

# GIRL TALK

Late Summer 2018

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WNY STEM in partnership with Girl Scouts of Western New York, AT&T, Buffalo State, and GM provided the Girls Coding Project to 36 girls with the opportunity to learn to code, as well as hear from prominent women in the STEM field.



## Camping Like A G.I.R.L. at 2018 Summer Camp

From the backyard to the backcountry, Girl Scouts has a long, storied, and successful history of getting girls outdoors. In fact, many Girl Scouts tell us **camping trips** are one of the best things about their Girl Scout experience. It's true: connecting with nature in a girl-led setting is a big benefit of belonging to Girl Scouts. At Girl Scout Summer Camp, girls have plenty of opportunities to create their own outdoor adventures and develop a lifelong appreciation for nature and the out-of-doors—whether with their troop, at camp, or with friends and family. When girls spend quality time outdoors and increase their exposure to nature, they thrive physically, emotionally, and intellectually.

### Camp Piperwood



After yoga with Counselor Hoops



Getting on the ropes course



Celebrating Independence Day

### Camp Timbercrest



Finding a deer bone in the woods



Collecting wood for a cookout



Chrissy loves horses

### Camp Seven Hills



Scuba in the pool



Feeling the Girl Scout vibes



Pitching tents for a night out

## CEO Remarks

Thank you to our amazing donors and volunteers – you help unleash extraordinary experiences for every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™! Girl Scouts takes the potential of girls, combines it with robust skill-building programming, and adds caring adult mentors and strong female role models. Whether she's building a robotic arm, setting goals for her cookie business, building a shelter to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award, or taking her first hike at summer camp, a Girl Scout has an exciting array of choices to suit her interests at every age. I am also proud to congratulate the 38 outstanding young women who earned the highest award – the Girl Scout Gold Award on June 2, 2018. Speaking of outstanding women, I invite you to join us for Women of Distinction, the all-girl-led women's event of the year on September 20th at 5:30pm, honoring eight amazing Western New York women for their strength in character, dedication to community service, and commitment to mentoring and encouraging girls and young women. Visit [gswny.org](http://gswny.org) to purchase a ticket today.



Judy Cranston  
CEO of GSWNY

# Why I Give to Girl Scouting

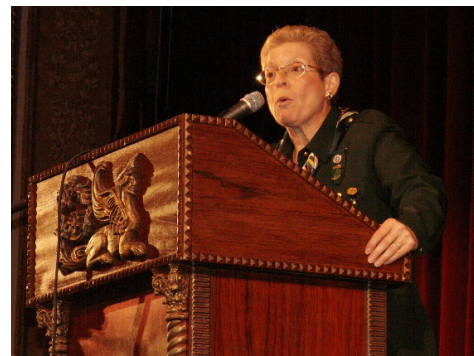
Donna Dolce, Juliette Gordon Low Society Member and Girl Scout Alumnae

I have always been a Girl Scout and Girl Scouting has been my life blood since joining as a 7 year old Brownie in 1958!

Girl Scouting made me the person that I am and contributed to all that I have accomplished both professionally and personally. My mother was my first Brownie Leader and what better role model can a child have than her own mother demonstrating leadership, courage, confidence and character to an impressionable daughter. Through her leadership and the values gained in Girl Scouting I immediately learned that I could, in fact, be whatever I wanted to be, achieve whatever I set my mind to do and learn that service for others could be both a vocation and avocation.

I remained in Girl Scouting throughout high school because of the leadership of Celia Beckmann. As the leader of the Senior Troop in our community, those of us that stayed knew that adventures would await us. Mrs. Beckmann had a reputation that all the girls in her troops would travel. In my case it was a 10-day bus trip to Philadelphia; Washington, D.C.; and New York City. As a young girl growing up in a small town in Western New York this was the first opportunity to visit not one, but three metropolitan cities in less than two weeks. Little did I know that one day I would in fact find myself working in one of those cities!

Upon graduation from college, I returned to Fredonia to serve as Mrs. Beckmann's co-leader and was ultimately recruited by the Executive Director to a paid position in Girl Scouting becoming the



Director of Program, Property and Training, including serving as the Director for Camp Timbercrest for more than 7 years.

Experiencing enormous gratitude and success, I then accepted a similar position with a much larger council in New Jersey, which ultimately led to a position on the National Staff of GSUSA in New York City! I marveled daily that this young girl from Western New York who had experienced the Big Apple as a younger Girl Scout, was now living the dream.

I subsequently left professional Girl Scouting to work with other national non-profits (YWCA of the USA and the United Way of Essex and West Hudson), but remained active as a member of the Board of Directors of a local New Jersey Council. In addition,

I parlayed my knowledge by seeking and serving two terms as a municipal council woman, utilizing many of the skills I had learned through Girl Scouting.

I returned to professional Girl Scouting in 2005 as the CEO of the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council and provided the staff leadership and support to the merger of three New Jersey Councils retiring in 2008. I subsequently relocated to Delaware and continue to serve on a county advisory committee for the Girl Scouts of Chesapeake Bay and provide consultative services to several local non-profit organizations.

Although I have no children of my own, I am blessed to have hundreds of younger girls and women who continuously share their stories and thank me because of the impact that Girl Scouting has had on their lives... and who can ask for more than that as a reward for a life well lived.

