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## Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Celebrates Local Graduates



*GSNYPENN staff present graduating Girl Scout Dora (Dorothy) Donacik of Vestal, NY, with a special lawn sign celebrating her accomplishment of graduating high school and bridging to Girl Scout Adult.  
(Photo courtesy of Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways)*

**Cicero, N.Y.** (July 7, 2020) — The [Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways](https://www.gsnypenn.org) (GSNYPENN) Council (serving 24 counties in New York and two in Northern Pennsylvania) is recognizing its 150 Girl Scout Ambassadors graduating high school during the 2019-2020 member year. Ambassadors are Girl Scouts who are in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade (approximately ages 16-18).

“We are tremendously proud of our graduating Girl Scout Ambassadors. Now is the time that they will embrace all that they’ve learned through Girl Scouting, honor how they are forever part of our Movement, and enter the post-high school world as leaders. These young women have courage, confidence, and character and will continue to make the world a better place well into the future,” says GSNYPENN CEO Julie Dale.

As a graduating Girl Scout Ambassador, girls bridge to Girl Scout Adult. Bridging is an important transition in a Girl Scout's life. It's a defining moment to recognize a girl's achievements and signals that she's ready for new adventures and responsibilities at the next Girl Scout level. Bridging is an activity that is recognized as a transition through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and is designed to emphasize continuity in the program.

Young women who bridge to adults join the 750,000 Girl Scouts—across the country and around the world—who volunteer their time and inspire girls to become leaders. They are also linked to an astounding global sisterhood of 10 million through the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and 50 million Girl Scout alums.

Bridging ceremonies often utilize a bridge as a prop. The act of crossing the bridge is a physical and symbolic step into the future. Small bridges are often specifically made for use at ceremonies, or girls cross an actual bridge structure at a local park or scenic area. During bridging ceremonies, girls are honored for their progression and growth, and mark milestones as they move to the next level.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, GSNYPENN service units and troops have had to become extra creative with their bridging ceremonies this year. Many are holding parades and “drive-by” celebrations for the health and safety of all and to adhere to local social distancing protocols.

To recognize girl members bridging to adult, the GSNYPENN council recently delivered a special Girl Scout graduate lawn sign to each of the following 150 graduating Girl Scout Ambassadors:

Jennifer Addison, Rome, NY  
Hannah Bangs, Rome, NY  
Abby Barnes, Masonville, NY  
Cheyanne Barrett, Bridgewater, NY  
Emily Barrett, Chittenango, NY  
Katherine Becker, Norwich, NY  
Pyperanne Bender, Ogdensburg, NY  
Anna Bouwens, Newark, NY  
Katelyn Brown, Port Byron, NY  
Keileen Brown, Elmira, NY  
Sarah Brown, Endicott, NY  
Aubrie Browne, Binghamton, NY  
Natalie Burts, Whitney Point, NY  
Megan Carden, Vestal, NY  
Melissa Carden, Vestal, NY  
Wendy Carter, Jordan, NY  
Jadyn Colao, Downsville, NY  
Katie Coole, Mansfield, PA  
Nina Coolidge, Wellsboro, PA  
Olivia Costello, Mansfield, PA  
Sarah Costello, Herkimer, NY  
Lydia Cox, Cato, NY  
Kelly Crane, Madison, NY  
Hannah Crofutt, Blossvale, NY  
Courtney D'Ambrosi, Turin, NY  
Emily Dejohn, Baldwinsville, NY  
Olivia DeMarree, Sodus, NY  
Summer Deming, Bath, NY  
Trissety Denton, Dolgeville, NY  
Catherine Deskur, Vestal, NY  
Abriel Dollinger, Oneida, NY  
Dorothy Donacik, Vestal, NY  
Zoe Donk, Clyde, NY  
Valissa Douglas, Schenevus, NY  
Jessica Dowdle, Bath, NY  
Tori Dupont, Elmira Heights, NY  
Genevieve Egan, Horseheads, NY  
Sage Elliott, Elmira Heights, NY  
Kaitlyn Feely, Trumansburg, NY

