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Three Local Girl Scouts Nominated for National Award

Three Girl Scouts from our Council have been nominated to Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) to be considered as one of the top ten National Gold Award Girl Scouts. Every year, ten exceptionally inspiring Girl Scouts across the country are chosen as National Gold Award Girl Scouts.

Grace Payne of Virginia Beach produced engaging and informational videos to bring her love of art history to other students at her school. More from Grace here:

<https://bit.ly/2xnEMaf>

Kiara Baxter of Chesapeake designed and built a community garden that provided hundreds of pounds of food to serve local families experiencing food insecurity. You can see Kiara's video here: <https://bit.ly/2XBT4y>

Morgan Harvey of Virginia Beach created a fun reading program for children of military families. Morgan explains more about her project here: <https://bit.ly/2xwTYSk>

This honor is given to Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors (girls in grade 9-12) who have completed a Girl Scout Gold Award service project that demonstrated extraordinary leadership, had a measurable and sustainable impact, and addressed a local challenge related to a national or global issue. Each application undergoes a review process, during which it is evaluated by GSUSA staff and an external panel of partners, narrowing to the top ten.

National Gold Award Girl Scouts have opportunities to represent GSUSA as speakers at local and national events and are awarded college scholarships and other opportunities to sustain their Gold Award projects.

The ten chosen will also receive a total of \$100,000 in college scholarships from Susan Bulkeley Butler, founder of the Institute for the Women Leaders and former member of the Girl Scouts of the USA Board of Directors, a combined \$50,000 in college scholarships from the Kappa Delta Foundation; and a combined \$50,000 in college scholarships from Arconic Foundation.

About Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast

Gold Award Girl Scouts don't just change the world for the better, they change it for good. The Gold Award is earned by girls in grades 9–12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership in developing sustainable solutions to local, national, and global challenges. Since 1916, Girl Scouts have answered the call to drive lasting, impactful change. The Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable.

Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast, a United Way agency, serves nearly 12,000 girls in grades K through 12 with the help of more than 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)[™] 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 or call 1-800-77SCOUT.

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