Girl Scout Famous Formers Luncheon & Celebration

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THE 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.

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

THE 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.

Since 2011, Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast has recognized sixty-five Girl Scout Famous Formers, women who come from all walks of life and ranks. These honorees have included elected officials, community activists, CEOs, engineers, attorneys, professors, and the list goes on. They all have one thing in common, a fierce commitment to making the world a better place and serving as role models for today’s Girl Scouts – because you can’t be what you can’t see.

From hiking under the stars to accepting a mission on the International Space Station; from lobbying city council with her Girl Scout troop to holding a seat in Congress; from running her own cookie business today to tackling cybersecurity tomorrow, Girl Scouts prepares girls for a lifetime of leadership – NO other youth-serving organization does it better. Our program is always evolving to meet today’s girls where they are. Girl Scouts is uniting the best of our legacy experiences – like outdoor adventure, camping, and our cookie program – with exciting, modern programs in STEM, computer science, computational thinking, and more to ensure we offer a truly one-of-a-kind experience for today’s girls. Here at Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast they are having all these opportunities and more.

We couldn’t do it alone. It happens with the support of our Girl Scout alumnae and friends. Thanks to enhanced networking opportunities like our annual Girl Scout Famous Formers luncheon, we are building a strong foundation to support girls on their leadership journey. We know there’s G.I.R.L. DNA in every girl to be go-getters, innovators, risk-takers and leaders. They are the future leaders who will run for office, lead our corporations with social responsibility and so much more.

We are determined as ever to stay on this path, helping families support the development of their girls into strong, confident women and fearless change-makers. We proudly own the “Girl” in Girl Scouts. Join us in sharing all that Girl Scouting has to offer with your family, friends, and community.

Sincerely,

Tracy Keller
Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast
Chief Executive Officer
Susan Jacob is the vice president of human resources and administration for Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries. She is responsible for human resources administration, employment, labor relations and recruitment, as well as the responsibility for the company’s security and environmental health and safety organizations.

Barbara Hamm Lee is the owner of Sharing Info, LLC and a Girl Scout alumna! Barbara is the host and producer of Another View, a weekly call-in talk show that is heard on 89.5 WHRV-FM, the NPR station for Eastern Virginia, and on WNSB-FM, public radio for Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Va. Barbara was recognized in 2015 as a Girl Scout Famous Former for all of her professional work and her civic involvement in Hampton Roads.
Stephanie Adams
Dean, Engineering and Technology
Old Dominion University

Serving as the first female engineering dean for ODU’s College of Engineering and Technology, Stephanie Adams is a leader in the efforts to get more girls involved in STEM. Among her research interests is an effort to broaden engineering participation - an interest that has been made possible, in part, through a partnership with the Batten College of Engineering and Technology has with GSCCC- one that Stephanie began.

Being a Girl Scout taught Stephanie discipline and fueled her creativity. Her favorite memory from Girl Scouts was making a sit-upon (a homemade, waterproof cushion which has become a Girl Scout tradition to make). As an engineer, making things is one of the best parts of her job, she said, and something she enjoyed very early in her Girl Scout years. Stephanie also noted that Girl Scouts gave her confidence at an early age.

Kim Curtis
President/CEO
Tidewater Home Funding

As president and chief executive officer for Tidewater Home Funding, LLC for the past 10 years, Kim Curtis is helping to pave the way for future girl leaders. In her current position, she is responsible for the production and operation functions for the local mortgage lending company. Kim said her most significant professional achievement was starting and growing her company into a successful operation.

Kim joined Girl Scouts as a Brownie in Waynesboro, Virginia. Some of her favorite memories from her time as a Girl Scout include: learning how to start a fire, camping and tying knots. As a young girl, Girl Scouts taught Kim responsibility, teamwork, loyalty and so many other life skills that she still uses in her personal and professional life today.
Michelle Ferebee  
*Deputy for Strategy,\nAeronautics Research Directorate\nNASA Langley Research Center*

Deputy Director for Strategy and Aeronautics Research Directorate for NASA Langley, Michelle Ferebee, began her career at the research center in 1983. With more than 35 years of experience in the engineering field, Michelle has become a leading woman in STEM. She said her most significant professional achievement has been mentoring and developing several young women professionals.

Michelle credits Girl Scouts for cultivating her leadership skills as a young girl. She has been able to take on leadership positions in her personal and professional life and is certain that her Girl Scout experience prepared her for a lifetime of leadership and service. Michelle has also helped expose more girls to STEM by supporting initiatives led by NASA in partnership with Girl Scouts.

