

2011 GOLD AWARD



Andrea Miller
Strongsville, Ohio



Andrea Miller, a graduate of Strongsville High School, began Girl Scouts as a Daisy. Throughout her journey, she has earned many awards, including 47 Try-its, 87 badges, 32 Interest Project Patches, all four Girl Scout religious recognitions and the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, plus she participated in various community service projects. In 2006, Andrea joined a high adventure Girl Scout Troop. In 2008, she sold nearly 1,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to support her troop and programming in Northeast Ohio.

For her Gold Award project, Andrea conducted a hearing disability awareness workshop held at an elementary school in Parma. More than 247 fourth and fifth graders participated. Andrea spent numerous hours researching, planning and organizing the workshop. She also trained 12 individuals to conduct five teaching stations, which educated students about people with hearing impairments.

In addition to Girl Scouts, Andrea has been an active member of her church and a member of a mission team in Cleveland. In 2009, she was a member of a mission team that went to Mexico. She has also been involved with Happy Hands, a sign language group. In school, Andrea was a member of the Marching Mustangs and symphonic band. She plays the flute, bassoon and baritone. She has also been active with Key Club, National Honor Society and is a D.A.R.E. role model. Andrea has taken PSEO (Post Secondary Enrollment Option) and many Honors and AP classes, which have prepared her for an education at The Ohio State University. Andrea plans to major in Speech and Hearing and become an Audiologist.

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Justine Mroczka
Strongsville, Ohio



Justine Mroczka, a senior at Strongsville High School, has been in Girl Scouting for eight years. In addition to Girl Scouts, Justine is involved with Key Club and the Strongsville Historical Society. She plans to pursue a career in event planning and major in marketing. Justine has earned the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. For her Gold Award project, Justine redesigned the Hannah Wernke Memorial Butterfly Garden. She worked with a professional landscaper to develop a plan for the garden. Justine also raised the money for the garden and organized a volunteer day to remove the unwanted weeds. After the garden was planted, she created a manual for the different plants in the garden and care instructions.

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Mahima Venkatesh
Strongsville, Ohio



Mahima Venkatesh, a graduate of Strongsville High School, has been in Girl Scouting since 3rd grade when she joined Troop 70108 as a Brownie. She has earned many Interest Project awards, the Girl Scout

Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards as well as the Cadette Leadership Award. For her Gold Award project, Mahima conducted a nutrition fair for elementary school children and their parents. This interactive event showcased healthy foods, recipes, and fitness information with 13 vendors. Nutritionists, dieticians, yoga instructors and fitness trainers also gave presentations. The mayor signed a proclamation declaring the day of the fair as "Nutrition and Wellness Day" in Strongsville. Mahima encouraged parents to contact their congressmen to vote for the National Child Nutrition Act.

Mahima lettered in Varsity tennis. She was awarded the MVP her senior year. She plays the flute in the symphony orchestra and has performed with the Boston String Quartet and performed at Carnegie Hall. Mahima has also been active in Key Club, Math Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, and Spanish Honor Society. In the summer of 2010, she worked as an intern at the NASA Glenn Research Center. Mahima has been named a Nation Merit Commended Student, Presidential Scholar Nominee, and AP Scholar with Distinction. She has received a number of awards and recognitions, including the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Mahima plans to major in biology with a minor in Spanish at the University of Cincinnati. She has also been accepted to the Connections Dual Admissions Medical Program and the Turner Scholars Program.

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