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Girl Scouts Honor YWCA of Binghamton's Carole Coppens at 2022 Women of Distinction Event September 27

Binghamton, N.Y. (September 19, 2022) — The [Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways](#) (GSNYPENN) Council is pleased to announce that Carole Coppens, Executive Director of the YWCA of Binghamton, will be honored at its 2022 Women of Distinction event next Tuesday, September 27. The breakfast runs from 7:30-9 a.m. at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Binghamton, 225 Water St. Tickets are available, visit gsnypenn.org/wod. Cost is \$45 per person; registration closes this week.

Women of Distinction are an exceptional group of women who exhibit outstanding leadership through mentoring, community service and/or business. This leadership embodies the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



Carole Coppens has served Broome County's charitable sector for over 35 years; transforming hundreds of lives through a hospital-based wellness center she created and managed followed by her over two decades of work growing the YWCA into a multimillion nonprofit that seeks to end racism and empowers women. She is also a proud Girl Scout alum.

"We are excited to bestow this honor upon Carole in recognition of her leadership and impact on the greater Binghamton community," says GSNYPENN CEO Julie Dale.

Proceeds from this celebration support GSNYPENN Gold Award Girl Scout scholarships. The "mark of the truly remarkable," the Gold Award is the highest achievement Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors can earn. Since 1916, it has stood for excellence and leadership.

Millions of Girl Scouts have positively impacted their communities and the world for the last century through creative, impactful, and sustainable Gold Award Take Action projects. Gold Award Girl Scouts are the dreamers and doers who take "make the world a better place" to the next level.

Scholarships are used toward advancing their education at a higher education institution. To be selected, the recipient's project must demonstrate the highest levels of leadership, sustainability, measurability and national/global links among the current class.

The 2022 Women of Distinction Committee is comprised of co-chairs Dr. Linda Biemer (2000 honoree) and Margherita Rossi (2019 honoree). Members include Kathryn Grant Madigan, Esq. (2008 honoree), Katherine A. Fitzgerald, Esq. (2015 honoree), Lana Rouff (2004 honoree), Rita Chirumbolo Ernstrom (2005 honoree), Sheila Doyle, Maureen D. Wilson (2013 honoree) and Diane L. Brown (2020-2021 honoree).

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For more information about the annual Women of Distinction event, contact GSNYPENN Development Director JoAnne Morak at 315.288.0953 or jmorak@gsnypenn.org.

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Annual membership is \$25; financial assistance is available. To start her adventure, visit gsnypenn.org/join. To become a volunteer, learn more at gsnypenn.org/volunteer. To help make Girl Scouting possible for girls in your community, visit gsnypenn.org/donate.

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Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls in grades K-12. Our extraordinary journey began in 1912 when our Movement was founded by 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. We offer every girl the chance to practice a lifetime of leadership, adventure and success. 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. Learn more at gsnypenn.org.