

# Local Girl Scouts honored for earning Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the premier award a Girl Scout age 14 to 17 may earn.

In order to receive the prestigious award, Girl Scouts are bound to five major requirements: building skills, exploring career opportunities, developing leadership, committing to self-improvement and completing a service project. They must finish the first four requirements before embarking on the Gold Award project, which builds upon their accomplishments, efforts in community service and skills in generating plans to assist and benefit others. Girls spend a minimum of 65 hours planning and executing their projects.

Girl Scout Gold Award recipients and other exemplary Girl Scouts were honored at Girl Scouts -- Prairie Winds Inc.'s Teen Awards event, held May 21 at Lisle Junior High School. Local award recipients include:

\* Jessica Fabiszak, a student at Hinsdale South High School, has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. Jessica is the daughter of Jim and Jamie Fabiszak of Darien. As a member of her high school's Student Council, Jessica wanted her final project to benefit her fellow students. She decided on organizing the first ever "Battle of the Bands," featuring local bands from Hinsdale South. Her goal was to provide a safe and fun environment free from alcohol and drugs. Jessica ended up organizing two very successful concerts for her school.

\* Joanna Wagner, a student at Downers Grove North High School, traveled to southeast Mexico to complete her Girl Scout Gold Award project, "Nuevo Progreso." With the help of her church, Joanna's project was making "All About Me" books with the children of Nuevo Progreso. Joanna brought blank books, stickers, paper, glue and glitter for the children to decorate. Joanna is the daughter of John and Deanna Wagner of Woodridge.