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Dear Acton Selectmen,

Girl Scout Troop 72001 has great pleasure in inviting you to attend a Gold Award Ceremony for Nicole Butler of Acton to be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday March 15th at the Boxborough Town Hall.

Nicole completed her project last summer before enrolling in St. Michael's college. Her project involved educating young people about the importance of organ donation and encouraging them to become donors on their driving licenses.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Yours Sincerely



Lesley Murray

Alumnae Network

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2014 Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Scholarship Recipients:
Nicole Butler and Lindsay Schrier



Nicole Butler, Acton

Nicole Butler earned her Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards and served on the GSEM CEO Advisory Committee. In her words, "It is my duty to make the world a better place." Nicole's projects for each award were particularly meaningful and personal to her. For her Bronze Award she made blankets for a charity that delivers to sick children in hospitals. She chose this particular project because as a child she had several surgeries and knew what it felt like to be in the hospital. For her Silver Award she collected hats and sunglasses for Haitian immigrants living in the Dominican Republic to help educate them on the prevention of cataract development.

Nicole's Gold Award involved educating teen drivers on the importance of registering as organ donors on their permits and licenses. She chose her Gold Award project because the need for organ donation affected her family directly. Each of these initiatives taught Nicole that one person can make a difference in the lives of others. In the words of one of her recommenders, "Her friends know her as the mediator; she is a quiet but powerful leader who listens well to others, respects their views and can help others understand a different perspective. She knows she has the power to create change in the world."

"A part of Girl Scouts that I love is the emphasis on giving back to the community, which I have done actively since I was a Brownie," she says. "Over the past couple of years, my experience with Girl Scouts has become even broader. I joined the CEO's Girl Advisory Committee and had the opportunity to see how girls could make changes and improvements within GSEM. In 2010, I traveled to the World Center Pax Lodge, in England, with my troop and truly experienced how Girl Scouts brings people together from all over the world."

In 2013, Nicole also had the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica to attend a GSUSA Destination (formerly called Wider Ops). She learned about marine habitat protection, helping keep turtle eggs away from predators at the beach; studied wave and tidal patterns before take surfing lessons; and completed service projects at a local school.

"The unique opportunities I have had through Girl Scouts have shaped me into the person I am today. Girl Scouts has taught me to try new things – giving me courage. It taught me to be myself – giving me confidence," she says. "I am very thankful to have received this scholarship to continue my education at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont. Girl Scouts contributed to my interest in becoming a teacher, and I hope I will be able to encourage all children to live up to their potential, and to develop courage, confidence and character."