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Girl Scout Troop #30794 Gold Award Winners

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Madline Larson Photos provided



Alanna McCauley



Megan DeTrane



Tatiana Gessling

Four Campolindo High School seniors (Tatiana Gessling, Maddie Larson, Alanna McCauley and Megan DeTrane) recently earned Girl Scout's highest honor, the Gold Award. All four girls have been scouts since kindergarten in Moraga's Troop #30794, under the guidance of Troop Leader Laura McCauley, and completed requirements that developed leadership and culminated in an extensive service project that made a difference in their community.

Tatiana Gessling painted, organized, and created a check-out system at a library for Harbor House in Oakland, which provides opportunities to those with limited resources to become self-sufficient so they can reach their full potential. Alanna McCauley focused on the relationship between pollinators and our own human food supply. She grew 400-plus self-sowing native plant seedlings in biodegradable newspaper pots and distributed them to family gardens throughout the Bay Area, and created and distributed an informative flyer that provided easy-to-complete steps to support pollinators. Megan DeTrane installed three raised garden beds, installed a garden pathway, and instructed a class of schoolchildren on gardening techniques at Harbor House Ministries in Oakland. The raised beds are to be used by both immigrant families who receive their services and schoolchildren who attend after-school programs there. Maddie Larson spent months of administrative and logistical work collecting new and gently used clothing, shoes and accessories for a Back to School Shop for disadvantaged youth in San Pablo. She was recognized by the Mayor and the Council for her efforts on behalf of the community's youth.

Girl Scouts of Northern California bestowed this rare, prestigious Gold Award to less than 180 young women last

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