Daun Sessoms Hester  
*Treasurer\nCity of Norfolk*

Daun Hester was elected as Norfolk treasurer in 2017. Prior to her position as chief tax collector, she was a Norfolk City Councilwoman and a delegate in the 89th House district. She is proud and honored that the citizens of Norfolk trusted her to lead in three different elected positions. As a delegate, Daun served as a role model for Girl Scouts when they lobbied at the state Capitol. She continues to lead the way for girls interested in nontraditional careers.

Growing up in Norfolk as a Girl Scout allowed Daun to create lasting relationships. The organization also taught her how to work with a team, compromise, lead and so much more. Daun said it’s important for girls to be involved in Girl Scouts because it provides girls with new experiences and friends while building their confidence and self-esteem.
Vickie Kearn  
Executive Editor of Mathematics and Computer Sciences  
Princeton University Press

Vickie Hoover Kearn is executive editor for mathematics and computer science at Princeton University Press in Princeton, New Jersey. Her 40 plus year career has been spent publishing books in STEM areas for students, professionals and the general public. Vickie said Girl Scouts gave her a strong foundation to learn new things and gain confidence.

As a Girl Scout Brownie in Florida, Vickie discovered her love for math quickly as she worked to earn various STEM badges. Some of her most vivid memories are from when she was a Girl Scout in Venezuela. While there, she earned the Curved Bar award (the highest rank prior to the Gold Award). She feels Girl Scouts is important for girls because the organization provides girls with mentors, confidence, strength and so much more.

CAPT Lisa Schulz  
Chief, Personnel and Force Readiness (DOL-1) Director of Operational Logistics  
U.S. Coast Guard

Coast Guard Captain Lisa Schulz is currently the Director of Operational Logistics. As a director, she provides mission support logistics during contingency operations and helps facilitate support across the entire Coast Guard enterprise. Though her career has been challenging, she said it is definitely worth it and has enjoyed helping others advance and succeed in the Coast Guard.

Lisa said the foundation Girl Scouts laid for her as a child taught her that there are no limits to what one can accomplish. When reflecting on her time as a Girl Scout Brownie, she remembered taking a 12-mile hike. Through that experience and several others, she learned resourcefulness and persistence which, she said, made an impact on the woman she is today.
Charity Volman
President and Commercial Division
Sales Team Manager
SunTrust Bank

Charity Volman began her banking career in Norfolk in 1990. She currently serves as the South Hampton Roads president and commercial banking team leader for SunTrust Bank. One of her many responsibilities in her role at SunTrust Bank is to make sure the company maintains a high level of community involvement, something she advocates for in her personal life as well.

As a Girl Scout, Charity discovered her thirst for success and competitive spirit early on, which helped her lead others and accomplish major career milestones. One of her first opportunities to feel and recognize success came when she earned a badge. She feels she is the person she is today because of the traits she learned as a Girl Scout.

Sarah Buck
Public Affairs Manager
Cox Communications

Sarah Buck started working with Cox Communications in 2012 and is currently the public affairs manager. Her position allows her to develop strategic partnerships within the Cox Communications Virginia service area to increase brand awareness and positivity around the company’s image. She also works with Cox Charities to help drive philanthropic efforts.

For Sarah, Girl Scouts reinforced the lessons her parents taught her: responsibility, prioritization and commitment. She also learned the importance of leadership with the help of great troop leaders and was able to earn her Gold Award. Because of Girl Scouts and her determination, Sarah continues to lead her peers and even serves as a mentor for some of GSCCC’s Media Girls.
CONGRATULATIONS
Sarah Buck
Public Affairs Manager, Cox Communications

Cox Communications congratulates Sarah Buck, recognized as a Girl Scout Future Famous Former for being an outstanding leader, role model and volunteer. We’re proud of you, Sarah!

Congratulations to the 2018 Girl Scout Famous Former Honorees and Nicole Stuart
2017 Girl Scout Famous Former
and
2018 Business Leader of the Year,
Strome College of Business, Old Dominion University
The Mayor and City Council of the City of Norfolk congratulate you for being honored as a Girl Scout Famous Former!

Congratulations
Dr. Stephanie G. Adams

For 33 years, you’ve never ceased to amaze me. I look forward to what comes next as you continue to blaze your trail. You’re a woman phenomenally. Phenomenal woman, that’s YOU!

Love,
Stacy

Tidewater Home Funding congratulates this year’s class of Famous Formers. Thank you for setting the example for Girl Scouts everywhere!
Congratulations Kim Curtis,
and today’s “Famous Former” honorees for
your leadership and contribution to our community.

We celebrate you with heartfelt admiration and gratitude.

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To Vickie Kearn

Congratulations to my sister
who embraced math to create
an incredible career.

Barbara Tierney

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