



La Cañada Service Unit of the Girl Scouts of
Greater Los Angeles – Southeast Region

Presents the

*Gold, Silver, and Bronze
Award Ceremony*



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La Cañada Flintridge

Juliette Gordon Low



Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts of the USA, was born Juliette Magill Kinzie Gordon on October 31, 1860, in Savannah, Georgia.

“Daisy,” as she was affectionately called by family and friends, was the second of six children of William Washington Gordon and Eleanor Kinzie Gordon. Family members on her father’s side were early settlers in Georgia, and her mother’s family played an important role in the founding of Chicago, Illinois.

A sensitive and talented youngster, Daisy Gordon spent a happy childhood in her large Savannah home, which was purchased and restored by Girl Scouts of the USA in 1953. Now known as the Juliette Gordon Low Girl Scout National Center, or often referred to as the Birthplace, the handsome English Regency house was designated a registered National Historic Landmark in 1965.

Young Daisy Gordon developed what was to become a lifetime interest in the arts. She wrote poems, sketched, wrote and acted in plays, and later became a skilled painter and sculptor. She had many pets throughout her life and was particularly fond of exotic birds, Georgia mockingbirds, and dogs. Daisy was also known for her great sense of humor.

Juliette Low was very athletic. From her childhood on, Daisy was a strong swimmer. She was Captain of a rowing team as a girl and learned to canoe as an adult. She was also an avid tennis player. One of her special skills was standing on her head. She stood on her head every year on her birthday to prove she still could do it, and also celebrated nieces’ and nephews’ birthdays by standing on her head. Once, she even stood on her head in the board room at National Headquarters to show off the new Girl Scout shoes.

Early Adulthood

In her teens, Daisy attended boarding school at Virginia Female Institute (now Stuart Hall School) in Staunton, Virginia, and later attended Mesdemoiselles Charbonniers, a French finishing school in New York City.

Following her school years, Juliette Gordon travelled extensively in the United States and Europe.

On December 21, 1886, her parents’ 29th wedding anniversary, Juliette married William Mackay Low, a wealthy Englishman, at Christ Church in Savannah, Georgia. Although the couple moved to England, Juliette continued her travels and divided her time between the British Isles and America.

Before her marriage, Juliette had suffered from chronic ear infections. She had lost most of her hearing in one ear because of improper treatment. At her wedding, when she was 26, she lost hearing in her other ear after a grain of good-luck rice thrown at the event lodged in her ear, puncturing the eardrum and resulting in an infection and total loss of hearing in that ear.

During the Spanish-American War, Juliette came back to America to aid in the war effort. She helped her mother organize a convalescent hospital for wounded soldiers returning from Cuba. Her father, who had been a captain in the Confederate army, was commissioned as a general in the U.S. Army and served on the Puerto Rican Peace Commission. At the end of the war, Juliette returned to England and to a disintegrating marriage. The Lows were separated at the time of her husband’s death in 1905.

Girl Scout Life

Juliette Gordon Low spent several years searching for something useful to do with her life. Her search ended in 1911 when she met Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and became interested in the new youth movement. Afterward, she channeled all her considerable energies into the fledgling movement.

Less than a year later, she returned to the United States and made her historic telephone call to a friend (a distant cousin), saying, “I’ve got something for the girls of Savannah, and all of America, and all the world, and we’re going to start it tonight!” On March 12, 1912, Juliette Low gathered 18 girls to register the first troop of American Girl Guides. Margaret “Daisy Doots” Gordon, her niece and namesake, was the first registered member. The name of the organization was changed to Girl Scouts the following year.



In developing the Girl Scout movement in the United States, Juliette brought girls of all backgrounds into the out-of-doors, giving them the opportunity to develop self-reliance and resourcefulness. She encouraged girls to prepare not only for traditional homemaking, but also for possible future roles as professional women - in the arts, sciences and business - and for active citizenship outside the home. Girl Scouts welcomed girls with disabilities at a time when they were excluded from many other activities. This idea seemed quite natural to Juliette, who never let deafness, back problems, or cancer keep her from full participation in life.

From the original 18 girls, Girl Scouts has grown to 2.5 million members. It is the largest educational organization for girls in the world, and has influenced the more than 59 million girls, women, and men who have belonged to it.

Juliette Gordon Low accumulated admirers and friends of all ages, nationalities, and walks of life. By maintaining contact with overseas Girl Guides and Girl Scouts during World War I, she helped lay the foundation for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. After her death from breast cancer in 1927, her friends honored her by establishing the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, which finances international projects for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world. Juliette Gordon Low died

at her Savannah, Georgia home on Lafayette Square on January 17, 1927. She is buried at Laurel Grove Cemetery in Savannah.

