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### **Virginia Beach Girl Scout Earns Gold Award**

Grace Payne has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor and achievement a girl can earn in Girl Scouts. Grace is a rising senior at First Colonial High School and the daughter of Lisa and Clarke Payne.

A motivated and dedicated student, Grace decided to use her Gold Award project, "Educational Videos for AP Students," to help her peers better prepare for their Advanced Placement (AP) Art History exam. She created online videos that were engaging and informative which allowed students to access content at any time that would not only prepare them for the exam, but also allow them to find ways to relate to the information they were learning during the course. Grace also created a lesson plan and supplied materials to host an AP review session during class, which increased her peers' success rate.

"My videos touch on some of the more challenging aspects of the course, preventing students from becoming discouraged in their learning by providing concise explanations and ways to retain the information and be successful on the AP test," she explained.

Grace's project will be sustained thanks to her resources being available online for other students to use. Her former AP Art History teacher will also be able to help students in the future by making the videos she made a part of his exam review before the test.

#### **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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