



**Leah Cawley & Doriennne Larbig Named Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast's
Top Youth Volunteers of the Year**

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Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast today named Leah Cawley and Doriennne Larbig its top youth volunteers of the year. The honor was granted as part of the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide youth volunteer recognition program sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals. By selecting Leah Cawley and Doriennne Larbig as its top youth volunteers, Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast has advanced each of their application for state-level judging in the 2021 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. Prudential will announce California's top youth volunteers of the year on February 9, 2021.

As a Local Honorees, Leah and Doriennne are both now in the running to be named one of two Prudential Spirit of Community State Honorees for California. State Honorees receive a \$1,000 scholarship and an invitation to the program's national recognition events. Other state-level honorees will receive bronze medallions or Certificates of Excellence. During the national recognition events, America's top 10 youth volunteers of the year will be named by a distinguished selection committee. Each of these National Honorees will receive an additional \$5,000 scholarship, a trophy for his or her school or organization, and a \$5,000 Prudential Foundation grant for a charitable nonprofit organization of their choice.

"Young people who contribute their time and talents to their communities are role models for all of us," said Prudential Chairman and CEO Charles F. Lowrey. "We salute their dedication, their achievements, and their spirit of community."

"Demonstrating civic responsibility through community volunteerism is an important part of life," said NASSP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti. "These Honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate." The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards represents America's largest youth recognition program based



exclusively on volunteer service. Since 1995, the program has honored more than 140,000 youth volunteers at the local, state and national level. Learn more at spirit.prudential.com or nassp.org/spirit.

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>.

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