



Girl Scouts Shine at Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois' 2013 All That Glitters Award Ceremony

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Glen Carbon, Illinois – Girl Scouts were shining stars during Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois' (GSSI) *All That Glitters* Award ceremony on April 7, 2013 at the Lindenwood Auditorium in Belleville, Illinois. Girl Scouts honored at the event received recognition from GSSI staff and Board of Director members as well as motivational words from guest speaker Dr. Julie A. Furst-Bowe, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Chancellor. Recipients of the Girl Scout Gold Award and Girl Scout Silver Award were celebrated at the event. In addition, Rebecca Boehning and Caitlin Cronin from O'Fallon were named Outstanding Graduating Girl Scouts and each received a \$500 scholarship for her extraordinary Girl Scout achievements. And finally, six Girl Scouts were honored with a new Trifecta Award which recognized their outstanding accomplishment of earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award, the Girl Scout Silver Award and the Girl Scout Gold Award.



The **Girl Scout Gold Award** is the highest award for girls in Girl Scouting. Only about 5 percent of eligible girls, who are Girl Scout Seniors and Girl Scout Ambassadors, take the rigorous path toward earning this prestigious award, but those who complete the journey change the lives of others and their own in amazing and significant ways. This year's Girl Scout Gold Award recipients include:

Miranda Baggott Troop #8542 – Anna

Rebecca Boehning Troop #296 – O'Fallon

Anna Bullard Troop #58 – Belleville

Allison Conner Troop #8542 – Anna

Breona Hawkins Troop #8192 – Carbondale

Katelyn Malnar Troop #8542 – Anna

Jordan Rankin Troop #8106 – Carbondale

Kendra Rakers Troop #463 – Millstadt

Kaylee Schmitz Troop #884 – O'Fallon

Eleka Smith Troop #758 – Caseyville

Photo Caption: Outstanding Graduating Girl Scouts. From left to right, Dixie Travelstead, GSSI Board of Director Chair, Cati Cronin from O'Fallon, Rebecca Boehning from O'Fallon and Villie M. Appoo, GSSI Chief Executive officer.



The **Girl Scout Silver Award**, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn, is symbolic of accomplishments in Girl Scouting and community activities as a girl becomes her best self and builds the world around her. The Girl Scout Silver Award project benefits a girl's community and can be earned as an individual or as part of a group. This year's Girl Scout Silver Award recipients include:

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Collinsville – Emily Baima, Elizabeth Burr and Lauren Carter

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Edwardsville – Devin Kane, Katherine Schoeberle, Emma Boone and Kathleen McCracken

Fults – Hannah Weber and Helen Weber

Granite City – Lilly Indelicato and Bailey Warsing

Metropolis – Maddie Bowlin, Emily Rottmann and Karly Hankins

Mt. Vernon – Sara Gregory, Emily Hocking, Danielle Patton and Cheyanne McGrath

Nashville – Alexandra Waugh

O’Fallon – Alexander Lloyd and Rebecca Ray

Troy – Adrienna Ridgeway, Joelle Massie, Olivia Rockwell, Audrey Thompson, Abigail Magrath,

Texico – Erica Williams Madeleine Renken and Emili Smucker

Olney – Natlin Aumiller and K’Lynne Callahan

Vandalia – Haley Bigelow, Hannah Blythe, Madison Holman, Jalea Paslay, Mindy Richey

Vienna – Cyra Coscarelli and Alena Cowsert

West Frankfort – Ivory Bradford **Waterloo** – Katie Albert, Haley Gregson and Angela Stratman

Photo Caption: 49 Girl Scouts were recognized for earning their Girl Scout Silver Award during Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois' All That Glitters Award ceremony on Sunday. The Girl Scout Silver Award the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn, is symbolic of accomplishments in Girl Scouting and community activities as a girl becomes her best self and builds the world around her. The Girl Scout Silver Award project benefits a girl's community and can be earned as an individual or as part of a group.

The **Outstanding Graduating Girl Scouts Scholarship**, a \$500 scholarship that a girl may use at the college of her choice. The 2013 Outstanding Graduating Girl Scouts are:

Rebecca Boehning from O'Fallon: Rebecca is from Troop #296 in O'Fallon. She has earned all three of the highest awards in Girl Scouting - the Girl Scout Bronze Award, the Girl Scout Silver Award and the Girl Scout Gold Award - which earned her the Trifecta Award. Rebecca is involved in many clubs and teams, has served numerous organizations and has received several academic achievements. Rebecca plans to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she will pursue a degree in chemical engineering to help her work toward perfecting alternative sources of fuel.

Caitlin Cronin from O'Fallon: Caitlin is from Troop #541 in O'Fallon. She has served as a Delegate, a GSSI Apprentice, an Ex-Officio Board Member and she was on the planning committee for the Century Celebration for Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois. Caitlin has contributed to many other programs and camps, and she has also earned her Girl Scout Bronze Award and Girl Scout Silver Award. She participates in several clubs and teams and enjoys volunteering in her community. Caitlin plans to attend college and major in Elementary Education to fulfill her dream to become a teacher.

"I am very proud of all the girls that were recognized at our annual All That Glitters ceremony," said Villie M. Appoo, GSSI Chief Executive Officer. "These girls are great representatives of Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois and our mission of building leaders for America. The projects they completed to earn these awards were amazing and provided valuable and important services for their communities."

Editor's Note: If you would like a photo of a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, please e-mail Jay Strobel at jstrobel@gsofsi.org. Included in this release is a photo of the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois Trifecta Award winners, the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois Outstanding Graduating Girl Scout recipients and a Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois Girl Scout Silver Award recipients group photo.

Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois is a high-capacity Girl Scout council serving approximately 14,000 girls and 5,000 adult volunteers in 40 ½ counties in southern Illinois.

The mission of Girl Scouting states: *Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.* Girl Scouts is the world's pre-eminent organization dedicated solely to girls - all girls - where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the

real world. In partnership with committed adults, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives - like strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

Today's Girl Scouts not only enjoy camping and crafts, but they also explore math and science and learn about diversity, good citizenship, leadership and teamwork. Girl Scouting is the place where girls experience the fun, friendship and power of girls together.

Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois is a not-for-profit organization supported by various United Ways throughout the region. Girl Scouts is a Proud Partner of United Way.

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