Program

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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.

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.



Bronze Award

LEADERS

AWARD RECIPIENTS

LEADERS

AWARD RECIPIENTS

TROOP 2971

Karley Busta
Erika Pieper

Katherine Blaha
Kendall Busta
Eunice Choi
Keegan Dillon
Tessa Grafos
Aubrey Jones
Alexandra Kim
Olivia Pieper
Jeanette Sos

TROOP 3381

Emily DiPetrillo
Jennifer Wolpert

Sadie Dillard
Alexa Garcia
Kennedy Hunt
Brianna Lefebvre
Lexi Lin
Simone Maxwell
Allegra Sernett
Holland Wolpert
Penelope Woods
Leah Xaypraseuth

TROOP 2971

Back L-R: Alexandra Kim, Jeanette Sos, Tessa Graffos, Aubrey Jones, Keegan Dillon

Front L-R: Kendall Busta, Katherine Blaha, Eunice Choi, Olivia Pieper



TROOP 3381

Top L-R: Holland Wolpert, Penelope Woods, Brianna Lefebvre, Lexi Lin

Middle L-R: Leah Xaypraseuth, Alexa Garcia, Allegra Sernett

Bottom L-R: Simone Maxwell, Kennedy Hunt, Sadie E. Dillard



Silver Award

LEADERS

AWARD RECIPIENTS

TROOP 5431

James Evans
Kelly Fitzgerald

Alexis Fitzgerald
Addison Lee
Ella Magtoto
Sydney Magtoto

LEADERS

AWARD RECIPIENTS

TROOP 5781

Anna Andrews
Silvia Um

Kelsey Cho
Katherine Decker
Isabel Kim
Kiley Ku
Abigail Lee
Avery Price
Kelly Sellman
Leah Woods

TROOP 5741

Verna Leung
Jennifer Rocca

Mia Bryden
Paige Caparella
Maggie Dillard
Amanda Eisen
Lexi Frost
Abigale Hwang
Katelyn La
Sophia Luu
Lorelei Rocca

TROOP 95412 - JULIETTES

Arcelia Clementson
Sarah Drobis
Cindy Rinde

Mia Clementson
Samantha Drobis
Cozette Rinde



TROOP 5431

Top: L-R: Sydney Magtoto, Alexis Fitzgerald, Ella Magtoto, Addison Lee



TROOP 5741

Back L-R: Paige Caparella, Lexi Frost, Amanda Eisen, Lorelei Rocca, Maggie Dillard

Front L-R: Abigale Hwang, Mia Bryden, Sophia Luu, Katelyn La



TROOP 5781

L-R: Kelsey Cho, Kiley Ku, Avery Price, Abigail Lee, Katherine Decker, Isabel Kim, Leah Woods, Kelly Sellman



JULIETTE TROOP 95412

L-R: Mia Clementson, Samantha Drobis, Cozette Rinde

Gold Award

LEADERS

AWARD RECIPIENTS

TROOP 991

Christine Godinez
Lori Strauss

Emily Strauss

LEADERS

AWARD RECIPIENTS

TROOP 7541

Nic Bogen
Amber Franklin

Elanah Rae

TROOP 2041

Cathleen Cox
Jennifer Hall

Idalina Bonham

TROOP 12291

Christine Arcaris
Jennifer Burke
Christina Snow

Lillian Snow

TROOP 2731

Alex DeFaria
Luz Zaren

Adrienne deFaria

TROOP 16661

Judi Haroules
Linda Lam

Lucy Friedman
Hailey Lam
Quintynn Vaughn

TROOP 3731

Elizabeth Besch

Katherine Besch

TROOP 16681

Julia Cooper
Elizabeth Landswick

Hannah Landswick

TROOP 3841

Sonserey Esquivel
Christy Stephan

Kiani Baetsle

TROOP 16691

Laura Seropian
Ardath Yamaga

Allison Rayer
Madeleine Reinoso

TROOP 5991

Rose Layton

Emily Klapmust
Amanda Scoville

TROOP 7451

Paige Dunbar
Nancy Massimino

Caitlyn Eng
Ellie Massimino
Doantrang Patience
Nguyen
Carly Sabourin
Kelleigh Serdar
Natalie Yu



Kiani Baetsle

When Kiani first started at La Canada High School, her Gold Award project was inspired by the chip bags and plastic water bottles scattered around campus. Using her passion for environmentalism and conservation she began her project “A Greener Step Forward”, to form and develop a new Green Club at LCHS. Green Club’s starting goal was to install recycle bins across campus, which she began initiating during the first semester with the help of her club members. Kiani organized the bins needed for an indoor recycling program and identified and purchased recycle bins for each classroom to use. The pandemic forced Green Club to temporarily discontinue its original plans, but Kiani continued its efforts this year by creating a social media account with the target of spreading environmental news and awareness. Prospects of an in-person school year has led her to continue working towards her original goal for the school, along with other environmental focused changes in the community.

