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## **GSNYPENN Members Earn President's Volunteer Service Awards**

**Syracuse, N.Y.** (July 3, 2023) — Eighteen Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways (GSNYPENN) Council members earned the President's Volunteer Service Award for volunteer hours and service to their community in 2022. Thirteen Girl Scouts and five adult volunteers earned awards for a collective 3,015 hours of service. As a certifying organization, GSNYPENN identifies eligible members as potential recipients, verifies their service hours and distributes awards to selected girls and volunteers.

The following GSNYPENN members earned the award:

- Lauryn Werner of Romulus, N.Y. - Gold Level, Teen, 143 hours
- Emily Chilson of Sayre, Pa. - Gold Level, Teen, 171.5 hours
- Katie Gorman of Athens, Pa. - Bronze Level, Young Adult, 102.5 hours
- NyAnna Beeman of Athens, Pa. - Bronze Level, Young Adult, 123 hours
- Ella Chilson of Sayre, Pa. - Bronze Level, Young Adult, 129 hours
- Michael Chilson of Sayre, Pa. - Silver Level, Adult, 410 hours
- Amy Chilson of Sayre, Pa. - Silver Level, Adult, 462 hours
- Beth Dewalt of Ithaca, N.Y. - Silver Level, Adult, 338 hours
- Troop 40408 of Wolcott, N.Y. - Group Award, Gold Level, 1,137 total hours
  - Jane Ayers of Wolcott, N.Y. - 189 hours
  - Bonnie Thomas of Wolcott, N.Y. - 145 hours
  - Madelyn Clark of Wolcott, N.Y. - 121 hours
  - Angelie Sperling of Martville, N.Y. - 97 hours
  - Hailey Sherman of Sterling, N.Y. - 30 hours
  - Brionna McDonald of Red Creek, N.Y. - 46 hours
  - Aleita Mercer of Cato, N.Y. - 133 hours
  - Talia Maurizio of Martville, N.Y. - 127 hours
  - Mackenzie Morrisette of Red Creek, N.Y. - 153 hours
  - Hannah Doll of Red Creek, N.Y. - 96 hours

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes outstanding volunteers within certifying organizations who have earned distinction through community service, either in a 12-month period or over the course of a lifetime. This presidential honor was founded in 2003 by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. The award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action, too.

"We congratulate the GSNYPENN members who earned the President's Volunteer Service Award," says GSNYPENN CEO Julie Dale. "They contributed selflessly to support their communities in 2022 and their volunteerism is a testament to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience."

GSNYPENN serves girls in K-12 across 26 counties: Allegany, Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Oswego, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne and Yates in New York and Bradford and Tioga in Pennsylvania. Annual membership is just \$25; financial assistance is available. To start her adventure, visit [gsnypenn.org/join](https://gsnypenn.org/join). To become a volunteer, learn more at [gsnypenn.org/volunteer](https://gsnypenn.org/volunteer). To help make Girl Scouting possible for girls in your community, visit [gsnypenn.org/donate](https://gsnypenn.org/donate).

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**About Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Inc.**

Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls in grades K-12. Our extraordinary journey began in 1912 when our Movement was founded by Juliette Gordon “Daisy” Low. Today, we continue the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We offer every girl the chance to practice a lifetime of leadership, adventure and success. GSNYPENN is chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA to administer the Girl Scout program in 24 counties of New York and two in Pennsylvania. Learn more at [gsnypenn.org](https://gsnypenn.org).