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LOS ANGELES AREA GIRL SCOUTS' WORK SOARS INTO SPACE AUGUST 28

STEAM learning submissions by five local girls will launch on SpaceX CRS23 to the International Space Station as part of inaugural "Making Space for Girls" challenge

LOS ANGELES, August 24 – Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) announced today that five girls from troops in the council will have their work soar into space on SpaceX CRS23 from Kennedy Space Center to the International Space Station (ISS) on Saturday, August 28. As part of Girl Scouts of Citrus (Central Florida) and nonprofit SpaceKids Global's inaugural "Making Space for Girls" (MS4G) 2020 STEAM-learning mission challenge, the GSGLA girls' work was chosen out of 680 entries from girls of all ages; it will be launched into space in a Faraday Box, provided by 2020 Challenge supporter ProXops and L2 Aerospace, aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 Rocket on August 28 at 3:37 AM EDT.

"What a thrilling way for our girls to see that space exploration and technology are accessible and rewarding," said Theresa Edy Kiene, CEO, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles.

"Participating in MS4G has inspired our girls to pursue passions in STEM, which is foundational to the Girl Scout leadership experience. I am so proud of each of them and can't wait to see what this inspires."

Girls from 95 of Girl Scouts' 111 councils, 46 states, two territories and two countries registered for this exciting program. They were challenged to create a design for the "Making Space for

Girls" mission patch, write an essay on their space dreams and the future of space travel, or propose an idea for an experiment that could be sent up to the ISS and fit in a Faraday box. Twenty-one winning entries were selected by a panel of the MS4G project team and prestigious space industry professionals from program partners **SpaceKids Global**, **ProxOps**, and the **ISS National Lab**.

The five GSGLA girls with winning entries are:

- Daisies (grades K-1) Indiana D. of South Pasadena and Golda E. of Glendale
- Juniors (grades 4-5) Kayla N. of Rolling Hills Estates and Milan T. of San Gabriel Valley
- Cadette (grades 6-8) Jordan D. of Canyon Country

Jordan and Milan contributed experiment ideas that inspired the three experiments to be conducted in the Faraday Box in the ISS National Lab for approximately six months. Kayla, Golda and Indiana's submissions to the art and essay categories will be included in a media package. All items will be returned to the girls once back on Earth and processed by NASA as certified flown-in-space items.

Participating Girl Scouts from around the country and their families will gather on Cocoa Beach at 3:37 AM EDT on Saturday, August 28 for a pajama launch party. Jordan and Milan will attend from Los Angeles. She will visit the lab where the final experiments are to be put in the Faraday box. "Jordan will also present and staff a public poster session with other girls at Kennedy Space Center on Sunday morning," said her mother, Tina. "Jordan's contribution to the plant portion of the studies is her emphasis on health benefits provided by plant sources. We are all very excited."

In preparation for the week's events, Golda and her mom, Lori, went to the Griffith Observatory. "Golda loves learning about space and the planets. She recently visited Galaxy's Edge at Disneyland where she built her own droid and piloted a star cruiser. After learning about space at home during lockdown [when she was in pre-school], we worked on drawing planets, stars and moons. Golda's first year as a Daisy was in 2020 and she joined the troop over

Zoom and they worked on badges together. When we were interviewed as a finalist we never expected to win! Golda was in shock! We later found out that this honor was shared with her best friend and troop mate Indiana!”

About Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, serves nearly 32,000 girls in partnership with more than 15,000 adult members and volunteers throughout the communities of Los Angeles County and parts of Ventura, Kern and San Bernardino counties. GSGLA is the largest girl-serving nonprofit agency in Los Angeles, with programs in entrepreneurship, life skills, outdoor, and STE(A)M, building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. To join, volunteer, or support, visit GirlScoutsLA.org or call 213-213-0123.

About SpaceKids Global

SpaceKids Global’s mission is to inspire young minds through the exploration of space travel with a focus on elementary students in STEAM+ Education; Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics+ Environment and the empowerment of young girls.

www.spacekids.global

About Girl Scouts of Citrus

Girl Scouts of Citrus is the premier leadership organization for girls, serving nearly 11,000 girls and 7,000 adults in Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia Counties in Florida. The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. www.citrus-gs.org

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