Kiani has been a Girl Scout member since the first grade, beginning with her troop in Shanghai, China. She is a senior at La Canada High School with leadership roles in LCHS’s Science National Honors Society, Science Olympiad, and of course Green Club. It is her hope to have a career in zoology, ecology, or conservation biology.

Kiani would like to thank her Shanghai troop leader, Melanie Ham, her troop advisor, Christy Stephen, her project advisor James Carnal and club advisor Ryan Hainey, as well as her parents and friends.



Katherine Annecy Besch

Katya was struck by the number of girls in Uganda who lack feminine hygiene products, which prevents them from going to school and perpetuates poverty and inequality. To address this problem, Katya partnered with a local non-profit, Ray United FC, to put on a reproductive and sexual health and hygiene camp for youth in Uganda. She co-designed the workshop workbook with an RUFC leader in Uganda and taught the 21 attendees how to sew reusable sanitary napkins over Zoom. She also designed a bag meant for carrying soiled sanitary napkins that could easily be made by hand with readily available materials and repurposed plastic. The students were sent home with enough supplies and learning materials to teach their friends and community members what they had learned.

Katya graduated from Flintridge Prep in 2020 and will be attending Amherst College as part of the class of 2025. Outside of Girl Scouts, Katya is a goalkeeper for LAFC Slammers ECNL and a rower. She plans on continuing both sports at Amherst. During high school Katya was a staff writer and cartoonist for her school newspaper, sang with Los Angeles Children’s Chorus and did volunteer work through the Glendale National Charity League. During her gap year, she got certified as an Emergency Medical Technician, and continues to work with Ray United FC as an intern.

Katya would like to thank Heather Wipfli and the rest of the RUFC team for supporting her project; her past and present leaders, Jenny Hull and Elizabeth Besch; and everyone else who helped along the way.



Idalina Vivian Bonham

Idalina’s love of reading and the understanding of its importance helped her decide to make a Teen Library at the Boys and Girls Club Mackenzie-Scott Branch for her Gold Award project. Utilizing a room that the club provided, she planned, fund-raised, contacted book companies, bookstores, and individuals for book donations. Idalina catalogued and organized the books into a computerized library system, provided furnishings such as bookcases, computers, system software, book scanner, pillows, bean bags, computer desk, laptop tables, and decorations. The library now has about 1000 catalogued books in fiction, non-fiction, AP, textbooks, college prep books, and practice materials. The library software allows club members to check out books to read or study at home. It has easy instructions that staff members or teen volunteers can follow to enter or remove books using a scanner or manually. Idalina also included step by step instructions on how to access online information for scholarships, college applications and college prep practices.

Idalina is a senior at Marshall Fundamental High School where she is Trumpet Co-Section leader in the Marshall Marching Band. She has been active in Girl Scouts for 7 years.

Idalina would like to thank Michael Fenn, Lisa Cavelier , Mario Maytorena, and Steve Austin for their support. She also thanks her family, troop leaders Dr. Cathleen Cox and Mrs. Jennifer Lee, and Better World Books, American Book Drive, and others for their support.



Adrienne Yates deFaria

Since COVID-19 hit, so many health organizations have struggled with finding protective materials for their staff and members like masks, gowns, gloves, and more. Adrienne decided to work with Los Angeles LGBT Center, a full-time health facility servicing over 50,000 patients a year for reasons such as STD/STI testing, primary care for HIV/AIDS patients, hormone therapy for transgender people, and providing low-income housing. She addressed their struggle by bolstering the Center's mask supply with hand-sewn cloth and medical grade masks, as well as spreading educational materials on protection from COVID-19. This resulted in the donation of 50 hand-made face masks, 120 KN-95 face masks, and 35 mask-sewing kits to be used at the discretion of the center. She also made mask-sewing tutorials in Spanish and English. Her videos are now being continually used by the Center for teaching purposes.

Adrienne is a senior at Flintridge Preparatory School. She is president of Spanish Honors Society, Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper, and is on the Cheer and Dance teams. Outside of school, she is co-head of politics at Operation 4 Magazine and a dancer with Artist Entrance Dance Company.

Adrienne thanks her generous donors and volunteers, including Lisa deFaria, Stuart Courtney, Katie Davis, Katie Canton, Hilary Thomas, and Carolyn Lira. She also thanks her parents and all the staff of LA LGBT Center.



