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### **Newport News Girl Scout Earns Gold Award**

Corryn Sunders has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor and achievement a girl can earn in Girl Scouts. Corryn is a recent graduate of Woodside High School and the daughter of Jennifer and Michael Sunders.

For her Gold Award, "Uplifting Wolverines," Corryn wanted to uplift the student body at her high school through a mural that included positive sayings and quotes. The idea came to her after a tragic event happened at her school that affected her peers. She recognized that school can be a stressful time for teenagers and wanted to find a way to help the entire student body. By creating the mural, she was able to give back to the school and the students in her community, something that will have a positive impact on them for years to come.

"I feel this has impacted my school's environment because if people are having a bad day there is something they can look at that has the potential to lift their spirits even if it's just for a minute," she explained.

Corryn hopes her project will be made sustainable with the help of her school's administrators as they work to share the message of positivity Corryn created.

#### **About the Girl Scout Gold Award**

The Gold Award requires girls to identify an issue in the community and carry out a Take Action project to address the matter through leadership work. Nationwide, less than six percent of eligible Girl Scouts earn the Gold Award, which adds this young lady to an elite group of female leaders across the country with the honor.

With the help of the Gold Award, girls can earn college scholarships and even enter the military one rank higher. Girls who earn their Gold Award rate their general success significantly higher than their peers. They also report greater success in reaching their goals in many areas.

## **About Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast**

Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast, a United Way agency, serves nearly 11,000 girls in grades K through 12 with the help of nearly 5,000 adult volunteers in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. Girl Scouts offers a one-of-a-kind leadership development program for girls, unleashing the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)<sup>™</sup> in every girl. Since 1912, Girl Scouts has been building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. To volunteer, reconnect, donate or join, visit [www.gsccc.org](http://www.gsccc.org) or call 1-800-77SCOUT.

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