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LOCAL GIRL SCOUT EARNS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR GOLD AWARD PROJECT

Troop 313's Devyn Young earns \$10,000 GSUSA scholarship for free youth soccer clinics

HONOLULU (FINAL) – Girl Scouts of Hawai'i Troop 313 member Devyn Young is among the recipients of a \$10,000 scholarship from Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). Earlier this summer, she was recognized as one of [six members of the 2023 Girl Scout class](#) who earned the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts.

For her Gold Award Project, Young established the Aiea AYSO Keiki Clinics, which are aimed at getting keiki to go outside and meet new people from their community through soccer beginning with AYSO Region 118 (Aiea and Moanalua). The Saturday clinics, led by players from the Moanalua High School soccer team, provide an opportunity for kids to improve their soccer and communication skills between seasons.

“COVID has taken away many opportunities to get outside, and younger kids—especially those that are four to six years old—have not had the chance to make many new friends and practice their communication skills,” said Young. “With my program, I hoped to inspire more kids to play soccer, get both kids and high schoolers active, create meaningful connections, aid AYSO in creating a sustainable solution to their issue of not having enough junior coaches and fill the [training] gap between seasons.”

This year, GSUSA awarded 110 Gold Award Girl Scouts a \$10,000 scholarship, made possible in part by the Kappa Delta Foundation in addition to funds from GSUSA and its National Board. The awardees were selected from a pool of nearly 3,200 girls from across the nation, who have all tackled important issues to create meaningful change in their communities. This year's class of world-changers raised \$2.5 million in funding and invested over 300,000 hours to address a wide variety of real-life problems.

[According to recent research](#), Gold Award Girl Scouts are more likely to fill leadership roles at work and in their personal lives and are more civically engaged than their non-Girl Scout peers. Eighty-seven percent (87%) of Gold Award Girl Scouts agree that earning their Gold Award gave them skills that help them succeed professionally. Seventy-two percent (72%) said earning their Gold Award helped them get a scholarship. Changing the world doesn't end when a Girl Scout earns her Gold Award. Ninety-nine percent (99%) of Gold Award Girl Scout alums take on leadership roles in their everyday lives.

To view the list of this year's local Gold Award projects, visit <https://www.gshawaii.org/en/discover/Girl-Scout-Stories.html>.

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About Girl Scouts of Hawai'i

Supporting over 5,000 girl and adult members statewide, Girl Scouts of Hawai'i (GSH) builds girls of courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place. GSH's headquarters is located on the island of O'ahu, with three neighbor island service centers on the islands of Hawai'i, Kaua'i and Maui. GSH is chartered by the national office, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and is responsible for the leadership, administration and supervision of Girl

Scout programs in the state of Hawai'i. For more information about GSH, visit www.gshawaii.org or call (808) 595-8400.

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