Caitlyn Eng

Caitlyn decided to focus her Gold Award project on helping families improve their housing needs during the pandemic. She teamed up with Union Station, Friends In Deed Food Pantry and local retailers to gather Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for families currently living in transitional housing. After meeting with the service coordinators from two housing sites in Pasadena - Marv's Place and Euclid Villa, she determined what she could provide to make life easier during the pandemic. In addition to PPE, Caitlyn provided the communities with instructional videos on how to make cleaning solutions and hand sanitizers with common household products. Additionally, she included activity sets and art supplies for the children in these homes so they could stay busy during this time. Finally, Caitlyn provided food packages and instructions on how to register to get food on a weekly basis from a local food bank. Her project was valuable not only because she provided PPE for the current pandemic, but it also taught the children valuable cleaning habits.

Active as a Girl Scout since second grade, Caitlyn enjoyed hiking with her troop and cooking classes. One of her favorite memories was being a Girl Scout Day Camp counselor and helping to inspire other girls to be leaders and giving back to the community. Caitlyn graduated from La Canada High School and enjoys tennis, gymnastics, choir and photography.

Caitlyn would like to thank Union Station in support of her project. She is also grateful for the support of her parents, family and her troop leader, Nancy Massimino.



Lucy Friedman

Lucy had a personal connection to her Gold Award Project as her grandmother was living in Japan when the area was leveled by an atomic bomb during World War II. Her project centered around educating and spreading awareness about the threat that nuclear weapons pose to society. She paired with Physicians for Social Responsibility and created a short documentary highlighting the basic effects of nuclear weapons on society and the environment, and featured interviews with members from the organization detailing how to get involved. Lucy also created a YOUTH page with several links to books, movies, articles, and access to join the "Back from the Brink" campaign that incorporates important legislation into PSR's work. Additionally, she presented this to more than 200 people in her community, showing them aspects of her videos and interviews, outlining the threat of nuclear weapons, sharing resources and ways to get involved, and discussing the issue with the participants over Zoom. Lastly, she curated small, portable boxes of t-shirts and pamphlets for the office of PSR-LA as well as for their own use during larger events.

Lucy graduated from Flintridge Preparatory School. Being in Girl Scouts since kindergarten, some of her most cherished memories are volunteering with her troop at organizations across Los Angeles.

Lucy would like to thank Denise Duffield, her project advisor, and her troop leaders, Linda and Judi, for generously supporting her throughout this journey.

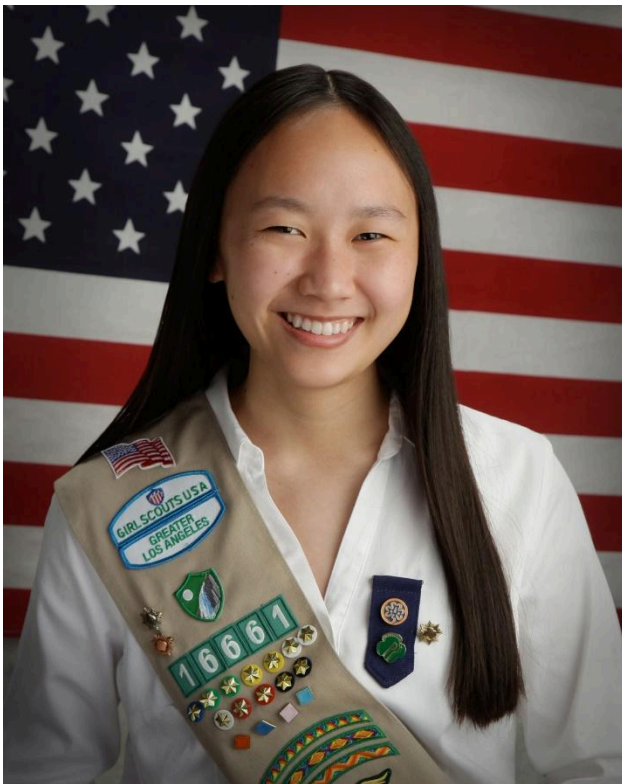


Emily Anne Klapmust

Emily's Gold Award Project, "Safety Signs for Schools," involved the creation of kid-friendly COVID-19 signage to promote social-distancing, hand-washing, and mask-wearing at all three LCUSD elementary schools. She designed and provided over 400 laminated posters, along with reusable paw print stencils to paint social distancing markers at each school. In October, Emily and her team of volunteers painted more than 150 blue panther paw prints on the PCR campus to help prepare the school for a safe reopening. The signage and paw prints at the three elementary school campuses help with daily activities including: student arrival, dismissal, and recess protocols. Emily was pleased to receive positive feedback from members of the administration and the Department of Public Health regarding her project's impact. Emily also presented her Gold Award project to both a Brownie and Junior troop.

