

MEDIA ALERT

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HUNDREDS OF AREA HIGH SCHOOLERS BECOME GOLD AWARD GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles celebrates nation's largest class of Gold Award Girl Scouts, Saturday, June 2

WHAT:

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) will honor the **largest class of Gold Award Girl Scouts in the nation** at its annual Gold Award Ceremony this **Saturday, June 2**. The **291 honorees** have each demonstrated exceptional leadership and overseen projects that have made significant impacts on their LA communities and beyond, earning them Girl Scouts' highest honor and rank. Examples include a girl who brought a 3D-printing curriculum to two elementary schools; a girl who created a book and documentary series featuring interviews with notable women trailblazers in journalism, Hollywood, and STEM; [and more](#). ([View](#) more of this year's impressive projects.)

WHO:

- 291 Gold Award 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: [Jess Weiner](#), CEO, **Talk to Jess**
- Mistress of Ceremony: [Lynette Romero](#), anchor and reporter, **KTLA 5 Morning News**
- Welcoming remarks: [Terry Tornek](#), Mayor, **City of Pasadena**
- Additional remarks: [Lise L. Luttgens](#), CEO, **GSGLA**; and **Shelley Thompson**, Board Chair, **GSGLA**

WHEN:

Saturday, June 2, 2018

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 Girl Scout 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 more than 23,000 hours of community service to projects covering a wide range of topics: from directing short films spotlighting marginalized groups to hosting self-defense workshops for women to lending support to refugees. (See more [project examples](#).)

PHOTO/B-ROLL OPPORTUNITIES: 291 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.