Alum News – Summer 2023

Quarterly Newsletter for GSCCC Alums

In this edition you'll find spotlights on two of our Girl Scout Alum, our virtual auction wrap-up, information on scholarships, and some inspiring highlights from our blog.

More stories, resources and other information can be found at gsccc.org/alum.

Alum Spotlight:

Meet Carletta Waddler:
GSCCC Board Member
and DEI Chair

Carletta Waddler is the Senior VP of Talent Curve Solutions, LLC, a woman-owned small business headquartered in North Carolina that provides career counseling and personal development training for businesses, organizations and the federal government. Carletta joined the GSCCC Board of Directors in 2020 and has brought her knowledge and expertise in many fields to the board, including her work in TV and radio. Her career has spanned from CEO of businesses to career counseling for the Department of Defense. She has served on many boards and is the past president of the National Council of Negro Women in Northeastern North Carolina.

In 2022, Carletta was appointed to chair GSCCC’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness Sub-Committee with the goal of working with a council
consultant on projects that will help GSCCC identify areas of work in regards to DEI.

“Growing up, my school years were in segregated classrooms,” Carletta shared. “Girl Scouts was my first integrated experience. Just as it was, Girl Scouts continues to allow girls to tap into their authentic selves. They discover new worlds and explore new passions, hobbies, goals and learn the value of being a Girl Scout.”

Read Carletta’s story in full at gsccc.org.

She Believes She Can, So She Does Scholarship Awarded to Two Gold Award Girl Scouts

The She Believes She Can, So She Does Scholarship supports girls pursuing higher education opportunities, including vocational training and undergraduate education. The scholarship will provide more opportunities for girls looking to further their skills and education while contributing to the leadership and workforce pipeline.

Pictured above are our two 2023 scholarship recipients: Lauren Simms (left) and Brianna Orosco (right, with event emcee Marisa Beck). They were announced at the annual girl awards event on June 4 along with other award and scholarship recipients.
This scholarship is a shining example of support. A few years ago, Girl Scout alum and Famous Former Kate Godby established the She Believes She Can So She Does scholarship fund which benefits girls who are continuing their education after graduating from high school. Kate’s personal donation doubles when she submits it through the matching program provided by her employer, HP Enterprise. Along with other donations from supporters, the scholarship fund has grown to over $26,000!

If you’re interested in helping fund the She Believes She Can, So She Does Scholarship, please make a gift today through our online donation system.

**Virtual Auction Wrap-Up**

Another great Camp is Calling Auction! Our many thanks to those who participated. Because of your generosity, GSCCC raised $15,935 to help restore the Virginia Enmeier Program Center. Together, we’re able to continue making camp a special memory for so many girls. We could not continue to serve and empower girls without our donors! A special thanks to Amy Coyne, GSCCC Board and Philanthropy Committee Member, who chaired the auction for the third year, and to all the members of the Philanthropy Committee Members and Philanthropy staff team who helped make the event a success.

If you were not able to participate in the Camp is Calling silent auction, you can still take action and make a donation to support the Virginia Enmeier Program Center campaign! Thanks, again, for making a difference in girls’ lives.
Dedicate a Commemorative Bench

A place to rest, in the shade or a favorite sunny spot, is a beautiful way to honor someone’s memory or celebrate a special achievement. GSCCC now offers the purchase of a commemorative bench, with your custom inscription, which will be placed at one of GSCCC’s properties. The 6’ bench is $2,000 and the 8’ bench is $2,500. *(Photo above is not necessarily indicative of final product specs.*) For details on how to order, contact philanthropy@gsccc.org.

National Opportunities for Alums: Join the Girl Scout Network

Become a part of a community of advocates—both alums and supporters from across the country—who are passionate about championing Girl Scouts and each other. You’ll receive invitations to special events, discounts, and more. **Sign up online at gsccc.org.**
Meet Girl Scout alum Rebecca Weinstein! She is a classical announcer and content producer for WHRO FM. While growing up in Williamsburg, Virginia, she spent six years as a Girl Scout. Her troop meeting was held at the Windsor Forest Clubhouse in Williamsburg, across the street from her childhood home. Her mom was her Girl Scout leader.

“Being a Girl Scout helped me come out of my shell,” Rebecca said. “I made many of my earliest and closest friends through Girl Scouting. Looking back at the badges and awards she earned in Girl Scouts, she says the theater badge was her favorite. “It helped spark my love of performing!” She also recalls the fun she had camping as a Girl Scout and was a frequent camper at Camp Skimino, GSCCC’s camp located in Williamsburg. “Camping as a Girl Scout taught me the value of trying new things and going outside of my comfort zone.”

Read Rebecca’s story in full at gsccc.org.
Reconnect with Girl Scouts as a Volunteer!

Come to a Join Us event and help other families discover the magic of Girl Scouts. Choose a time and place that works for you. Learn more in this video and then reach out to us at customercare@gsccc.org.

Spotlights from Our Blog

Have you seen all the great featured stories on our website? From highest awards to volunteers and alum like you, no two Girl Scout stories are the same, but every single one will inspire you.

- Honoring Alum Jeri Davenport – Fondly remembered “First Class” Girl Scout alum and longtime GSCCC staff member.
- NASA Opens the Door to Girl Scouts – GSCCC Girl Scouts took a behind-the-scenes tour of NASA’s Langley Research Center.
- Honoring Alum Elisabeth Seyller – A loving look back and celebration of the life of a truly dedicated Girl Scout.
• Adult Awards Celebration – GSCCC volunteers were honored at our “Shine Bright!” awards event on April 22.

Do you have a story to tell? We’d love to hear it. Submit it online at gsccc.org.

This year, renew for life.

When you join or renew as a lifetime member, $25 of your one-and-done membership fee will fund a year of Girl Scouting for a member in your local community. Your lifetime membership donation is tax-deductible as allowed by law. Learn more about the great benefits enjoyed by lifetime members.