

Supervisor Lesko and Town Officials Honor Brookhaven Eagle Scouts and Gold Award Recipients

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Farmingville, NY - On June 21, Supervisor Mark Lesko, Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, Councilwoman Connie Kepert and Councilman Daniel Panico honored 2010 Brookhaven Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients and Eagle Scouts at Brookhaven Town Hall. Eagle Scout and the Gold Award are the highest rank to achieve in both organizations. In recognition of their achievement and dedication to their community, each Scout received a certificate of appreciation from the Town.

"Every scout that we honor tonight should be proud of their achievement," said Supervisor Lesko, "I congratulate them for their dedication, commitment and service to the community and I also commend their parents for the support they give to these exceptional young people. They are the leaders of tomorrow, and from those I have met tonight, I believe that we will be in good hands."

"The scouts that we recognized tonight represent the best of our younger generation," said Deputy Supervisor / Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, "I thank them and their parents for the outstanding work that they do to make our community a better place to live."

"The Eagle Scout and Gold Award recipients clearly rise as leaders of their generation who volunteer their time to help others," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico, "The discipline and values instilled within them will pay huge dividends as they grow into adulthood."

"Only a very small number of those youngsters who start on the path to the Eagle or the Gold award actually attain this wonderful accomplishment," said Councilwoman Connie Kepert, "The recent Eagle Scouts and Gold award winners who joined us at Town Hall are now part of an elite group of Americans. It was my great pleasure to join them at town hall to offer my sincere congratulations."

"It was an honor to have our girls recognized for earning the Gold Award by the Town of Brookhaven," says Yvonne Grant, President and CEO of Suffolk County, "Their achievement is one that benefits not only themselves in terms of leadership and life skills, but it also touches many lives in the community."

Executive Director and CEO of the Suffolk County Boy Scouts of America Dirk Smith said, "I thought it was a great event with a lot of positive feedback from parents and Scouters. It is wonderful to have these young people recognized for their dedication, hard work and their excellent projects for the community. As an Eagle Scout myself, I

know how important it is to achieve the highest award in Scouting. I hope the Town of Brookhaven will host this event again and I thank everyone involved."

Achieving Eagle Scout rank or earning a Girl Scout Gold Award is the culmination of many years of service. A tremendous amount of work and commitment goes into each individual scouting project. The goal of a scout's project is to fulfill a need within the individual scout's community, create positive change, and inspire their fellow scouts to achieve their own personal goals.

Gold Award recipient Kaitlin Burkhardt from Miller Place spoke about her project, which was the creation of the "Anti-Ouch Pouch," a soft shoulder bag with an ice pack insert designed to protect and reduce the discomfort felt by mastectomy patients. Kaitlin donated 100 bags to the Fortunato Breast Cancer Center in Port Jefferson.

Eagle Scout Dean Nicolai, a Sachem East High School graduate, spoke during the event about how his fellow scouts chipped in to help him complete his project, a memorial walkway to honor members of the Holbrook Fire Department.

The following Girl Scouts are Gold Award Recipients:

Brittany Antonucci	Kimber DiCoio	April Jauregui	Danielle Segarra
Rachel Blasco	Jennifer Grahn	Megan Koch	Rebekah Sides
Kaitlin Burkhardt	Angela Hernandez	Gillian Meyer	Lauren Takakjian
Brianna Carosi	Brittany Hoffman	Athina Mizero	Renee Vogelle
Nicolette Carosi	Kelly Hurley	Elizabeth Murray	Shannon Ward
Charlotte Cassese	Stacy Jankowski	Samantha Reinhardt	Emily Werkman

The following Boy Scouts are Eagle Scout Recipients:

Robert Andersen	Ryan Fehringer	Kevin Lehmann	Daniel Rogers
Sean Anderson	Jeffrey Feinstein	Vincent Licata	Richard Sambuco
Michael Andres	Andrew Fisher	Michael Litman	Connor Schmitz
Matthew Balestrieri	Dennis Fox	Daniel Lounsbury	David Schnell
Justin Bandise	Jared Friedman	Dylan Lynch	Thomas Schultz
Andrew Barbakoff	Garrett Gesswein	Nicholas Mancuso	James Seidlec
Dominick Benedetto	Adam Gittin	Brandon McArary	Kevin Shaw
Joshua Berton	Joseph Gommo	Joseph Mineo	Matthew Smith
Benjamin Bertuch	Tanner Gonzalez	Timothy Murphy	Francis Sommers
Ryan Bidnick	Kenneth Goodman III	Dean Nicolai	Daniel Stahl
Alexander Bohn	Noah Gorman	Michael O'Boyle	Timothy Starkes
Sean Bollker	Michael Gudema	Timothy O'Brien	Steven Stavdal
Ryan Brandow	Sean Hansen	Patrick O'Callaghan	Timothy Steiner
Robert Butera	Ryan Helfst	William O'Connor	Taylor Stephens
Christopher Callender	Steven Hesse	Daniel O'Sullivan	Patrick Sullivan
Nicholas Carbo	Quentin Hoffman	Anthony Otters	Christian Trapani
Richard Ciraulo	Jason Huang	Thomas Pang	Peter Valerio
Brandon Clark	David Keating	Adam Pometti	Nicholas Vitale
Matthew Colli	John Kilmartin	Justin Porter	Cory Werner
Arthur Cucchiaro	Peter Michael Korcz	Andrew Postiglione	Casey Werner
Scott Davidson	Alexander Kremler	William Resch	Christopher Willig
Christopher Dere	Daniel Krolkowski	Anthony Ricci	Frederick Winter III
Glen Dinger	Edward Lamparter	Harold Roberts	Joseph Wittpenn
Matthew Earley	Brandon Langdon	Michael Robley	James Young

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