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**Rachel Anne Rodini**  
**Earns the Girl Scout Gold Award**  
*The highest award earned in Girl Scouting*

**Midlothian, Virginia** – Girl Scout Commonwealth Council is proud to announce that Rachel Anne Rodini has received Girl Scouting’s highest honor, The Girl Scout Gold Award.

To earn her Gold Award Rachel successfully organized a paint-by-numbers mural for children at Bensley Elementary School. The mural was a group project that will remain on permanent display at the school. The project helped give 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the school a sense of pride in their creative abilities while helping build their self-confidence and self-esteem.

The Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest and most prestigious award a girl can earn in Girl Scouting, symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. From start to finish, earning a Girl Scout Gold Award usually takes more than one year to complete the extensive prerequisites and final requirements. The leadership skills, organizational skills, and sense of community and commitment that comes from earning the Girl Scout Gold Award cements the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship and volunteerism.

Girl Scout Gold Award recipients are a special part of a rich tradition that honors a girl who demonstrated and exceptional commitment to herself, her community, her world, and the future. Rachel has fulfilled all the Girl Scout Program requirements including skill development, career exploration, and 30 hours of leadership. She has contributed 65 hours to complete service projects that promoted leadership, community commitment,

and the timeless traditions of Girl Scouting. Rachel said Girl Scouts and the Gold Award help her realize, “community service helps you recognize that intangible rewards are often more valuable than tangible rewards.” Rachel is a member of Troop 893 from Chesterfield County.

Founded in 1913, Girl Scout Commonwealth Council services over 16,000 girls in 30 counties and the six cities of Richmond, Petersburg, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Emporia and Fredericksburg. For more information about the Girl Scout Gold Award and other Girl Scout programs please visit [www.comgirlscouts.org](http://www.comgirlscouts.org).

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