



## **Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast Celebrates Adult Award Honorees and 2020 Women of Distinction**

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Each year, Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast honors a few key individuals who have poured their heart and soul into the Girl Scout organization. They pave the way for future girl leaders by acting as exemplary role models, achieving lasting change in their communities, and demonstrating that with the power of a G.I.R.L., anything is possible.

Throughout an exciting 16-day virtual event from September 1 through September 16, Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast will honor our amazing volunteers for their accomplishments, community leadership, and commitment to making a positive difference with our girls. This virtual event brings together and recognizes a group of purpose-driven leaders in our community, who, like our girls, are always ready and willing to serve their communities and lead by example. They have given their time, resources, and dedication, and we can't wait to show them the appreciation they deserve! You can find features of these amazing women, men and girls across all of our social media platforms, including [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#).

This year, we are proud to recognize six women as our [2020 Women of Distinction](#). Honorees are women who have made significant contributions in one or more of the key focus areas for success as outlined by the Girl Scouts Research Institute. These areas include Healthy Living, Financial Empowerment, S.T.E.M., Leadership, and Community Responsibility. Girls who have positive influences within these areas are more likely to gain essential skills and find success on their journey to a lifetime of leadership. Our council is excited to announce this year's honorees as Crystal Evans, Janet Lunt, Danielle McCaffery, Sue Roth, Maria Ventura, and Celina L. Zacarias. Coming from all walks of life, they are business owners, lifelong Girl Scout volunteers, working professionals, school board members, dedicated community leaders, and so much more. They represent all that a G.I.R.L. can be, inspire and advocate for our girls, and add so much value to our organization.

Additionally, throughout this event, we will also be highlighting all of our Adult Award recipients. They represent some of our fearless troop leaders, helpful hands during the Girl Scout Cookie Program, experts on all things camp, and more. We are so grateful for these volunteers who



have left a lasting impact on their communities and the girls they serve. As the often behind-the-scenes heroes, this is an incredible opportunity to learn more about the individuals that make Girl Scouts possible!

This year, our goal is to raise \$75k to support the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, ensuring that all girls in our local communities have the support, experiences, and opportunities they need to realize their fullest potential. With Girl Scouts, girls have the chance to become outdoor explorers, inquisitive scientists, empowered leaders, and savvy business owners – the sky is truly the limit. You can help us reach our goal and find more information on how to donate at [www.girlscoutscoc.org/donate](http://www.girlscoutscoc.org/donate).

Whether you want to support your fellow community members, help provide exciting life-changing experiences for girls, or just join in the celebration, we hope you'll tune in to our exciting virtual event!

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#### **About Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast**

Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast serves over 8,800 girls across six counties and is committed to making the Girl Scout Leadership Experience available to girls in ways that impact their lives both in the moment and into the future. Girls participate in troops, individual projects, council events, day camps, resident camps and more. A variety of leadership, outdoor skills, and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) based programs and events provide girls with opportunities to learn and explore in fun and informative ways. To join or volunteer in Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara or Ventura County, visit: <http://www.girlscoutscoc.org>.