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Greater Los Angeles Has the Largest Gold Award Class in the Nation

*291 high-school Gold Award Girl Scouts spend more than
23,000 hours on projects addressing community issues*

LOS ANGELES, May 24, 2018 – Since 1916, thousands of Girl Scouts across the country have earned Girl Scouts' highest honor—now called the Girl Scout Gold Award—for demonstrating extraordinary leadership and making change in their communities. On **Saturday, June 2** in Pasadena, 291 Girl Scouts in Greater Los Angeles—the largest Gold Award class in the nation—will be honored by the regional Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) council.

[\(View a list of Gold Award recipients by city.\)](#)

Nationally, only six percent of all eligible Girl Scouts achieve the Gold Award rank. Girls who earn the Gold Award automatically enter the military one rank higher, and qualify for college scholarships, additional national service awards, and more.

Earning the Gold Award requires the planning and implementation of a challenging, large-scale project that is innovative, engages others, and has a lasting impact on its targeted community. In Greater LA today, Gold Award projects tackled things like illiteracy, homelessness, sexual assault, discrimination, pollution, and more. This year, one girl taught elementary school teachers and students 3D-printing; another directed and edited a short film about the experiences of LGBTQ+ senior citizens; and another led an awareness campaign for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, inspired by her own experiences with the disorder, for example.

[\(View a sampling of 2018 Gold Award projects.\)](#)

“Gold Award Girl Scouts show grit like go-getters, problem-solve like innovators, embrace new challenges like risk-takers, and display empathy and integrity as leaders,” said Lise L. Luttgens, GSGLA CEO. “Their projects have left a permanent effect on their communities, and the process has made an impression on each of them.”

MEDIA NOTES:

- Gold Award recipients are available for interviews regarding their unique, impactful projects and overall Girl Scouting experiences. To obtain more information about Gold Award projects in specific Greater Los Angeles cities or communities, please contact [Melanie Larsen](#).
- Please note: Media is invited to Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles' Gold Award Ceremony, June 2, 3–5 p.m. at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, 300 E. Green Street. Keynote address by Jess Weiner, social entrepreneur and CEO of Talk to Jess. KTLA's Lynette Romero, Girl Scout alumna, will emcee. RSVP with [Melanie Larsen](#).

About Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, serves nearly 43,000 girls in partnership with 24,000 adult members and volunteers throughout the diverse communities of Los Angeles County and parts of Kern, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. GSGLA is the largest girl-serving nonprofit agency in Los Angeles, preparing girls for a lifetime of leadership through access to key experiences, connections, and programs in entrepreneurship, life skills, outdoors, and STEM. To join, volunteer, or support, visit GirlScoutsLA.org or call 213-213-0123.