So, why you may ask, do I give... how can I not? Girl Scouting has brought me a career, many friends far and wide, and values that have led me to serve others no matter where I live. What a better world we would be if EVERY girl could live the same life and benefit from this extraordinary program.

- Donna Dolce

## WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

Join Girl Scouts of Western New York for the 2018 Women of Distinction, the all-girl-led women's event of the year on September 20, at 5:30 p.m. We will honor eight amazing Western New York women for their strength in character, dedication to community service, and commitment to mentoring and encouraging girls and young women. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. **For sponsorship and tickets please visit [gswny.org](http://gswny.org) or call Eileen Hettich at 716.935.6030 or [Eileen.Hettich@gswny.org](mailto:Eileen.Hettich@gswny.org).**

### 2018 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION HONOREES



**Lindsay Cray**  
Co-Founder & Executive Director, Earthworks, Inc. (Monroe County)



**Venus Quates**  
President and CEO, launchTECH (Erie County)



**Rosanne Frandina**  
President of Frandina Engineering and Land Surveying (Erie County)



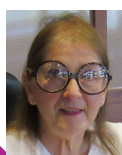
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**Patti Ann Pacino**  
Batavia City Council Member (Genesee County)



**Betsy Wright**  
President, UPMC Chautauqua WCA Hospital (Chautauqua County)



# The 2018 Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients

Congratulations to the 2018 Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients! Girl Scouts of Western New York honored 38 young women with the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the most prestigious award in the world for girls—and the most difficult to earn—and it's only available to Girl Scouts.



It is Girl Scout Gold Awardees like Judith Monickaraj who create vital projects like Launch Pads for Change which helps provide girls in Pune, India, with the essential female personal care items that girls need to attend school. In India, some girls are forced to miss many days of school each month due to lack of access to essential female personal care items.

There was no shortage in girls' willingness to tackle the critical issues in our communities in this year's Girl Scout Gold Awardees. Girl Scouts taught children about the many career paths in S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math), built little libraries, revamped children's playgrounds, and equipped senior citizens with the confidence and skills to navigate the latest technology and so much more. A minimum of 80 volunteer hours was required in order to earn the award. Congratulations to this year's recipients.

- Juliann Fullone
  - Nadia Adams
  - MaryAllen
  - Emily Atieh
  - Karlee Auld
  - Rachel Blank
  - Camille Chambless
  - Sophie Cramer-Benjamin
  - Emily Eneix
  - Grace Faulkner
  - Anna Folts
  - Genevieve Fontana
  - Laurel Ann Foss
- Alexandra Gordon
  - Jessica Granchelli
  - Sarah Granchelli
  - Sydney Haen
  - Allison Haugh
  - Anna Hayes
  - Melanie Isaac
  - Autumn Jeffery
  - Kelli Kunick
  - Hope Marshall
  - Jessica McNeely
  - Judith Monickaraj
  - Danielle Nahas
- Noel Nickerson
  - Emily Osadciw
  - Ariya Roberts
  - Leah Rosen
  - Kayla Saladyga
  - Gabrielle Schrock
- Shavon Scive
  - Amanda Sheppard
  - Madelyn Sherrill
  - Kara Sztaba
  - Grace Taylor
  - Victoria Wittmeyer



## Girl Scout Scholarship Recipients

### Educational Scholarship Fund Recipients:

- Haley Butts, North Chili
- Grace Del Vecchio, East Aurora
- Laurel Foss, Akron
- Victoria Guagliano, N. Tonawanda
- Siana Jacobs, N. Tonawanda
- Ariel June, Williamsville
- Kathryn Lovell, Webster
- Dominique Martello, Linwood
- Paige Nowak, Amherst
- Jessica Owlett, Pittsford
- Sydney Petrella, Williamsville
- Elizabeth Ruhland, North Chili
- Shavon Scive, N. Tonawanda
- Madelyn Sherrill, Rochester
- Ashley Stafford, Rochester

### Ralph & Mary McLean Wilson Scholarship Recipients:

- Kelli Kunick, Victor
- Mary Allen, Victor

### Kim Welsh Memorial Scholarship Recipients:

- Madelyn Sherrill, Rochester
- Sydney Petrella, Williamsville
- Jessica Owlett, Pittsford
- Laurel Foss, Akron

### Hans and Charlene Schoenenberger "Golden Opportunity" Recipient:

- Gabrielle Schrock, North Tonawanda



# Remember When WNY Girl Scouts in India

In 2013, Girl Scouts from our council traveled to India and got to see the Taj Mahal!



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When I see someone being bullied, I speak out.  
*Alanna, Girl Scout Cadette*

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# THE 2018-2019 PROGRAM GUIDE Coming Aug. 2018

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AND MORE!



We will announce the release of the 2018-2019 Program Guide and provide a link to the digital edition at [gswny.org](http://gswny.org) in mid-August!

## Save the Dates

**Upcoming Girl Scout Office & Shop Closings:**  
Mon., Sept 3, 2018 - Labor Day  
Thu., Nov. 22 & Fri., Nov. 23, 2018 - Thanksgiving

Check out the Program Guide at [gswny.org](http://gswny.org) for details and more upcoming programs!

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