Emily has been a Girl Scout for ten years and previously earned her Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards. She graduated from La Canada High School and was a member of the California Scholarship Federation. Emily participated in the theatre department throughout high school and was involved in the choral program for five years. She studied Mandarin and enjoyed working as a Teaching Assistant for the Foothill Chinese School. She plans to study Psychology and Business at Santa Clara University.

Emily would like to thank her troop mentor, Cheryl Trowbridge, her project advisor, PCR Principal Cory Pak, her mother, Kimberly Klapmust, and all others who contributed to her project's success.



Hailey Lam

Hailey's love of helping and working with kids inspired her Gold Award Project, "Reading for the Future". For her project, at Longfellow Elementary School, Hailey designed and renovated the library and created a comfortable reading space for the students. She raised money and purchased over 300 new books, a couch, four flexible reading chairs, and an area rug. In addition, Hailey started a reading incentive program which included prizes to encourage the kids to read for fun. She worked one-on-one with students over video calls and read challenging books with them to improve their reading comprehension. Hailey hopes that the new reading space and the reading incentive program will continue to encourage the students to read challenging books while also enjoying their time.

Hailey graduated from Westridge School in Pasadena. She was part of the varsity soccer team since her freshman year, a member of the Red Cross Club, and Chinese Affinity. She has been in Girl Scouts since she was a Daisy. Hailey plans to study Health Sciences at Chapman University in the fall and aspires to become a health professional.

Hailey would like to thank her project advisor, Cristina De La O, for her guidance; her troop leaders, Linda Lam and Judi Haroules; and her family and friends for their endless love and support.



Hannah Landswick

Hannah's love for animals as well as her passion for making sure that they are cared for properly helped her develop and drive her Gold Award Project. Working closely with the Glendale Humane Society, she gave adopters the resources that they needed to keep their pet happy and healthy. She created a pamphlet and training videos with relevant information that could be shared with those interested in understanding dog behavior and needs, thus providing multiple supports in easily accessible formats. Additionally, Hannah made braided dog toys with some of her friends and other Girl Scouts that were sent home with adopted animals. As part of her award process she also hosted pet care workshops with adopters to teach them the information they needed before taking their new family member home. Sharing her project with Brownie Troops and helping them learn what is needed to care for a pet properly was a highlight of the Gold Award experience.

Hannah is a senior at La Canada High School where she is a member of the school's swim team. She has been an active Girl Scout for eleven years. Her passion for helping animals stems from her mother's love of pets. Hannah's love for animals has helped her grow her compassion and service in her community.

Hannah would like to thank her parents, her troop leader, Julia Cooper, her project mentor, Cheryl Trowbridge, and Alyce Russell who was an amazing mentor whom she learned so much from.



Ellie Glen Massimino

For her Gold Award Project, Ellie worked with Ascencia to help kids who are experiencing homelessness in Glendale. She had an affinity for this organization through her philanthropic work with the National Charity League over the past 6 years. From the start of her project, she wanted to focus on providing the children creative outlets. Some of Ellie's favorite creative outlets are reading and art. So, she designed and painted four colorful bookcases, put together 100 coloring books, created 4 unique crafting lesson plans, and hosted a drive that contributed hundreds of books and fun art supplies for the kids of Ascencia. Ellie believes that it is important to address the problem of children living in homelessness, especially in the greater Los Angeles area.

Ellie is a graduate of La Canada High School and is excited to continue her education at the University of San Diego this fall.

Ellie would like to give a special thank you to Faith Riley, the Development Assistant at Ascencia, who was very helpful in orchestrating this project, especially with COVID restrictions. She would also like to thank Maureen Palacios, owner of Once Upon a Time Bookstore in Montrose, for her generous donation of hundreds of books. A special thanks to her friends, Troop 7451, and members of the community that supported her project. Lastly, she wants to thank her Girl Scout Troop Leaders Paige Dunbar and mother, Nancy Massimino, for graciously leading her troop for 13 years.



Doantrang Patience Nguyen

After speaking to a teacher who works at an underprivileged school, Patience decided to focus her project around providing educational opportunities to children. Hearing of the school's unused library, Patience saw this as a perfect opportunity to give students access to supplies they did not have and make use of the learning space. Thus became the "Amino Phillis Wheatley E-Library". After creating a video and sharing it with family, friends, and the community, Patience was able to raise enough money to purchase twenty chromebooks, two printers, and two futons for the school. A few weeks after visiting the library for the first time, Patience along with some of her troop members, and students and staff from the school gathered to reorganize the library and rearrange the room. A few weeks later, an opening ceremony was held where students and staff from the school got to use their new library and chromebooks. The students were ecstatic and right away started participating in interactive educational quizzes

Starting as a Brownie in 2nd grade, Patience has also completed both her Bronze and Silver Award in which she worked on Friendship and with Operation Gratitude. She graduated from La Canada High School where she was involved in Cheer and ASB.

