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Girl Scouts' Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Prestigious Gold Award 49 Local Girl Scouts Receive the "Gold" on April 17, 2016

Baltimore--Since 1916, high school age Girl Scouts have undertaken projects that improved their communities and the world to earn the highest award in Girl Scouting and join an elite group of women. The Golden Eaglet insignia, the highest award in Girl Scouting from 1916 to 1939, marked the beginning of a long tradition of recognizing the extraordinary efforts of Girl Scouts. From 1940 to 1963, the Curved Bar Award was the highest honor in Girl Scouting. From 1963 to 1980, the highest award was called the First Class. In 1980, the award became known as the Gold Award. Regardless of the name, Girl Scouts' highest award has always inspired girls to find their inner greatness and share their ideas and passion, through sustainable service projects, with their communities.

Nationally, only 6% of eligible Girl Scouts (high school age Girl Scouts) successfully earn this coveted award. Since 1980, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (GSCM) has pinned 1,576 Girl Scouts with this esteemed award. Over the years Girl Scout Gold Award recipients have addressed issues related to ensuring families and individuals living below the poverty level have access to healthy meals; collecting sporting equipment for children in Africa and South America; raising awareness about social and mental issues, including suicide, date abuse, autism and cyber bullying; introducing girls to STEM; helping seniors navigate the new world of technology; and supporting families and babies in need of essential supplies.

The 2016 Gold Award recipients will receive their pins on April 17, 2016 at Martin's East. 2006 Gold Award recipient, Stephanie Catalano, RN, BSN, who was the first Gold Award recipient from her south Harford County community, will deliver the keynote address at the awards ceremony. 2016 Gold Award recipients are:

Anne Arundel County Girl Scout Gold Award recipients:

Caitlyn Beall (South River HS), Megan Fitzmaurice (Arundel Senior HS), Jasmine Fuhrmann (South River HS), Francesca Gazelle (Broadneck HS), Kaetlin Markwell (Arundel Senior HS), Rebecca Meyer (Chesapeake HS), Kyra Neal (Arundel Senior HS), Marley Niesz (Mount de Sales Academy), Emily Tudor (Meade Senior HS), Alexandra Turano (South River HS), Cassiopeia Whitehead (Severn School), and Carly Wood (Southern HS)

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Baltimore County Girl Scout Gold Award recipients:

Chloe Bialozynski (Catholic HS of Baltimore), Candace Casale (Mercy HS), Alicia DePasquale (Hereford HS), Madison Feser (Maryvale Prep), Taylor Gurley (Hereford HS), Sarah Kulis (Catholic HS of Baltimore), Rhiannon Owen (Perry Hall HS), Natalie Pucillo (Notre Dame Prep), Meredith Riley (Dulaney HS) and Laura Silverman (Carver Center for the Arts & Technology)

Carroll County Girl Scout Gold Award recipients:

Emma Crue (N.Carroll HS), Claire McCaulley (Liberty HS), Taylor Sabol (N.Carroll HS) and Casey Welch (Liberty HS)

Harford County Girl Scout Gold Award recipients:

Caroline Hickam (C. Milton Wright HS), Elizabeth Kelly and Erin Kelly (St. Paul's School), Erin McCaughey and Leah Monaghan (John Carroll School), Ciera Munday (Bel Air Senior HS), Caitlin Phillips (Notre Dame Prep), Katherine Rinkers (Fallston Senior HS), Genevieve Simmons (Notre Dame Prep), Hannah Van Scyoc (Fallston Senior HS) and Melanie Vera (C. Milton Wright HS)

Howard County Girl Scout Gold Award recipients:

Corinne Conover (homeschooled), Stephanie Demetreon (Glenelg HS), Sara Deming (Centennial HS), Amanda Donovan (Mount de Sales Academy), Rebecca Freerksen (Mount Hebron HS), Kelsey Guerinot (Atholton Senior HS), Kathryn Miller (Glenelg HS), Kathryn Neuman (Hammond HS), Jinia Sarkar and Victoria Stroud (Centennial HS).

To read about each of the Gold Award recipients' projects visit the [gscm blog](#).

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