Across Six Counties

We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievements of our Silver Award Girl Scouts, who have completed a wide range of community projects across six counties as of July 2024. These committed young leaders have addressed local needs through projects that span the four pillars of the Girl Scouts program: STEM, Outdoors, Entrepreneurship, and Life Skills.

In the STEM category, **Troop 65304** created "Animal Shelter Volunteer Training Videos," enhancing volunteer efforts through technology to improve animal care. **Troop 61136** implemented "SENSE-Sational Projects," developing sensory-based activities that integrated STEM principles to support special needs education.

For Outdoors projects, **Troop 65500** contributed to environmental conservation with their "Monarch Butterfly Garden," supporting local ecosystems while educating the community about butterfly conservation. **Troop 65701** focused on restoring biodiversity with their "Restoring Mountain Meadows Plant Life" project, revitalizing mountain meadows and native plants. **Troop 60729** provided crucial resources to local pet shelters through their "Paws for Pets" project, while **Troop 50209** connected the community through animal-related activities with their "Connecting the Community with Animals at Stow House."

Several troops showcased their Entrepreneurship skills by addressing community needs creatively. **Troop 63043** completed multiple projects, including "The Dancers Closet," which provided dance apparel to underserved students, and "Lost and Found Makeover," which improved organizational spaces in local schools. **Troop 65701** also enriched local literacy programs by creating a "New Moorpark Library Girl Scout Book Section," providing a dedicated space for Girl Scout-related literature while **Troop 55101** taught essential childcare skills with their "Babysitting Workshop."

In the Life Skills pillar, **Troop 10208** organized a "Clothing Drive" to provide essential clothing to those in need, while **Troop 60729** ensured children had access to personal hygiene products through their "Toiletries for Tots (and more)" initiative. **Troop 63043** lifted community spirits with "Raising Hearts" and promoted sustainability through "One Plant at A Time." **Troop 10000** fostered a love of reading with their project "A World of Stories: Sharing Reading with Kindergarteners." **Troop 66002** rallied volunteers to support local services with their "Helping Hands Event," while **Troop 61085** revitalized youth sports facilities by providing new equipment through their "Boys and Girls Club Sports Equipment Refresh" project. **Troop 50503** transformed a local venue into a community hub with their "Chapel Community Meeting Space" project, and **Troop 63006** provided guidance to younger students through their "Middle School Transition" program. **Troop 41023** promoted literacy by establishing "The Magic of Books Lending Library," increasing access to literature. **Troop 50209** encouraged physical activity and sportsmanship with "Pitching for Kids." Lastly, **Troop 40325** fostered a positive community atmosphere with their "Take What You Need/Words of Encouragement" initiative, creating a space where individuals could share and receive supportive messages.

## Support Our Girl Scouts' Higher Awards Journey

Help our Girl Scouts achieve their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards as they lead impactful community projects in areas like environmental conservation, social justice, and education. Join us in supporting their journey of service, leadership, and positive change.

Donate today to make a lasting impact on their future and our communities!



# Celebrating Our Bronze Award Girl Scouts: Investing in Our Future Leaders

Our Bronze Award Girl Scouts have made a tremendous impact across various sectors, showcasing creativity and dedication to improving their communities.

In Schools and Library Support, **Troop 50463** beautified public spaces with a "Succulent Garden and Painted Rocks," promoting environmental stewardship. **Troop 50748** enhanced local libraries with "Library Planter Boxes," encouraging community interaction and literacy. **Troop 55507** educated students on sustainability through "Compost Education at SB Charter School" and promoted literacy by creating the "Berkeley Park Little Library." Troop **61108's** "Rock Garden at Elementary School" contributed to school beautification, while **Troop 65701** fostered inclusion with their "Buddy Bench for Arroyo West," promoting friendship at school.

In Social Service Support, **Troop 45101** assembled "Birthday Kits for Kids" to ensure children in need could enjoy special celebrations. **Troop 45310** raised awareness for homelessness with "Building Hope: A Home for Every Heart." **Troop 65012** educated the community on "How to Give Donations to Foster Kids," while **Troop 65431** supported children in crisis with care bags for the "My Stuff Bags Foundation." **Troop 65502** raised awareness with their "Foster Care Awareness Patch" program, and **Troop 66002** led "Helping

Hands Community Service," mobilizing volunteers for various local needs.

In Wildlife and Animal Support, **Troop 15000** enhanced foster kitten care with their "Foster Kitten Care Packages" project. **Troop 42408** promoted wildlife protection with "Bear Aware Signage at Lopez Lake." **Troop 55507** supported wildlife care through their "Banner for BUNS" project, and **Troop 65108** focused on butterfly conservation with "Sweet Butterfly!" **Troop 66015** cared for pets of homeless individuals through "Homeless to Happy Pets," while **Troop 66017** improved shelter conditions with their "Helping Animals Through SPARC" project.



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

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