Patience would like to thank Renicia Turner, the students, staff, and administration at Amino Phillis Wheatley, all those who donated, her parents, and her Troop Leaders Nancy Massimino and Paige Dunbar.



Elanah Rae

Having already rescued two Korean Jindo dogs, Elanah knew that for her Gold Award she was going to rescue another. Raising awareness of the dog meat market overseas was a sensitive subject, but that didn't deter her from saving the life of another dog. She reached out to the charity, Save Korean Dogs, and together they worked on her plan to fly a rescued puppy from Korea and find it a new home in Los Angeles. Elanah trained and socialized a nervous Kali for weeks. She taught her how to walk on a leash and encouraged her to play with other dogs. Elanah met with other scout groups and dog owners at the dog park to explain the dog meat market that Kali was rescued from. As word got out that Kali had been rescued, Elanah began to receive donations on behalf of Save Korean Dogs. Because of the generosity of so many people, the charity was able to fly another two puppies to their forever homes. Kali's forever home is in nearby Altadena.

Elanah is a senior at La Canada High School. Outside of the classroom she is a keen golfer and participates in tournaments around Southern California. She has been a Girl Scout for 10 years.

Elanah would like to thank her Girl Scout leaders, Nic Bogen and Amber Franklin, for all their hard work, Heidi Leland and Nami Kim at Save Korean Dogs, and also her mom who was crazy enough to allow her to have three dogs at one time.



Allison Isabella Rayer

In March of 2020, Allison discovered that La Canada Presbyterian Church's annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) was in jeopardy of being cancelled due to COVID-19. Her project, "Virtual Summer Camp," reshaped the VBS curriculum to fit an online context. Reimagining games, crafts, and activities, she filmed and edited 16 videos explaining STEM, art projects for each age group, and compiled these videos with others into daily playlists for campers. Allison raised almost \$700 to help cover camper activity kit costs. She coordinated volunteers to pack the kits, snacks, and decorations, and delivered them to the campers' homes. Campers logged on to daily Zoom meetings, watched the activity videos, and even enjoyed a live-streamed wild animal presentation. The campers were also given time slots to come to campus to decorate a chalk mural, display their craft projects, and pick up shaved-ice treats. Allison's Virtual Summer Camp project was attended by 200 children, ages 2-12.

Allison graduated from LCHS where she was involved in National Honors Society, PTSA, Challenge Success and Chamber Singers. She has been a Girl Scout for 12 years. This fall, Allison will attend Southern Methodist University as a Hunt Scholar and will major in Biology.

Allison would like to thank her troop leaders Ardath Yamaga and Laura Seropian; Patrice Fontes, Cathy Schafer, Danni Remender, and Marcela Hurtado; Heather Henry, Director of Family Ministry at LCPC, and her parents for their support and inspiration.



Madeleine Lee Reinoso

Madeleine's Gold Award Project focused on earthquake preparedness which is a personal passion of hers. Working with the Boys and Girls Club of Pasadena, she developed an earthquake preparedness curriculum, and educational activities for the Boys and Girls Club. She fundraised to purchase emergency preparedness kit supplies to donate to the club and she taught many earthquake preparedness classes where she had an opportunity to connect with both younger children and middle school kids.

Madeleine graduated from La Canada High School and has been a member of Girl Scout Troop 16691 since first grade. She appreciates the leadership opportunities she has been provided throughout her Girl Scout journey.

Madeleine would like to thank Michael Fenn of the Pasadena Boys and Girls Club. She also is thankful for the support of her family and her troop leaders, Ardath Yamaga and Laura Seropian.



Carly Nicole Sabourin

Carly's 12 years of Girl Scouting helped foster her love of serving those in need. Completing her Gold Award Project gave her the opportunity to put the valuable skills she learned throughout the years into practice. Carly decided to work with the Once Upon A Room charity at Children's Hospital Los Angeles which provides support to patients and families of CHLA that are in long term treatment. Carly had been a part of Once Upon A Room's Junior Room Crew where she learned about the important ways that the charity assisted these young patients and that their illness was not only giving them physical pain, it was also taking a mental toll on them as well. She decided to structure her Gold Award around helping patients "feel better" emotionally. To accomplish this, Carly designed and published a journal where children could write about their feelings and find ways to learn about their emotions. She also provided comfort care kits to Children's Hospital which included items that would help patients soothe themselves. To provide a homey environment, she spent time at the hospital decorating patients' rooms with new personalized bedding, wall art, and toys/games.

