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Girl Scouts Honor Binghamton's Shanel Boyce at Women of Distinction Event on September 26

Binghamton, N.Y. (September 13, 2023) — The [Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways](https://gsnypenn.org) (GSNYPENN) Council is pleased to announce that Shanel Boyce will be honored at its 2023 Women of Distinction event on Tuesday, September 26. The breakfast runs 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 September 19.

Women of Distinction are exceptional 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.



Shanel Boyce is a practicing clinical therapist and licensed practical nurse. A seasoned community organizer, activist, advocate, and consultant, she specializes in intersectional anti-racism education and advocacy. Boyce holds a breadth of personal and professional experience in housing, criminal justice reform, and education. A founding member of B.A.W.S.E. (Black Activist Women for Social Equity), she's also the proud mom of a Girl Scout.

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

Proceeds from the 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 and since 1916 has stood for excellence and leadership. Through sustainable Gold Award projects, millions of girls have positively impacted their communities and the world. Gold Award Girl Scouts are the dreamers and doers who take "make the world a better place" to the next level. To be selected for a council scholarship, recipients' projects must demonstrate the highest levels of leadership, sustainability, measurability and national/global links among the current class.

The 2023 Women of Distinction Committee is comprised of co-chairs Dr. Linda Biemer (2000 honoree) and Margherita Rossi (2019 honoree). Members include Diane L. Brown (2020-2021 honoree), Carole Coppens (2022 honoree), Katherine A. Fitzgerald, Esq. (2015 honoree), Kathryn Grant Madigan, Esq. (2008 honoree), Naima Kradjian (2011 honoree), Lana Rouff (2004 honoree) and Maureen D. Wilson, CCIM, SIOR (2013 honoree).

Special thanks also go out to this year's event sponsors:

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For more information about the event or assistance purchasing a ticket, contact Angela Smith at 315.915.8962 or asmith@gsnypenn.org.

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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.