

MEDIA ALERT

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HUNDREDS OF AREA HIGH SCHOOLERS EARN GIRL SCOUTING'S HIGHEST HONOR

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles celebrates 256 Gold Award recipients, Saturday, June 3

WHAT:

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) will honor the **largest class of Gold Award recipients in the nation** at its annual Gold Award Ceremony this **Saturday, June 3**. The **256 Gold Award recipients** have each demonstrated exceptional leadership and overseen projects that have made significant impacts on their communities and beyond. Examples include a girl who jumpstarted a government program in China that distributes hand-sanitizer to community hospitals; a girl who created sensory integration dressing vests to help kids in occupational therapy; [and more](#). ([Click here](#) for a larger sampling of this year's impressive projects.)

WHO:

- 256 Girl Scouts representing diverse backgrounds and areas of Greater LA ([full list](#) of recipients, organized by city)
- 1,000+ guests, including family members, friends, dignitaries, GSGLA Board Members & staff
- Keynote speaker: **Christine Simmons**, president and chief operations officer, **Los Angeles Sparks**
- Mistress of Ceremony: [Carolyn Johnson](#), co-anchor and reporter, **NBC4**
- Welcoming remarks delivered by [John J. Kennedy](#), vice mayor and District 3 councilmember, **City of Pasadena**

WHEN:

Saturday, June 3, 2017

3:00 p.m. Ceremony begins
3:30 p.m. Keynote address
5:00 p.m. Reception begins (featuring Gold Award honoree displays)
6:00 p.m. Event ends

WHERE:

Pasadena Civic Auditorium, 300 E. Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91101

FACTS:

- The Gold Award (formerly called the Golden Eaglet, Curved Bar, and First Class) was established in 1916, four years after Girl Scouts started in the U.S.
- Nationwide, only six percent of all eligible Girl Scouts across 112 regional councils achieve this prestigious award. Girl Scouts who earn the honor automatically enter the military one rank higher, qualify for college scholarships, and more.
- In order to earn the Gold Award, Girl Scouts spend years planning and executing challenging, large-scale projects that are innovative, engaging, and impactful.
- This year's Gold Award class dedicated nearly 21,000 hours of community service to projects covering a wide range of topics: from establishing women empowerment conferences and engineering clubs in L.A. to teaching first aid in orphanages in Haiti. (See [project examples](#).)

PHOTO/B-ROLL OPPORTUNITIES: 256 young women receiving Girl Scouting's highest honor; visual displays featuring inspirational and dynamic projects across Greater LA; Girl Scouts available for interviews before/after ceremony.