Carly graduated from Maranatha High School where she was a cheerleader and member of the French club. She will be attending the University of San Diego in the fall where she will be studying Marketing.

Carly is grateful to Jenny Hull her Gold Award advisor and her Girl Scout leaders Nancy Massimino and Paige Dunbar.



Amanda Lee Scoville

Amanda's Gold Award Project, "A Creative Space for the Arts at La Canada High School," was inspired by the energy and passion of her photography and graphic arts teacher. The workspace that the teacher and students worked in was a cramped bungalow furnished with broken, outdated furniture. Painting the walls, installing updated cabinetry, new tables, chairs and wall mounted monitors resulted in a space that promoted creativity and teamwork. Reorganizing the supplies and equipment into the new cabinets freed up valuable space for photo shoots and group projects. Additionally, cleaning and reorganizing the photography darkroom provided another opportunity to aid the creative arts. Installing donated equipment and supplies as well as providing better ventilation and a camera system provided a safe and updated space for film development.

Amanda graduated from La Cañada High School. She was a founding member of the Girls Who Code Club, of which she was President for the past two years. She was also a member of the California Scholarship Federation and a two-time winner of the NCWIT Los Angeles Region's Aspirations in Computing Award. She was active in Girl Scouts for twelve years and by completing her Gold Award she was able to provide an updated and creative space for students with similar interests in computing, photography and graphic arts.

Amanda would like to thank her parents, her troop leader, Rose Layton and her project mentor, Gayle Nicholls-Ali.



Kelleigh McKinney Serdar

Kelleigh's interest in health and nutrition inspired her Gold Award Project "Nutritional Information and A Day of Self Care for Women with Cancer". For her project she sought to support women with cancer through their treatment by providing them with self care skills. She did this by working with the Foundation for Living Beauty which helps women living with cancer. She collected healthy recipes, hosted cooking demonstrations and created a cook book. Her Gold Award entailed a Day of Self Care with an essential oil tutorial, a sound meditation, and a healthy cooking demonstration for women battling cancer. She then gifted each of the attendees a copy of the recipe book and a gift bag of essential oils.

Kelleigh graduated from La Canada High School. She enjoys reading, writing, photography and figure skating. She was a member of Youth and Government, La Canada Assisteens and Thursday Club Les Fleurettes. Kelleigh has studied nutrition and health and aspires to be a psychologist.

Kelleigh would like to thank her mentor Nancy Davidson; Indyra Flores from Living Beauty; and Haley Luong from Saje for their support and guidance. She also greatly appreciates Mr. Gish for printing her books and the support of her family and troop leaders Paige Dunbar and Nancy Massimino.



Lillian Nicole Snow

While tutoring for an after-school program at Hathaway Sycamores in Pasadena, Lily realized that children spent days not addressing dental hygiene. She created an instructional video on proper dental care and held six workshops where she taught children how to floss, brush and the importance of regular dental checkups. She provided information on low-cost dental offices nearby, coupons to make office visits more affordable and gave out "backpack kits" with dental supplies. In addition, Lily manned a booth at a back-to-school fair at Hathaway Sycamores where she handed out tubes of toothpaste to 1,000 attendees as well as dental hygiene flyers. Lily created a framed poster detailing proper brushing habits and hung it in the facility where she held the workshops. She then posted her educational video on YouTube to spread the word and presented her project to a younger girl scout troop.

Lily is a senior at La Cañada High School and has been a Girl Scout for 11 years. She is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and one of the founders of Education Equality where she now holds an officer position. She has spent four summers as a counselor at the Mariposa Girl Scout day camp and is also a member of National Charity League.

Lily thanks her family for supporting her and making this project possible. She is grateful to her troop leaders Christina Snow, Jennifer Burke and Christine Arcaris. She also thanks Dr. Anderson, Dr. Bhoot and Hathaway Sycamores for graciously helping her with this project.



Emily Claire Strauss

Emily was excited about the chance to develop her Gold Award Project at a place that is dear to her heart, La Canada Elementary School. It had been many years since the library had been renovated so Emily created the “Library Literacy Project”. Emily was tasked with implementing a new barcode system. She went through thousands of books repairing and adding labels. She discarded what was irreparable and donated extra copies to a fellow troop member for her project. Emily and a group of volunteers packed around 18,000 books that would be saved and stored. She returned at the end of the summer to help former librarian, Connie Knight, and new librarian Billie Melillo, organize all aspects of the library in preparation for the new school year. She had the chance to coordinate this undertaking with several Boy Scout troops. To encourage further utilization of the library, Emily developed a reading incentive program for the upper elementary grades that included an online video that students can view at the library.

