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52 High School Girl Scouts Earn Prestigious Gold Award

Baltimore—On April 26, 52 Baltimore area high school aged Girl Scouts will receive the highest award in Girl Scouting—the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award—during a pinning ceremony and luncheon at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie. The ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m. Laura Carpenter, CEO of Dream Biz Builder, a company committed to helping individuals stay focused on their goals and achieve success will deliver the keynote address inspiring girls to continue to achieve their goals and ultimately, success.

The Gold Award Project is a Girl Scouts' Lasting Contribution to Her Community and Society

The Gold Award project is the culmination of all the work a girl puts into "going for the Gold." It is something that a girl can be passionate about—in thought, deed, and action. The project is something that fulfills a need within a girl's community (whether local or global), creates change, and hopefully, is something that becomes ongoing. This year's Girl Scout Gold Award projects included organizing a health and safety expo; making reading packets for children with learning disabilities; installation of retaining fences for a hockey and lacrosse field; creating an educational pamphlet about environmental problems in the Chesapeake Bay along with stream and park clean-up; developing educational materials and presentations about HPV, and creating a community garden to feed local people in need of food. The tradition of recognizing a Girl Scout's outstanding community service project began in 1916 with the Golden Eaglet of Merit. Over the years the name of this award changed—The Gold Eaglet, the First Class and the Curved Bar. In 1980 it became, and remains, the Girl Scout Gold Award—the highest award in Girl Scouting.

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“We congratulate each of these girls for the work they have done to improve their communities,” stated Traci A. Barnett, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. “For many girls, the Gold Award project is just the beginning of many more great things to come.” She added, “We look forward to hearing about more of their success in the future.”

The 2009 Girl Scout Gold Award recipients are listed below by city with the name of their project.

Carolyn	Bevans	Columbia	Health and Safety Expo
Sarah	Brohawn	Ellicott City	Cemetery Clean-Up
Megan	Cully	Ellicott City	Trail Mix
Chelsea	Farrall	Ellicott City	Covenant Baptist church, Pathway/Patio Project
Kasey	Forte	Ellicott City	Landscaping Project at Covenant Baptist Church
Alice	Goodman	Ellicott City	Pitching In To Support Our Veterans
Alysia	Grassl	Ellicott City	Let's Learn and Have fun too!
Alyssa	Larkin	Elkridge	Retaining Fences for MDS Field Hockey and Lacrosse
Kara	Lovalvo	Ellicott City	Sunrise Sacks
Molly	Malarkey	Ellicott City	HPV Awareness
Celene	Monroe	Highland	Book Donations to Underprivileged Library
Kristin	Moore	Ellicott City	Home without Walls
Julia	Pelowski	Ellicott City	Landscaping of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ministry Center
Caitlin	Pomerantz	Ellicott City	Opening Books, Unleashing Access
Alexis	Rukenbrod	Laurel	Secret Garden
Amelia	Sichler	Elkridge	Staying Healthy in the Hospital
Barathi	Sivasailam	Ellicott City	Fighting Childhood Obesity
Sarah	Thorne	Columbia	Lending Paws
Jennifer	Darland	Fallston	Sunday School Room Overhaul
Stephanie	Detorie	Fallston	Room for the Kids
Jessica	Grau	Fallston	Sunday School Refurbishment
Samantha	Hopkins	Forest Hill	Information Sign for Annie's Playground
Renae	Hunter	Bel Air	Witness Tree Grove
Sara	Lyons	Bel Air	Humane Society Patch Program
Allison	Munley	Abingdon	Outdoor Classrom Rehab
Jenna	Rossmann	Kingsville	Kindergarden Classroom Renovation
Kimberly	Young	Bel Air	Breakfast with Santa at the Agape House
Amanda	Brenner	Westminster	Bear Branch Mini Traithlon
Delaney	Gilman	Mt Airy	Girlstrong Volleyball Camp
Eleanor	Mockler	Middleburg	Project Easter Bunny
Melissa	Moretz	Union Bridge	A Garden of Hope and Love
Danielle	Staines	Woodbine	Healthy Choices Day for Girls
Molly	Blauvelt	Phoenix	Point of Information
Catherine	Cronin	Timonum	Reading made Fun Packs

Kelsey	Cupit	Monkton	Prayer Garden
Margaret	Flanigan	Towson	Liberation Library
Ayrelle	Lawson	Randallstown	Scotts Level Stream & Valley Park Clean-Up
Erin	McShane	Reisterstown	Community Connection
Katie	Miller	Parkton	Renovation of a Sunday School Classroom for HS Students
Alicia	Lovio	Timonum	Children's Puppet Theater
Michele	Watkins	Baltimore	Wish list of the Maryland SPCA
Laura	Bardman	Pasadena	Renewing Locust Lodge in Garden and Spirit
Molly	Dukes	Annapolis	Actice in CTA: Today, Tomorrow, & Forever
Kirstin	Lynch	Annapolis	Bats, Bats, Bats
Jessica	Martin	Pasadena	Building Bookcase Shelving for Care Corner @Pasadena UMC
Katherine	Mosco	Pasadena	Renewing Locust Lodge in Garden and Spirit
Danielle	Piazza	Pasadena	Renewing Locust Lodge in Garden and Spirit
Emily	Purcell	Edgewater	Pet Health Expo
Kalyn	Schneider	Edgewater	Special Celebrations
Kate	Sweely	Annapolis	Cabinets to Bring People Together
Gina	Waclawski	Crofton	Arundel High School Charity Sewing Club
Amanda	Weisgerber	Pasadena	Renewing Locust Lodge in Garden and Spirit

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Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland provides a myriad of programs and activities for nearly 30,000 girls in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties. These experiences encourage girls to discover their potential, connect with others in their communities who inspire them to take action to fulfill their dreams.