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Girl Scout Earns Girl Scout Gold Award

Girl Scout from Stamford earns highest award in Girl Scouting

STAMFORD, Conn. (June 10, 2019) – Girl Scout Lauren Klym earned the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. She was recognized at the organization’s Gold Award Celebration on June 2 at Cascades in Hamden.

The Girl Scout Gold Award requires Girl Scouts in grades 9-12 to spend at least 80 hours researching issues, assessing community needs and resources, building a team, and making a sustainable impact in the community. A Gold Award Girl Scout’s accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set her apart as a community leader. Nationally, only 6 percent of older Girl Scouts earn the Gold Award.

Lauren instituted a Westhill School Safety Lockdown Plan complete with classroom checklists, step-by-step procedures, and visual aids which will be implemented by the Stamford Police and the entire Stamford Public School system. Her work with Westhill administration, faculty, and custodial staff has inspired them to sustain the program. She plans to major in business administration and hopes to become CEO of a corporation.

“I am so proud of all of our Gold Award Girl Scouts for taking the lead and spending over 80+ hours solving real problems in their communities,” said Mary Barneby, CEO, Girl Scouts of Connecticut. “Nationally, less than 6 percent of girls earn the highest award in Girl Scouting. By earning this award, Girl Scouts set themselves apart as leaders in their community and true examples of go-getters, innovators, risk-takers, and leaders.”

For more information about the Gold Award or how to become a Gold Award volunteer or mentor, visit gsocct.org.

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