



2021 Silver Award Girl Scout of Distinction

Savannah Ross

Junior, Brockway Jr/Sr High School

Savannah's Silver Award was inspired by her passion for making and giving homemade cards and the desire to create connections across generations. Through a coordinated effort, students attending local elementary schools provide special occasion, handmade greeting cards to the residents living at senior care facilities in Savannah's community. She hopes that the program continues to grow and bring joy to those creating the cards and those receiving them.

Savannah has been involved with Girl Scouts since kindergarten. Each year, her troop has completed a service project, including cleaning up rails to trails, packing food boxes at the Helping Hands Food Pantry, serving meals at the American Legion spaghetti dinners, and volunteering at local nursing homes.

She was also the recipient of the Presidents Volunteer Service Award in 2016 in recognition and appreciation of her commitment to strengthen our nation through volunteer service. She assisted the Parkside Community Center with collecting and clipping coupons for the Troops. They were able to collect over \$1 million worth of "troopons" to help support the military and their families.

Outside of Girl Scouts, Savannah also enjoys volunteering at Camp Friendship sponsored by the Jefferson Country ARC. Camp Friendship is a summer camp for individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities in addition to learning disabilities. As a counselor she is responsible to motivate and encourage campers to complete activities, and she assists them throughout the day.

In addition to volunteering, Savannah also participates in her high school's volleyball, competitive cheer, softball, and track and field sports seasons. She is also a manager and statistician for the wrestling team.

Savannah was recently inducted into the National Honor Society and selected by her peers to serve on student council. She is a member of FCCLA and Chemistry Club. She is entering her junior year of high school, taking AP courses, college credits through Butler County Community College, and enrolled in the Dale Carnegie Course. She has also begun working on her Gold Award.

Savannah is honored to receive the first-ever Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania's Silver Award Girl Scout of Distinction. She proudly accepts the honor and will continue to promote Girl Scouts and the positive effects it has on young women in our local community and throughout the whole country.