Hilary Fernandes, Millerton, PA  
Morgan Fischer, Oswego, NY  
Abbigail Fitch, Savannah, NY  
Gabrielle Gloude, Constantia, NY  
Trinity Golden, Baldwinsville, NY  
Abigail Goodwin, Rome, NY  
Madelyn Hager, Ithaca, NY  
Mia Hameed, East Syracuse, NY  
Catherine Hampp, Apalachin, NY  
Scout Hansen, Geneva, NY  
Sierra Harris, Fulton, NY  
Tessa Hecker, West Edmeston, NY  
Rebecca Hegeman, Clifton Springs, NY  
Mackenzie Helmer, Manlius, NY  
Austin Hendrickson-Gleason, Elmira, NY  
Jenna Hierholzer, Baldwinsville, NY  
Kayla Hughey, Sayre, PA  
Jenny Jacoby, Owego, NY  
Kabrina Jayne, Lockwood, NY  
Evynn Johnston, Sayre, PA  
Genevieve Keller, Rome, NY  
Elizabeth Kelley, Elmira Heights, NY  
Makenzie Kellogg, Burdett, NY  
Gabrielle Kenyon, Dolgeville, NY  
Laura Krebs, Freeville, NY  
Jillian Lahood, Oneonta, NY  
Gabrielle Landry, Victor, NY  
Sarah Laprease, Cato, NY  
Emily Laue, Newfield, NY  
Abigail Lee, Syracuse, NY  
Gianna Leone, Victor, NY  
Jenna Lewis, Phoenix, NY  
Miranda Libby, Rome, NY  
Sadie Lincoln, Laurens, NY  
Tyler Lindner, Norwich, NY  
Anna Lioto, Solvay, NY  
Megan Litzenberger, Romulus, NY  
Mckenzie Lohmer, Canaseraga, NY  
Jennifer Loomis, Ilion, NY  
Rebecca Loring, Little Falls, NY  
Emma Macdonald, Apalachin, NY  
Ciera Machuga, Savona, NY  
Hannah McCloskey, Liverpool, NY  
Rebecca Mercik, Binghamton, NY  
Hallie Milligan, Vesta, NY  
Kailee Moore, Trumansburg, NY  
Elizabeth Morgan, Mohawk, NY  
Lillian Morgan, Baldwinsville, NY  
Olivia Morse, Geneva, NY  
Madison Mott, Endicott, NY  
Diana Nichols, Wyalusing, PA  
Shannon Nodine, Madison, NY  
Erin Noger, Williamson, NY  
Kaytee O'Connell, Binghamton, NY  
Miranda O'Halloran, Trumansburg, NY  
Emily Partee, Seneca Falls, NY  
Autumn Peck, Campbell, NY  
Sarah Perez, Cato, NY  
Isabella Petitto, Brewerton, NY  
Rachel Pflueger, Auburn, NY

Makayla Phillips, Sidney, NY  
Julianna Pidgeon, Oneonta, NY  
Breanna Potts, Dolgeville, NY  
Zoe Quartier, Skaneateles, NY  
Peyton Rasbeck, Mexico, NY  
Giavanna Reed, Campbell, NY  
Alexa Retz, Manlius, NY  
Sydney Reyer, Weedsport, NY  
Leanna Ricci, Binghamton, NY  
Elizabeth Rice, Binghamton, NY  
Emily Richards, Walton, NY  
Veronica Ricketson, Nichols, NY  
Leah Robie, Savona, NY  
Kristin Rogers, Mansfield, PA  
Angel Saya, Liverpool, NY  
Mackenzie Scott, La Fargeville, NY  
Lydia Seils, Romulus, NY  
Elizabeth Serafin, Oneonta, NY  
Jillian Shay, Sayre, PA  
Katelyn Sisco, Norwich, NY  
Shrushti Sodha, Elmira Heights, NY  
Kora Somma, Corning, NY  
Kaitlyn Soucy, Mexico, NY  
Katelynn Spaulding, Mexico, NY  
Hannah Spofford, Dolgeville, NY  
Hannah Stack, Dolgeville, NY  
Elizabeth Stephens-Cook, Spencer, NY  
Jaclyn Stevenson, Vestal, NY  
Brooklyn Sullivan, Constableville, NY  
Selena Thompson, Oneonta, NY  
Emma Tidd, Skaneateles, NY  
Donna Todd, Auburn, NY  
Jasmine Tomko, Mansfield, PA  
Sarah Vandermark, Sayre, PA  
Evelyn Vanness, Trumansburg, NY  
Scarlet Vanpatten, Oneida, NY  
Anneke Vanslyke, Manlius, NY  
Maija Vizvary, Vestal, NY  
Keona Walker, Monroeton, PA  
Kayley Walsh, Constableville, NY  
Kaitlyn Wells, Herkimer, NY  
Sabrina Westmiller, Auburn, NY  
Meghan Whalen, Jordan, NY  
Adeline Whitmore, Barton, NY  
Mackenzie Whittaker, Weedsport, NY  
Allyson Wieser, Williamson, NY  
Ryenne Williams, Salisbury Center, NY  
Adrienne Willis, Clay, NY  
Eryn Woernley, Freeville, NY  
Lauren Womelsdorf, Guilford, NY  
Sydney Woods, Baldwinsville, NY

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getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™ to change the world. Our extraordinary journey began more than 100 years ago with the original G.I.R.L., 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. 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. We offer every girl a chance to practice a lifetime of leadership, adventure, and success. Girl Scouts serves girls in grades K-12. Annual membership is \$25. Financial assistance is available. To register a girl online, visit [gsnypenn.org/join](https://gsnypenn.org/join). To become an adult volunteer, learn more at [gsnypenn.org/volunteer](https://gsnypenn.org/volunteer).