Emily graduated from La Canada High School and has been a Girl Scout since kindergarten. She was the chair of the City of La Canada Youth Council, a member of National Charity League and California Scholarship Federation, and President of the German Club at LCHS. She will be attending University of Michigan in the fall.

Emily would like to thank Mrs. Connie Knight, Mrs. Billie Melillo and Principal Emily Blaney. She also thanks her Girl Scout leaders Christine Godinez and her mother, Lori Strauss.



Quintynn Alyssa Vaughn

For Quintynn’s Girl Scout Gold Award, she set out to combat the lack of computer science education in her community. She created a coding curriculum for 6th – 8th grade which included coding games, the basics of three website development languages (HTML, JavaScript, and CSS), and creating mini websites. She held class three times a day, twice a week for six weeks at Pasadena Unified School District’s afterschool/summer program, LEARNs. Quintynn worked closely with LEARNs coordinators to implement a yearlong coding club that teaches her curriculum at each of the PUSD middle schools. She also coded her own website that showcased the mini websites of her 50-60 students and wrote about the importance of STEM and computer science education. She created and distributed pamphlets throughout her community highlighting her project and the opportunities that computer science can provide for students.

Quintynn graduated from Westridge School and was a Girl Scout for 11 years. She was a member of the Girls Who Code club, stage managed many theatre productions, and was a Fellow at the Westridge Writing Center. She was a National Center for Women & Information Technology 2020 award winner, was a member of the Girls Advisory Bureau of GSGLA and was a Girl Scout Day Camp Program Aid for three summers. Quintynn will be attending the University of Wisconsin.

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Natalie Katherine Yu

Volunteering at the Glendale YWCA, a domestic violence program and shelter for women and their children, inspired Natalie’s Gold Award project. Natalie learned that many of the women needed basic necessities when they were placed in transitional or permanent housing. Natalie created the “Hope Closet for Houseware Supplies” where participants had access to items for their new homes. She decorated an empty room and, by hosting several donation drives, was able to organize and fully stock the room with dinnerware, flatware, bakeware, drinkware, cooking utensils, pots, pans, small appliances, blankets, sheets, towels, and toiletries. Natalie met with a younger Girl Scout Troop and they made fleece blankets to donate to the Hope Closet. She also spoke at an Assistance League Assisteens meeting where she shared her project and collected houseware donations from the members.

Natalie was a Girl Scout for 11 years and graduated from LCCHS. She was a member of the volleyball team and California Scholarship Federation. She was involved in Assistance League of Flintridge Assisteens and National Charity League Glendale. Natalie was a volunteer camp counselor for the YWCA Glendale, Crescenta-Canada YMCA, and La Canada Girl Scout Camp. She will be attending San Diego State University

Natalie thanks her family Edward, Cathy and Amanda Yu, grandparents, leaders Nancy Massimino and Paige Dunbar, and her friends and family who donated and supported her with this project.



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The Day is Done

Day is Done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Fading light, dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.

Thanks and praise, for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, neath the sky;
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.

Sun has set, shadows come,
Time has fled, Scouts must go to their beds
Always true to the promise that they made.

While the light fades from sight,
And the stars gleaming rays softly send,
To thy hands we our souls, Lord, commend.

Facts About Girl Scouting

Girl Scout Mission

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

109 Years

Founder Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout Troop on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia.

An American Institution

Girl Scouts of the USA was chartered by the U.S. Congress on March 16, 1950.

Still Growing Strong

Today, there are 2.6 million Girl Scouts (1.8 million girl members and 800,000 adult members working primarily as volunteers).

Empowering Girls

In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as extraordinary field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships, girls grow courageous and strong. Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others.

At Home and Abroad

Girls at home and abroad participate in troops and groups in more than 92 countries through USA Girl Scouts overseas, and over 100 local Girl Scout councils offer girls the opportunity for membership across the United States.

An International Family

Through its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a worldwide family of 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries.

A Pivotal Part of Women's History

More than 50 million American women enjoyed Girl Scouting during their childhood, and that number continues to grow as Girl Scouts of the USA continues to inspire, challenge, and empower girls everywhere.



**I CANNOT CHANGE THE WORLD,
BUT I CAN CAST A STONE ACROSS THE WATERS
TO CREATE MANY RIPPLES.
YESTERDAY IS GONE.
TOMORROW HAS NOT YET COME.
WE HAVE ONLY TODAY.
LET US BEGIN.**

- MOTHER TERESA